

Salem Senators go into training here next Sunday. Al Kishner, ex-Senator and Statesman sports editor, will keep you posted on the home team's prospects.

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Japanese Force Back Defenders of Bataan

Labor Agreements Near; UAW Waives Extra Pay

Urges Equal Sacrifices By Bosses

By The Associated Press
With the war drawing labor factions closer together, the controversy over wages and hours appeared Tuesday night to be simmering down to a solution.

President Roosevelt, topping developments with a declaration that studies of worker efficiency had led him to the conclusion that a 48-hour week was more productive than a 60-hour week, intimated there might be an announcement soon on the subject of wages.

CIO United Automobile Workers' delegates approved unanimously in Detroit an executive board recommendation that premium pay for weekend and holiday work be waived for the duration. At the same time they demanded that manufacturers be compelled to make "equal sacrifices."

The UAW acted after a letter from the president saying that premium pay "puts a brake on" wartime production and "helps our enemies." Delegates also urged that arms plants be operated on a 24-hour-day, seven-day-week basis through establishment of swing shifts, and reaffirmed a pledge to refrain from strikes or work stoppages and to submit all disputes to mediation for the war's duration.

In Pittsburgh, the chiefs of the AFL and CIO appeared together on a public platform for the first time since labor's 1936 split to renew their pledge of labor peace, promise that labor would stay on the job until victory, and assail those whom they charged were attacking labor.

While Presidents William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of CIO joined hands, Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt at the same meeting declared that while workers were "loyally pulling their weight in the war effort we are faced today with a stream of libels against labor in the press and in congress." He described such attacks as "part of a campaign to arouse antagonism based on confusion and misunderstanding."

At his press conference President Roosevelt gave a clue as to the direction of his studies by saying that two things were apparent in terms of the average man, woman and child:

"The average man is rightly concerned in time of war with the question of what it costs to support himself and his family; the great majority of the people want to do all they can to turn out the things that are needed for the war."

AKRON, O., April 7-(AP)—Approximately 220 fabricators working on war orders in the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. went on a slowdown strike Tuesday.

Sherman Dairymple, of Akron, international president of the CIO's United Rubber Workers of America, said that he pleaded with the men to return to work but they refused.

Gene Judd, company spokesman, said the afternoon shift of 110 workers went on strike after wage rates and other adjustments went into effect today, although they were posted for general information Thursday. When the second shift of 110 workers came on at 6 p. m., they also refused to process material.

Judd said the strike threatens the flow of materials to 5000 persons working on barrage balloons, blimps, escape boats, bullet-sealing gasoline tanks for airplanes and other war materials made from rubberized fabrics.

Exchange Slated

LONDON, Wednesday, April 8 (AP)—The exchange of British and Italian wounded soldiers who arrived at Smyrna Tuesday aboard two hospital ships will begin Wednesday, Reuters said in quoting an Ankara dispatch received in Vichy.

Green, Murray Join Hands



WILLIAM GREEN PHILIP MURRAY

For the first time since the AFL-CIO split in 1936, William Green and Philip Murray, the chiefs of the two labor groups, appeared together on a public platform Tuesday to renew their pledge of labor peace and promise that labor would stay on the job until victory.

Further Gasoline Cut Thought Sure

Deputy Coordinator Says Supplies To Stations May Go to One-Third Below Normal Within One Week

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—Further curtailment of gasoline supplies for motorists in the east and Pacific northwest appears inevitable, Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, said Tuesday night.

He declined to discuss the extent of any new curtailment but oil sources indicated that supplies at filling stations would be reduced, probably within a week, by 33 1/2 per cent below normal as compared with the 20 per cent cut now in force.

Jones Predicts Rubber Output

Says 700,000 Tons of Synthetic Brand By End of '43

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—Synthetic rubber production will attain a rate of 700,000 tons annually by the end of 1943, Secretary of Commerce Jones estimated Tuesday, but he added that only the unpredictable demands of war could determine whether this output would mean rubber for civilian tires.

Testifying before the senate defense investigating committee, Jones estimated that production would hit a 100,000-ton yearly rate by the end of 1942, with a probable total output of from 25,000 to 40,000 tons during this year.

At the same time Jones denied that the reconstruction finance corporation had overruled recommendations of the defense commission to President Roosevelt in 1940 for a 100,000-ton annual production program, contending that the program had been "adopted in principle" at the time and had been since carried out.

Testimony that Jones had thought the 100,000-ton recommendations of the defense commission unjustified was given to the committee previously by William L. Batt, now materials chief for the war production board.

