

WARSHIPS, PLANES STILL BLASTING JAPAN

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Northwest Oregon Forest Fire Situation Eased

Wilson River Blaze's Shift Aids Fighters

Dallas Area Fire Sweeps 700 Cutover Acres Then Leaps Into Green Timber

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—A changing wind blew the Wilson river forest fire, which has blackened from 25,000 to 35,000 acres, toward another area today, but foresters said conditions have improved.

Meanwhile another blaze in the Willamette valley near Dallas jumped from cutover land into green timber. The Willamette Valley Lumber company called for more smoke-chasers to supplement 200 men already on the lines. From three to four million board feet of timber burned on the 700 cutover acres where the fire started.

On the Wilson river, the blaze moved toward the southwest, averting—temporarily, at least—danger to standing timber at the opposite end.

So far the fires have slashed through an area burned over twice in the past twelve years and where state forestry department officials now doubt they will ever be able to successfully

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is one of the big questions of the day: What are our boys going to want when they get back from the war?

Everybody is asking it. You hear all kinds of answers. Some of them sound reasonable. Some of them are obviously foolish.

The only answers that amount to much, of course, are those given by the service men themselves. A lot of them are getting out on points and otherwise. They seem as much interested in this subject as anyone else, and some of them talk quite freely.

Their answers vary, but most of the present discharges want to get jobs and start making a living as soon as possible.

An air corps colonel, just back from three years service in Europe—part of it in the air, part of it on the ground building airports, barracks, recreation units, all the myriad things that have to be built to carry on a war and at the same time maintain the morale of the men who are fighting it—thinks that a good half of the returning service men will be rugged individuals. They have seen regimentation

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Control of All Government Labor Agencies Appears as Schwellenbach Possibility

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Lewis B. Schwellenbach appeared today to be charting a course which, with congressional sanction, would make him the most powerful Secretary of Labor since the department was created in 1913.

The new cabinet officer told a news conference yesterday that 30 leaders of organized labor had advised him his department should have control over all federal labor agencies except the long-standing National Mediation board, which handles rail labor disputes.

And Schwellenbach strongly indicated he agreed with them. He said, however, he had not made up his mind which agencies should be united with his department but that he would begin conferences with agency heads tomorrow and later sound out congressional sentiment.

Schwellenbach also made plain that if he did gain control of the quasi-judicial War Labor board and National Labor Relations board, which deal with wartime labor disputes and unfair labor practices, he would not meddle with their congressionally-conferred powers.

"I would only take over their house-keeping functions," was the way he put it. "That is, to oversee their procedure and try to speed it up. I am not going to take over and become an appeal agent of any board that decides controversial questions."

Schwellenbach said he also would look into the feasibility of taking over the independent Fair

Russia's Long Struggle for Trade Outlets to Sea Apt to Succeed at Big Three Meet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

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WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Russia's age-old quest for her own trade outlets to the open ocean may come close to fulfillment at the Berlin Big Three conference.

Diplomatic authorities here believe the question of ocean traffic bottlenecks which allow other countries to control all the best passages to the soviet union may occupy a prominent position at the Potsdam discussions.

These bottlenecks include the Yellow sea approaches to Russia's Siberian back door. The prospect is that regardless of talk or lack of talk about soviet participation in the war against Japan, there will be a fairly full exploration of Russia's political intentions in eastern Asia.

These intentions are believed to be dominated to a considerable extent by Russia's commercial aspirations in the Pacific. Involved directly is the question of Port Arthur. Russia once took a 99-year lease on that north China port, and Premier Stalin generally is expected to demand its use again.

Stalin's ideas vital. But neither Port Arthur nor any other outlet that far south is likely to have any security unless the Russians control approaches to it. For that reason, and several

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Rates Slashed by Pacific P. & L. Co.

SALEM, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—The Pacific Power and Light company announced today a 14 per cent rate reduction, effective with all meter readings after August 22.

The new schedules, filed today with Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg, call for a \$1,000,000 annual rate reduction in the company's operations in Oregon and Washington, with \$400,000 of the reduction given to Oregon. Last year the company returned \$600,000 to its customers in both states.

Flagg said "continued high earnings and savings to be made by a refinancing program now in progress warrant the large cut in rates."

Principal Oregon cities served by the company are Astoria, Seaside, Hood River, The Dalles, Bend, Pendleton and Enterprise.

