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Spy Try On Ship Charge

Student Is Held; Trial Continues

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—A bold Nazi attempt to slip a spy into the United States on the steamship Drottningholm, diplomatic exchange vessel, was charged by the justice department Thursday with announcement of the arrest of Herbert Karl Friedrich Barh, 29-year-old former American college student, on charges of espionage.

Barh, educated in Buffalo schools and at Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, has been in Germany, the federal bureau of investigation said, since 1938.

A statement from J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, quoted him as admitting that "he was enlisted in October, 1941, by the German gestapo for the purpose of returning to the United States to secure and transmit to Germany information pertaining to the war effort of this country."

A complaint charging Barh with conspiracy to violate federal espionage statutes and using a mutilated passport was filed by the FBI Thursday before US Commissioner Joseph F. Holland at Newark, E. E. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Tirpitz Out For Months

Axis Naval Strength Directed Against Convoys to Reds

MOSCOW, July 9—Russian naval authorities said Thursday night the German super-battleship Tirpitz had been put out of action for several months by the daring attack of a red submarine, but saw her sortie into the Arctic as evidence that the Nazis have turned their main naval effort against ship lanes from America and Britain to Russia.

Twice torpedoed and officially declared seriously damaged, the Tirpitz limped back to the shelter of a western Norwegian fjord with her accompanying squadron, the pilots of Soviet reconnaissance planes reported. There, while undergoing repairs, she may be vulnerable to renewed RAF air attacks.

Russian dispatches said the submarine attack disrupted operations of the strong German squadron against a big Allied arms convoy, and that all ships of the convoy reached a Russian port in safety.

(The German high command, denying that the Tirpitz either had been damaged or even attacked, reported that German air attacks on Murmansk, probable destination of the convoy, left fires in harbor and city. Previous German official reports had said that 32 out of 38 ships in the convoy were sunk by air and U-boat action and that one of the U-boats destroyed was a United States heavy cruiser.)

(Thursday's German communiqué cited a Lieut. Henneman who, it said, was "killed in the destruction of the American heavy cruiser.")

(British and United States official sources have made no statement so far on the Arctic battle.)

Workers Will Talk Buses

A meeting to find out how many men in Salem and vicinity are now working in Portland defense industries, particularly the shipyards, and discuss plans for transporting them to and from work will be held at the chamber of commerce here at 8 o'clock next Wednesday night, C. C. Cochran, business and extension manager, announced Thursday.

"We'd like to have all local men now working in the shipyards or planning to do so to attend this meeting," Cochran said. "It is possible bus transportation on a club basis such as operates between Salem and Camp Adair might be set up, or some other plan devised."

Cochran said three small buses were already being operated between Salem and Portland by shipyard workers.

Nazis Drive Toward Volga; Don Holds

City May Top Goal In Rubber

Service Station Men Search; End Of Drive Today

Service station men of the Salem area who Thursday afternoon closed their establishments and with their employees canvassed homes in their neighborhoods, in some cases going into rural districts to seek scrap rubber, probably put the capital city "over the top" in the intensive rubber salvage drive which closes tonight, E. C. Menzies, petroleum industries' chairman of the campaign, believed late Thursday night.

No tally of the results was available as station operators and attendants utilized spare moments from their evening's work to return to the scenes of their afternoon canvass for the surplus they had not been able to carry in earlier. Salem's quota of 500 tons was topped, they felt sure, but refused to estimate by what quantity.

Plants of major oil companies provided storage space for the rubber, which included few tires, it was said. Heavy pieces of rubber had been donated earlier in the campaign, men who asked from door to door for such minor items as floor mats and old bathtub stoppers declared.

If Salem had gathered 1000 tons (which it has not, those active in the collection emphatically maintain) the request of Mayor W. W. Chadwick that every resident today utilize two hours in searching for hitherto undiscovered rubber items which may be spared for national defense would still be well worth a citywide response, Menzies said.

Hope that when final figures are announced from the White House in the president's scrap rubber drive Oregon may be leading all states in the per capita tabulation was expressed Thursday by State Salvage Chairman Claude I. Sersanous as he sent out an SOS for the aid of every resident.

"The state of Oregon can well be proud of the effort put forth by its citizens in the president's national rubber drive," he declared. "As usual, as in all campaigns put forth by the government in this all-out war effort, the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

RAF Drops 2-Ton Bombs

Wilhelmshaven Naval Base, Sub Plants Get Heavy Raid

LONDON, July 9.—(AP)—"Extra-special" bombs weighing two tons each were deposited by the RAF in strong force Wednesday night on the German naval base and submarine production plants at Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

The super-bombs were the latest in a series of attacks which the British have announced using, and returning pilots said they left great fires raging in the shipyards.

The British said four bombers were lost in this first raid in force after five nights of unfavorable weather and the first on Germany proper since the July 2 attack on Bremen.