Bankers Set NW Meeting

PULLMAN, Wash., April 7-(AP)—Banking and business leaders of the four northwest states will gather here Thursday for the sixth annual three-day Pacific northwest conference of banking.

On the general committee are O. K. Burrell of University of Oregon and M. N. Nelson of Oregon State college. Speakers include J. E. Booth of Corvallis, president of the Oregon Bankers association.

Atlantic's Sub Raids Lessened

Combat Methods Credited in Knox Report

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—A sharp decline in the number of U-boat attacks off the Atlantic coast was reported Tuesday by Secretary Knox, who said that recently-adopted methods of combatting the submarines might be responsible.

He did not, however, overlook the possibility that the drop might be due in part at least to the German practice of sending out submarines in waves, with intervening periods in which few U-boats are actually operating far from their bases.

However, Knox pointed out that last week there were but two attacks in the coastal area—one upon a tanker and the other on a tow boat and its barges. During the week the navy announced 14 attacks but 12 of these occurred before March 29 or in Caribbean waters, not covered by the secretary's announcement.

In addition, Knox revealed that "very careful study" is being given to the whole problem of operating the merchant marine. No decisions have yet been reached, he said, but a possibility remained that the navy might take charge of ships assigned to "long voyages." There had been some difficulty in manning ships, he said.

Some high ranking naval officers have complained that a large percentage of ship losses was due to the failure of ship masters to carry out naval instructions regarding darkening ships and the course to be steered.

Knox said Tuesday, however, that the navy was now getting "very complete compliance with its orders that shipping stick to certain well-defined coastal lanes. He intimated that many coastwise vessels were following a practice of entering harbor at night, for the submarines have been most active during the hours of darkness.

The cabinet member was apparently well pleased with the progress of the anti-submarine campaign. He said the navy was "constantly enlarging" its patrol fleet. Soon to become available for coastal patrols, he said, were 300 patrol boats 110 feet long, 280 173-footers, and 150 180-footers.

Manufacture Cut Slated

Most Durable Goods of Consumers to Be Banned, Duration

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—The manufacture of most consumers' durable goods will be halted for the duration of the war by May 31, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board reported Tuesday in announcing two imminent new orders—a civilian construction stop-order and a ban on the use of steel in hundreds of civilian articles.

These two actions, added to the swift succession of production curtailments and stoppages which will be almost complete by May 31, are of equal importance to "the winning of a major battle," Nelson told a press conference.

The building order will suspend non-defense construction and stop the use in building materials of war-essential metals, Nelson said. The steel order will not only prohibit the use of iron and steel in a multitude of common items, but also will ban the use of other metals and scarce plastics as substitutes.

The normally cautious Nelson gave an unexpectedly optimistic view of the speed and scope of industry's transition from peacetime. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Nazi Radios Quiet

LONDON, Wednesday, April 8 (AP)—The Berlin, Luxembourg and Hilversum radios went off the air early Wednesday, an indication usually that the RAF is operating over Germany or German-occupied territory. The Hilversum station is in the Netherlands.

Wainwright's Wife Sends Greetings

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7-(AP)—A greeting by his wife and a bark by his dog will be broadcast in the early hours of Wednesday to Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and his embattled forces on the Bataan peninsula.

Mrs. Wainwright came to San Francisco Tuesday from Carmel to prepare for the broadcast.

She will send greetings to her husband and give a short talk to the Americans and Filipinos now engaged in fierce fighting with the Japanese. She also was expected to tell her husband that their son, Jack, is taking his examinations for first officer in the merchant marine, thus giving the family a representative on both the land and sea.

The station's officials believe it will be the first time a bark has been broadcast to a soldier fighting abroad.

Heaviest Raid Strikes Malta

Meets Heavy Ack-Ack Fire; 52 Killed in Egypt Bombing

VALLETTA, Malta, April 7-(AP)—Germany's mass air attack Tuesday on this British island base, with the Germans dive-bombing airfields and the harbor in the face of intense anti aircraft fire, was the heaviest air attack Malta has experienced in the war, it was officially announced Tuesday night.

Four Nazi planes were announced definitely destroyed. Malta has had more than 1500 air raid alarms in more than two and a half years.

The Germans roared in from diverse directions and penetrated both the high and low-level anti-aircraft barrages for their dive-bombings.

Preliminary reports showed that casualties were "not heavy considering the scale of the bombing."

Two Junkers dive bombers and two Messerschmitt fighters were reported destroyed, one Junker was probably destroyed, and two damaged.