The company also announced it would have fewer and simpler rate schedules, with equal rates applying to all Oregon cities and towns. Rural rates also will be made uniform.

Elkton Company Faces OPA Damage Action

PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—An OPA suit filed in federal court here asks \$411.96 in treble damages from the Duncan Lumber company, Elkton, accused of violating price ceilings.

The OPA asks an injunction against the company.

Stalin Prepared to Make Pledges in War Against Japan, Potsdam Report

POTSDAM, July 18.—(AP)—President Truman, grasping the reins as presiding officer of his first big three conference today talked things over separately with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Developments indicated that Truman—while apparently not trying to force an "open meeting" policy on the parties—nevertheless was adhering to his policy of keeping the people at home informed as much as possible concerning what is going on.

An unconfirmed report said Premier Stalin had come to Potsdam ready to make definite commitments concerning the war in the Pacific. Prime Minister Churchill's lengthy conversations with U. S. military leaders indicated that the war against Japan was one of the major topics to come before the Big Three.

Hatchery Aide at Rock Creek Given Transfer to Bandon

Willis Baker, employed for the past four years as assistant foreman at the Oregon State trout hatchery at Rock Creek, has been transferred to the Bandon, Coos county, hatchery, where he is to serve as foreman. It was announced today by Dr. Paul Needham, Oregon State Game department director, who was an overnight visitor in Roseburg, Baker, who has had 14 years of service with the State Game department, will replace Lynn Webb at Bandon. Webb, in turn, is being moved to the Klamath hatchery, where William Holland has resigned to enter the mercantile business at Waldport. An assistant to James Vaughn, foreman at the Rock Creek hatchery, will be named in the near future, Dr. Needham stated.

North Umpqua Praised. "The people of Oregon should be made more aware of the great value of the North Umpqua river as a sports and recreational stream," Dr. Needham declared upon his arrival in Roseburg Tuesday night. After an inspection of the Klamath hatchery, he drove by way of Diamond lake and the North Umpqua road to Rock Creek to arrange the transfer of Mr. Baker, and came into Roseburg to spend the night. "The Umpqua river is one of the most beautiful on the Pacific coast and unquestionably is one of the coast's finest potential steelhead streams," Needham asserted. "It is worth millions of dollars to the state of Oregon as a recreational resource, a fact which all too few people realize."

Premature-Born Boy Gets Along on 1,000-1 Chance

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—Richard Allen Lee, whose one chance in a thousand was a good one, has a birthday today, two months before he was scheduled to be born.

The infant weighed one pound, 9 ounces when born June 18 to Sgt. and Mrs. Warren Lee. Physicians then gave the child one in a 1,000 chance of surviving more than three days.

Now a month old, the child is fed by mouth tube and sleeps in an incubator after being fed glucose through leg veins and living under an oxygen tent.

The father does not know about the birth, because he shipped for the Pacific a few weeks before delivery of Richard and letters haven't been received from him since the child was born.

Dairy Operator Fined. PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—John Karamanas, Sunshine Dairy operator, was fined \$100 on conviction in municipal court here on a charge of mislabeling and misbranding skim milk.

Communism Label Put On Army Officers

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—A house military subcommittee made public today testimony of its chief counsel listing 18 commissioned and enlisted army personnel "whose backgrounds reflect communism in some form."

The testimony was presented behind closed doors by H. Ralph Burton to a subcommittee appointed recently to investigate reports that army commissions were being given to persons with communist connections. "I have found certain persons who hold commissions and also some enlisted personnel in the army whose backgrounds reflect communism in some form," Burton testified. He listed these persons as:

Maj. Edward Newhouse, 50th army air force, Washington, D. C., "writer for the Daily Worker in 1934, the New Masses 1936; responded to the call for Congress of American Revolutionary Writers."

Capt. Herbert Aptheker, 940th field artillery battalion, "contributor to New Masses, Contributor to Negro Quarterly." Capt. Henry Clovis Collins, 2116 base unit, Napier Field, Alabama, "panel member of National Action Conference for Civil Rights, April 19-20, 1940." This conference was called by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, which, since its

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Ickes Will Demand Status Clarification

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Harold L. Ickes, the many-titled 71-year-old cabinet dean, will be the next member of President Truman's official family to ask for clarification of his status.

This was learned definitely today, together with the fact that if a satisfactory reply is not forthcoming there is little chance that Ickes will remain as secretary of the interior.