German radio reports of the raiding said the British attacked both Wilhelmshaven and Wesermünde, and that three RAF planes were shot down.

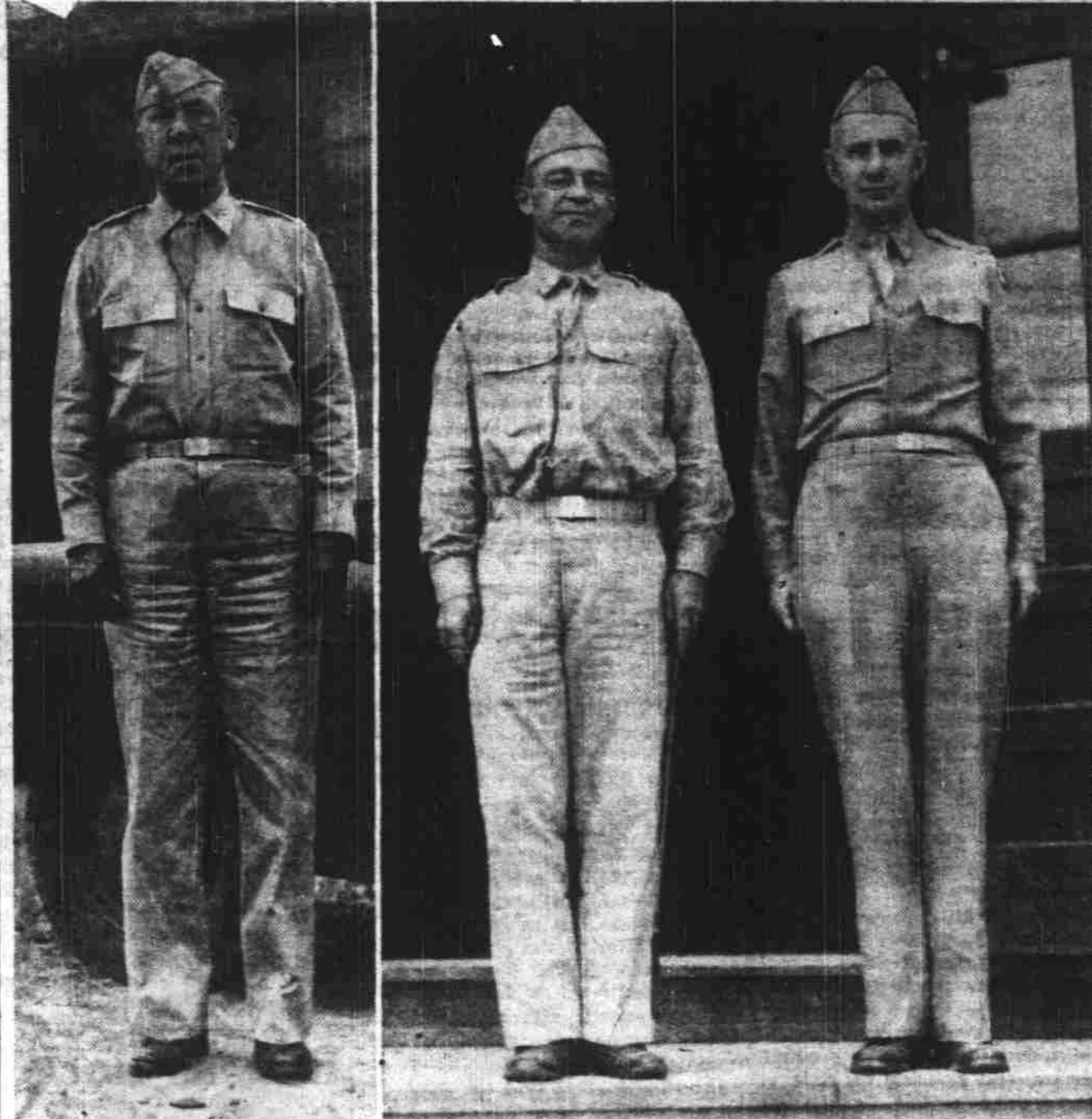
Fighter planes attacked German airdromes, and other objectives in France overnight, and claimed two German bombers were downed.

Allies Bomb Enemy On Timor Island

GENERAL McARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Friday, July 10.—(AP)—Allied B-25 bombers scored direct hits on a number of buildings, allied headquarters announced Friday. Timor lies northwest of Australia.

Off the northeast coast both enemy and allied activity was limited to reconnaissance, the command said in its daily communiqué.