Great confusion shook this fortress city during the raid. Buildings in the harbor area vibrated as the bombs exploded and British gunners sent up their counter fire.

Cries could be heard from the darkness of the city.

Incomplete reports said anti-aircraft gunners had shot down two bombers and two fighter planes during the day and it was confirmed that two bombers were destroyed Monday night.

CAIRO, April 7-(AP)—German bombers, making one of their frequent attacks on the great British naval base at Alexandria, dropped their bombs with deadly effect for the population Monday night, killing 52 persons and injuring 80, the Egyptian ministry of interior announced Tuesday night. Property damage was said to be slight.

'Incident' Sailor Is Sea Hero

HAVEKILL, Mass., April 7-(AP)—Harold Sturtevant, the 28-year-old American sailor who created an international incident a year before this country declared war by ripping a Nazi swastika from a German consulate in San Francisco, has been cited by his commanding officer for saving the life of a colleague at sea.

Young Sturtevant's mother received Tuesday a copy of the citation praising her son for the "promptness, initiative, coolness and speed" with which he organized the rescue of a fellow sailor who was buried in a coal bunker aboard a cruiser.

After the San Francisco incident in January, 1941, which brought repercussions in Germany, Sturtevant was discharged from the navy and signed to a tanker. When war was declared, he returned home and won his appeal to re-enlist.

Yank Sub Sinks Two Vessels

Hits 15,000 Tons Of Jap Shipping In China Sea

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—A daring American submarine, striking directly at Japanese shipping in the hazardous waters of the China sea, has sunk two merchant vessels totaling 15,000 tons, the navy announced Tuesday night.

It was the third navy communiqué in four days dealing with the successes of the far-ranging American undersea raiders against the extended Japanese supply lines. The three announcements listed 12 Japanese vessels, including two light cruisers, as sunk or damaged.

Altogether, American submarines have destroyed or damaged 53 Japanese ships in the Pacific theatre.

The latest victims were identified as a 10,000-ton combination cargo and passenger ship and a 5000-ton cargo vessel. Monday, the navy disclosed that two submarines had sunk three Japanese ships. One raider sent two heavily-laden tankers to the bottom near the Caroline islands, just east of the Philippines, while the other blasted a freighter in Japanese waters.

Cycle Freeze Is Extended

Wheels Over 17 Inches Can't Be Sold; V Model Coming

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—The war production board extended its bicycle freezing order Tuesday to take in all bicycles having frames of more than 17 inches.

The original freeze order applied to cycles having frames larger than 19 inches, and was intended to stop sales and deliveries of all adult bikes. But it developed that an 18-inch "camel-back" frame—one having a double bar—was as well adapted to adult use as the conventional 20-inch "diamond" frame.

Adult bicycles for women, moreover, are about the same size as the "camel-back" frames. Both are brought under the sales freeze by the new amendment.

Children's bicycles, defined as those with frames of 17 inches and under, are not affected by the freeze order, but their production was halted on April 1.

Production of the victory model, a light-weight adult bike stripped of gadgets and bright-work, has not been halted, but the sale and delivery of victory bicycles is prohibited by the freezing order.

"Plans are now being made for the orderly disposition of bicycles now frozen and those being produced," WFPB said, "so that defense workers will have first chance to get them, with other civilian needs coming next."

Monday's Weather

Weather forecast withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Tuesday, 4 feet. Max. temperature: Monday, 61, Min. 38.

Australia Only Good Ally Hold; India in Stall

Enemy Claws for Fourth Day In Philippines; Sugar Sale Offered to US by Petain

WASHINGTON, April 7-(AP)—Fresh troops thrown into the battle of Bataan by the Japanese Tuesday clawed their way further into the stubbornly-defended position of the American-Filipino forces.

A late day communique from the war department reported that the greatly outnumbered troops under Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, fighting desperately to hold their line midway across Bataan peninsula, were being forced back slowly.

Reds Increase Toll of Planes

Destroy 79 German Craft on Tuesday; Khaki Tanks Seen

KUIBYNSHEV, USSR, April 7-(AP)—Soviet airmen and ground batteries destroyed 79 German planes Monday to boost their nine-day total to 494 Nazi craft against 103 Russian losses for this period, the Russians announced officially Tuesday night.

The latest figures given in Tuesday night's Moscow communique indicated a slackening in the furious pace of the aerial warfare which reached a peak over the weekend when the Russians listed 221 Nazi planes destroyed in the air and on the ground in two days. Monday's Soviet losses were placed at 19 planes.