Ickes, last remaining member of the late President Roosevelt's original cabinet, would be the seventh cabinet officer to leave under Mr. Truman if the latter accepts the resignation that has been on his desk for three months. The chief executive said before leaving for Berlin, however, that he had no plans to replace Ickes.

Oregon Led Nation in Per Capita E Bond Sales

PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—Oregon led the nation in E bond sales during the seventh war loan drive, the state war finance committee announced today.

Oregon averaged \$49.46 E bonds per person, national headquarters advised officials here. Iowa was second with \$43.04 and Northern California third with \$42.62.

Larceny Charge Faced.

Glenda Lenore Robertson, 19, was taken into custody at Sutherland last night by State Policeman Clyde Flisk or Reedsport and is being held in the county jail at Roseburg on a charge of petty larceny. It was reported today by Sheriff O. T. Carter. Bail fixed in the sum of \$100 was not furnished.

King Leopold of Belgium Exiled by Parliament Vote

BRUSSELS, July 18.—(AP)—Leopold III, king of the Belgians who refused to abdicate voluntarily, was made an exile by law today by parliament.

The Belgian senate passed, 77 to 58, the measure already approved by the chamber of deputies which prevents the absent king from returning to the throne until parliament consents.

It is still to be signed as a formality by the regent and brother of Leopold, Prince Charles. The bill continues the regency of Charles, who has been serving in that capacity while his brother pondered in his Bavarian villa about what to do.

Unless there is a change of government or a change of heart by Prime Minister Van Acker's cabinet, Leopold will be unable to set foot on Belgian soil legally until parliament consents.

Hitler, Eva Living On Antarctic Isle, French Radio Says

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler, variously reported dead or escaped to one place or another, was brought back in the news again today by a report that he had taken up residence on an island in the Antarctic.

Following a statement by Ameghino, Argentine foreign minister, that there was no truth in a published rumor that Hitler and his alleged bride had reached Argentina by the German submarine U-530 and were living in Patagonia, the French Brazzaville radio relayed a report that the pair were in the Antarctic.

The broadcast quoted "the South American newspaper, La Critica," as saying that Hitler and Eva Braun had taken refuge on Queen Maude Island, a former base for German Antarctic explorers, after being landed by the U-530, which surrendered last week to Argentine authorities.

The Argentine government announced that the U-530, which surrendered July 10, would be handed over to the United States and Great Britain.

Meanwhile, Ameghino said, Argentine officials were investigating reports that one and possibly two submarines had been sighted off Argentina.

The British admiralty has announced that four German submarines have not been accounted for.

Fine, Jail Term Meted For Reckless Driving

Pleading guilty to charges of reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Juett L. Cook, was fined \$50, plus a 10-day jail term, on the first count and \$10 on the second, in the Roseburg justice court. Judge Thomas C. Hartfiel reported today. Judge Hartfiel stated that Cook was accused of driving his car in a reckless manner upon the sand at the Templin street public swimming hole, endangering bathers. Although sentence was ordered suspended upon payment of the fines, Cook remained in jail today in lieu of payment.

Traffic fines reported by Judge Hartfiel that were paid in his court include Roy W. Alsopugh, \$25, speeding; Bill A. Williamson, \$10, no operator's license; Edgar D. Baker, \$10, defective muffler.

Community Chest Set-Up C. of C. Plan

Roseburg Chamber of Commerce directors at their regular meeting Tuesday night adopted a report from the Community Chest committee, headed by V. V. Harpham, and authorized Secretary Harold J. Hickerson to conduct an election by mail to form a permanent Community Chest organization.

It is proposed that the Community Chest organization shall be created and shall combine a financial campaign for local charities.

The chamber directors accepted an invitation from the Coos Bay chamber to meet with their board of directors at Coos Bay July 27 to discuss promotion of improved highway facilities between Roseburg and Coos Bay.

Approval of material selected by the publicity committee for a proposed new Umpqua Valley folder to be published in the near future was given by the directors.

Appointment of a special committee to cooperate with the Central Labor council in developing plans for a Labor day celebration was authorized.

The chamber's recreational committee was directed to cooperate with the city park and playground commission in selecting and recommending purchase of a site to be developed for civic center purposes.

Nominations of officers for the permanent board of directors were made and will be submitted to all chamber of commerce members for vote, the nominations being:

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Congress Favorable to 1-Man War Goods Control

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Congress evidenced a generally receptive mood today for President Truman's recommendation that surplus property disposal be placed under one man.