In Charge at New Army Cantonment



Here are three of the top men at Camp Adair: Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley (center), commander of the army's new 96th division, soon to be activated and trained at the big mid-Willamette valley cantonment; Col. Gordon H. McCoy (left), commander of the permanent Adair station complement, and Col. Hammond M. Monroe (right), Gen. Bradley's chief of staff. All three men are at work completing arrangements for the operation of the camp upon its completion by the contractors working under direction of Lt. Col. R. E. M. Desaleis, area engineer. (US Army Engineers photos.)

Three-Way Housing Program Prepared; Rent Watch Slated

Chamber to Confer With Director Of Housing, Assemble New Data; Chadwick to Name Committee

A three-way program to meet Salem's housing needs was being put under way Thursday by the Salem chamber of commerce in cooperation with the realty board, Mayor W. W. Chadwick and army authorities through H. C. Johnson, Four-County cantonment council coordinator at Camp Adair.

Chamber representatives had arranged for a conference with Folger Johnson, defense housing director for Oregon, in Portland next Tuesday, Mayor Chadwick had agreed to appoint a committee to keep an eye on rents, and survey data on available houses were being assembled.

Mayor Chadwick, in response to a request relayed by the chamber from Coordinator Johnson's office, said Thursday night he would soon name a committee of probably five members to investigate rental prices, make recommendations as to their control should that be found necessary and continue to keep watch over charges made to new residents. The committee would have no authority to take direct action.

The four-county coordinator sent to Salem newspapers copies of a statement warning against high rentals originally directed to the Corvallis Gazette-Times, and recommending that rental committees be set up in each community.

A survey of vacant houses made Wednesday disclosed that while a considerable number of dwellings were unoccupied, there were few that were deemed livable, C. C. Cochran, business and extension manager of the chamber of commerce, reported Thursday. This and related information will be presented to Housing Director Johnson next week in an effort to speed the designation of Salem as a critical area eligible to obtain priorities on construction materials.

"The chamber is receiving letters by the dozen from all parts of the United States written by people expecting to live in Salem," Cochran also reported. "Many of them are army men, some are civilians."

Because of this indication of an impending influx of people brought on by war conditions, (Turn to Page 16, Col. 7)

FR Wants No Compromise

Signs Farm Stop-Gap; Calls for Unity On Wheat Plans

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP) President Roosevelt, in a new rebuke to the house farm bloc, made it plain Thursday he would accept no compromise of the farm appropriations dispute which restricted the government's authority to sell surplus wheat for livestock feed at subparity price.

Signing a stop-gap measure to provide the agriculture department with July operating funds, the president said in a statement that "Our war needs do not permit compromise or partisan discord." He added that the disputed issues involved "more abundant production of things we need" which he previously had defined as meat, poultry and dairy products.

"This is no time," he commented, "to hamstring successful principles." Senator Russell (D-Ga), chairman of a senate-house committee which has sought unsuccessfully since May 25 to compose differences of the two congressional branches over the \$680,000,000 agriculture department fund immediately interpreted this as flat support of the senate's amendment authorizing the sale of 125,000,000 bushels of government-held wheat for feed at about 83 cents a bushel.

Accordingly, Russell said that when the conference group meets again, probably next week, he would ask the house members to seek another vote of that body on the question. The house previously had voted to bar the sale of grain held by the Commodity Credit corporation at less than full parity prices, \$1.34 on the farm in the case of wheat.

British Harass Nightly

Desert Troops' Rest Disturbed By Patrol Work

CAIRO, Egypt, July 9.—(AP)

Waging a war of nerves in the desert, allied air and ground forces were reported Thursday night scoring a series of successes with continual patrol actions and aerial attacks on the positions of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel west of El Alamein.

British General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck is retaining the initiative he took when the present positions some 70 miles west of Alexandria were assumed. The enemy movements of the past week have been mainly to counter allied threats to the axis flank. There are indications that Rommel would like a respite of two or three weeks before making another push toward the Nile but it was by no means certain that he would be allowed this much time to rebuild his strength.

Night sallies by the British are especially annoying to the enemy, according to prisoners, as the Germans usually base their operations so every soldier may get a good night's sleep.

Not knowing when a bayonet party will charge out of the darkness at them and having to jump into slit trenches when allied planes come over, they have anything but a restful night.

The British patrols, operating mostly at night, ranged the curving southern sector of the front at the head of an expanse lying between the axis' extended flank and the Qattara depression.

Blast Kills 20 Miners

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 9.—(AP)—An official of the Purglove Coal Mining company reported late Thursday night that 20 miners were killed in an explosion in the concern's mine on Scott's run.

Joseph Purglove, who directed rescue operations for the company, issued the statement giving the definite total of victims almost seven hours after the blast trapped two crews of miners four and a half miles underground.

Eighteen of the dead had been tentatively identified earlier. Rescue efforts have been hampered by fire which followed the explosion and it was hours before the center of the blast scene could be reached.