As for the situation on the land front, the night communique again said there were no substantial changes in positions.

Khaki-painted German tanks thrown into the fighting against the Russians were singled out Tuesday as fresh evidence that continued heavy blows by the red army were forcing Hitler to use up material he had meant for a big spring offensive.

Meanwhile, the first United (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Blossom Day Tentatively Is April 19

Tentative date for Salem's annual Blossom day was set for Sunday, April 19, at a meeting of the Cherrians, Tuesday night.

Blossom routes are scheduled to be marked as usual. The week is to be climaxed by a Blossom dance planned for Saturday night, April 25. Final dates were said to be dependent on weather conditions. Committees to plan arrangements are to be appointed this week by Frank Earnest, King Bing.

Guests at the meeting were 21 members of the army units, accompanied by Regional Sgt. Maj. Nelson.

Drill practice was scheduled to be held as usual.

Liberty Ship Every Six Days

By WILLIAM E. PHIPPS
PORTLAND, Ore., April 7-(AP)—A Liberty freighter every six days for America's bridge of ships to the warfront.

That's no future production estimate on paper. That's how fast they're sliding 10,000-ton ED-28 down the ways here right now.

For any shipyard in the United States that would be the national record for this war.

But for Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, a rookie in the business, it's phenomenal, an industrial miracle.

Edgar Kaiser, Oregon Shipbuilding's head man, never thought about building ships until the war was well under way. He was a builder, but dams were his forte—Boulder and Grand Coulee.

Now he's showing the veteran shipbuilders how to put the speed and mass production methods he developed there into ships to whip the Axis.

The first Liberty was launched at Oregon Shipbuilding last September 27. Today No. 26 slid into the Willamette river. That total, from an 11-way yard, surpasses the number from any other yard, company officials said.

What makes the Oregon yard the country's top producer would give more than a little comfort to the enemy if described in detail, but part of the story can be told.

Company men say the organizing genius of the boss—they mean Kaiser—is the major factor. He took 30,000 men—most of them like himself who never had worked on a ship—and whipped them into a fireball production unit in less than 12 months.

They say Kaiser turns out ships faster because he doesn't mind spending more money to do a job. Then there's labor, company spokesmen are convinced north-

Beginning the fourth day of almost ceaseless pounding of the center of Wainwright's line, the Japanese were aided by tanks as well as intense artillery fire, aerial bombardment and strafing. Losses were heavy Tuesday on both sides.

Concentrating their assault on the front lines and rear positions on the mainland, the enemy left the fortified island of Corregidor free of aerial attack for the fourth successive day, but for the second time in little more than a week bombed a base hospital in Bataan, killing a large number of wounded soldiers who were being treated there.

The attack on the hospital was carried out Tuesday morning by three flights of heavy bombers, the department reported. After the same hospital was bombed March 30, the Japanese command in the Philippines broadcast an apology, but the department asserted that the second attack on the plainly marked building "tends to prove that both raids were intentional."

Monday, said an earlier communique, the defending forces were subjected to a particularly severe aerial bombardment behind the lines, and the Japanese aimed a "concentrated air attack at the south coast of Bataan in an apparent effort to shatter Wainwright's vital communications with Corregidor, two miles offshore.

By The Associated Press

The Japanese enemy was making progress Tuesday in two major theatres—dangerous progress in Burma and bitterly-bought advances against the American-Filipino line on Bataan peninsula in Luzon—and despite a major concession the British appeared to be playing a losing hand in their attempts to reach a partnership with India.

Only before Australia was the allied position good. There American and Australian airmen maintained apparent control of the skies, beating at the Japanese positions about Lae in New Guinea for the third successive day and shooting down the single enemy plane that rose to challenge them. The damage to the Japanese airbase was apparently heavy; it was left alight with fires.

In Burma it was disclosed that the British holding the allied right had now fallen back more than 40 miles above fallen Prome, once the anchor of their line, to a point north of the towns of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

west workers are better than the average. Family men, mostly, with a deep-rooted feeling that a Pacific war against Japan is their war.

But O. Alexander Mechlin, resident US maritime commission engineer, has more reasons.

This yard, he says, is one of the few built from scratch. Most of them have been converted from pre-war construction to the new types of ships. But here a yard was built to turn out Liberty freighters, nothing else.

Result: No wasted time and effort compromising construction methods and facilities.

That's why the Liberties go down the ways here in record time—and almost completed, with stacks and booms in place, steam in the boilers and whistles screaming a defiant warning to Hitler, Hirohito & Company.