However, despite a presidential warning that surpluses are mounting rapidly there appeared little likelihood of final action before October.

Any substantial opposition to the presidential proposal may run into will in the senate. When the surplus property law was enacted last fall the house voted for one-man administration but the senate insisted on control by a board of five. The three-member group finally was agreed upon as a compromise.

Two More Yankee Mine Sweepers Destroyed

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—The navy announced today the loss of two motor mine sweepers in the Borneo area as a result of enemy action.

The ships, the YMA 50 and the YMS 365, had a normal complement of about 35 men each. There were none killed or missing, the navy said, but no information was available on the number of wounded.

The YMS 365 was commanded by Lt. (jg) Fred C. Huff, Jr., New Orleans, La. The YMS 50 was commanded by Lt. (jg) Blake G. Stern, Logan, Iowa.

Loss of the two craft raised to 324 the total naval vessels of all types lost in the war.

Enemy's Military Defenses, War Industries on Three Sides Of Tokyo Targets of Armadas

(By the Associated Press)

Japanese broadcasts reported allied carrier attacks and naval bombardments ripped up military defenses and war industries within 80 miles of Tokyo today for the second successive day.

At least 1,500 carrier planes from the great U. S. and British Pacific fleets raked airbases, military installations and cities on three sides of Tokyo for three hours and were still coming over in mid-afternoon, the enemy radio said.

London reported hearing a Tokyo broadcast that 16 warships shelled the east coast of Honshu island for about an hour at noon today. This would be a repeat performance of a midnight barrage that poured more than 2,000 tons into a 20-mile stretch of the vulnerable Japanese coastline northeast of Tokyo.



NEW PREMIER—Joseph Benedict Chifly, above, automatically succeeded the late John Curtin as prime minister of Australia when elected leader of the Federal Labor party.

World Bank-Fund Plan, Assailed by Taft, Nears Vote

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Administration leaders drove toward a final vote on the Bretton Woods world bank-fund plan today. They expected senate approval but not without a stiff fight on a series of proposed amendments.

Chairman Wagner of the banking committee told reporters he didn't expect more than 15 votes against the bill which proposes a \$9,100,000,000 world bank to help nations reconstruct and an \$8,800,000,000 fund to stabilize their currencies.

Other proponents, noting the increased vocal opposition on the senate floor yesterday, said there might be a score of "no" votes.

The fight is expected principally on amendments by Senators Taft, Millikin and Thomas. These would specify that the fund could not be used "as an excuse" to abrogate existing debt or trade treaties, spell out the requirement that other nations eliminate currency restrictions and place silver on the same monetary base as gold.

Taft, contending the American contribution is "pouring money down a rathole," told the senate yesterday the American dollar is "the only stable currency. Other nations will be anxious to buy up dollars," he said, and "we'll get nothing."

"The resultant scarcity of dollars in foreign exchange," the Ohioan insisted, will force upon the U. S. a "moral obligation" to lend more money to other nations.

Franco Plugs for Return Of Monarchy to Save Self

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—General Franco last night proclaimed that he is only acting as head of the Spanish government pending return to a monarchy which would perpetuate falange ideals and the national syndicalist state.

In a speech to members of the Falange National council, Franco said Spain was entering the preparatory period for return of a monarchy but he did not say when the change-over would be made. He declared the monarchy must guarantee the "essentials" of the falange movement.

(In Washington, diplomats regarded Franco's statement as a move designed to maintain himself in power and at the same time ride out criticism from the allied world, and particularly Russia.)

Infant Killed When Bus Plunges Into Creek

RICHMOND, Va., July 18.—(AP)—A heavily laden Greyhound bus, inbound from Norfolk, plunged into the rain-swollen waters of Gillies creek in the edge of Richmond today when a bridge over the normally tiny stream gave way. Only one of 45 persons aboard, this one an infant, was killed.

Land-based aircraft filled in the gaps. Tokyo reported 83 bombers and fighters raided southern Japan this morning, a handful of navy patrol bombers hit Honshu island south of Tokyo, and 30 Superforts flew widely over the islands during the night, scouting and dropping propaganda leaflets. Liberators and Black Widow night fighters struck at the industrial coast 55 to 80 miles northeast of Tokyo last night before the American-British bombardment fleet moved in.