4 Axis Planes Down

VALLETTA, Malta, July 9.—(AP) Two axis bombers and two fighters raiding Malta were destroyed Thursday and several others were damaged, a British communiqué said tonight.

Back In?



MARSHAL VON BRAUCHITSCH

LONDON, Friday, July 10.—(AP)

The Stockholm correspondent of the Daily Mail reported Friday that Adolf Hitler, who last December assumed the "initiative" military leadership of the German armies, has yielded to the demands of his high command and restored Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch as commander in chief. Von Brauchitsch now is directing the general staff work of Hitler's summer offensive in Russia, the correspondent said he was told by neutral arriving in Stockholm from Berlin. Field Marshal Fedor Von Bock, who is directing operations on the central Russian front where the Germans have been reported in a break-through from Kharkov, is said to be answerable to Von Brauchitsch, the Daily Mail correspondent declared.

Japs Routed By Ambush

Kiangsi Force Loses 2000 to Chinese US Bombers Raid

CHUNGKING, China, July 9.—(AP)—A Japanese force of 30,000 has been ambushed and routed with the loss of at least 2000 killed and wounded in heavy fighting in Kiangsi province, Chinese central news dispatches reported Thursday night.

All told, the Chinese unofficially reported nearly 5000 Japanese casualties in various fighting sectors in recent engagements.

Meanwhile, the headquarters of US Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced that United States bombers left eight fires raging in Hankow, Japan's main base in the interior of China, in a raid carried out Monday despite adverse weather.

It was the third raid against that Yangtze river port since July 1. Oil storage points and wharves were attacked.

The Chinese acknowledged Thursday that the Japanese were in complete control of the 450-mile Chekiang-Kiangsi railway (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Danger Grave, Rails

Soviet Sinks Three Ships On Baltic

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Friday, July 10 (AP)—The massed might of the German armies in south Russia had driven to within 235 miles of industrial Stalin-grad on the Volga Friday, but the determined red armies held their ground firmly before gravely imperiled Voronezh and the upper reaches of the Don, the midnight Russian communiqué disclosed.

"During July 9 our troops continued their stubborn battles to the west of Voronezh and in the town of Rossozh," the communiqué said. Rossozh is 100 miles southwest of Voronezh and 150 miles directly east of the great steel city of Khar'kov. On a tributary close to the Don, Rossozh is 90 miles northeast of Kuyansk—the first major point captured in this major German offensive of the year. It lies only 235 miles northwest of Stalingrad, on the broad banks of the Volga commanding the northern approaches to the oil bearing Caucasus, which apparently is the German goal.

(Russian sources in London conceded the latest German advance was of the gravest importance.) Rossozh is a manufacturing town about 20 miles from the middle Don area. The new 90-mile German advance pushed the Nazi right wing far forward while the Russians threw in hundreds of thousands of soldiers in an effort to hold the Nazi center and left along the line of the upper Don farther north.

By the advance, the Germans went a long way toward establishing a new line extending from the Roslov area, the point of their deepest penetration last year, 300 miles northward to Voronezh.

The critical nature of the fighting in the Rossozh area was pointed up by the fact that the town lies on the Moscow-Voronezh-Rostov railway, the last remaining north-south link over which supplies are funneled to the desperately pressed armies of Marshal Semeon Timoshenko.

The assertion that the fighting was "in the area of the town" suggested that the railway might either be cut or at least gravely threatened over a 100-mile length. Already, if not cut, the rail link probably was under attack of dive-bombers or long range artillery.

Three ships, totaling 22,000 tons, a tanker and two transports were declared sunk in the Baltic sea. Soviet submarines (Turn to Page 16, Col. 5)

Mill City Gunner One of Midway Heroes



Sgt. Leslie B. Brown of Mill City, Ore., is shown above (standing second from left) with other members of the crew of one of the first army bomber flights into the battle of Midway. Sgt. Brown is side gunner. Other crewmen are (left to right, front row) Capt. Cecil L. Faulkner of Bellevue, Tex., awarded the distinguished flying cross in April; First Lieut. William B. Johnson of Compton, Calif.; Second Lieut. Walter E. Hoffmann, navigator, of Lodi, Calif. Back row: Staff Sgt. Benjamin F. Clifton, Fort Worth, Tex.; Sgt. Brown; Sgt. Jerome Farnen, first radio operator, Johnston, Pa.; Corp. Robert Knapp, assistant engineer, Racine, Wis.; Corp. George Cuzzone, second radio operator, Philadelphia, Pa., only member of crew wounded, a bullet hole in little finger, and Master Sgt. Joe J. Mullenix, bombardier, Wabash, Ind. On the first day of battle Faulkner's crew sank a Jap transport and scored hits on a battleship and cruiser. Second day they hit a large aircraft carrier which they saw listing heavily, an inferno of flame. Photo taken at Honolulu. (International Illustrated News).

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