Led by the 45,000-ton U. S. battleship Iowa and the British King George V, allied fleet units steamed in through mist and rain to within six miles off shore and for an hour poured more than 2,000 tons of hot steel into factories and military installations.

Associated Press War Correspondent James Lindsay, who watched the shelling, said a copper refinery, steel, glass-making and arms plants in the Hitachi area were transformed into rubble before the mighty war fleet turned and sped away shortly after midnight. There was no sign of Japanese opposition.

Jan Government Prodded. Tokyo explained the Japanese were preserving their strength "until the time is ripe" when they will deliver a knockout blow to allied naval and invasion forces.

Japanese propagandists warned that allied bombardment and carrier forces would be back again and strike wherever they wished. Admitting the Japanese were terrified by the bombardment, they called upon the government to give the people "courageous leadership" and for the Japanese themselves to meet the bombardments without fear.

Tokyo said the midnight bombardment reaching from Hitachi to Mito was smaller than the two previous shelling of northern Japan, which drove residents of

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Press Hints Jap Peace Bid or Russ Entry Into War

SYDNEY, Australia, July 18.—(AP)—Newspapers in Sydney today published speculative reports that "big news" relating to Japan would be forthcoming soon.

One conjecture was that Japan may be suing for peace, another that Russia may have decided to enter the Pacific war.

(Acting Secretary of State Grew in Washington denied last week that any genuine peace overtures had been received from Japan.)

"The end of the war may come with dramatic suddenness," commented the Sydney Sun. "Hitroito is still the god-emperor," the editorial said. "By one stroke of a pen he could relieve Japan's terrors and make peace. There is every reason to believe the United States policy is preserving him for that part in the drama."

The Morning Herald said that nothing short of the allies' terms would be acceptable, but added that "Japan is without military hope and might seek to escape Germany's fate."

College Opening Delay Asked in Harvest Need

MEDFORD, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—Oregon colleges have been asked by the Jackson County Fruit Growers league to delay opening of fall terms from Sept. 17 to Oct. 7 to keep fruit moving to canneries.

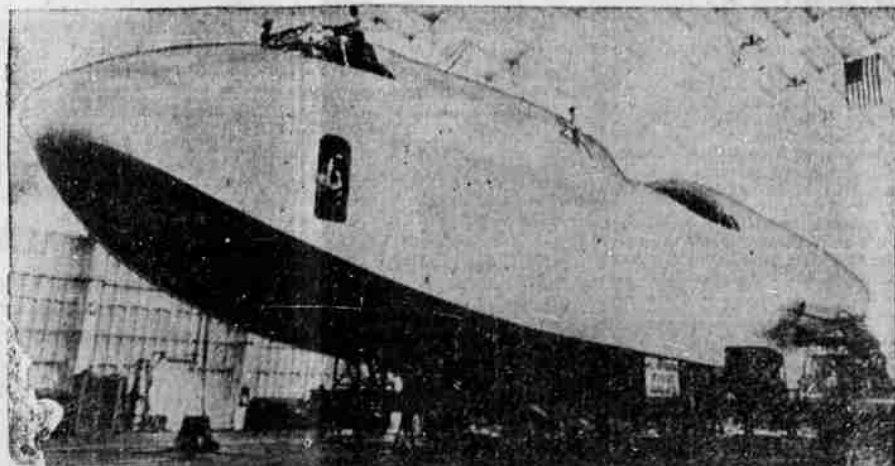
The league says its request is backed by the Rogue River Traffic association and chambers of commerce of Portland, Eugene, Salem, Hood River, The Dalles and Pendleton.

The league told the state board of higher education more than 300 skilled workers would be lost by the early opening date.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein

There is an unshakable conviction that one of the first major items of business on the Big Three agenda at Potsdam is the allotment to the Roseburg armory of a captured cannon to replace the one contributed to the war effort.



LARGEST CARGO PLANE WILL CARRY 750 YANKS — First picture of the hull of the world's largest plane, the Hughes Hercules, a seaplane cargo plane, to be finished next January. The hull is 220 ft. long, 30 ft. high, 25 ft. wide, has cargo space for the equivalent of two railroad cars. The all-wood airship will have eight 3,000-horsepower engines, a wing-spread of 320 ft., and a take off distance of over a mile. Gross weight more than 200 tons. The ship will be able to carry 750 fully equipped soldiers on a non-stop from Honolulu to Tokyo.