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Electric Shortage Threat

Raver Says War Industries May Be Barred Here

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—(P) Bonneville Power Administrator Paul J. Raver warned Wednesday night that a shortage of electricity threatens to bar more war industries from the Pacific northwest.

Unless a "certain curtailment of non-essential uses" of power is made, the war production board may not go ahead with plans to authorize establishment of new war plants in the area, he said in an interview after arriving from Washington, DC.

Reduced consumption of power probably will be necessary during peak load periods this autumn and next spring, Raver said, adding that by "non-essential uses" he did not necessarily mean residences.

Customers of private power companies will have to bear the brunt of the curtailment, he said, because Bonneville and Grand Coulee power is going into the war effort almost exclusively.

Plants which the WPB is considering for the northwest will "require power in amounts that may cause some curtailment of non-essential uses for a short period of time until the Bonneville-Coulee supply catches up," Raver said.

"My concern is that delays in installing generators on schedule will result in losing industries for war."

"I feel that there has been too much complacency on the part of the people of the northwest who are interested in further industrial development and the building of a regional economy. When a new industry has come into sight, the people have turned to Bonneville with the idea that plenty of power is available. That just isn't true."

On his trip to Washington Raver restored the entire Bonneville generator installation schedule calling for delivery of the final four next year. But reduced priority ratings still hamper Coulee.

Six units had been authorized to augment the three now in service at Coulee but priorities would have prevented installation of three of them next year and probably in 1944, he said. Two of the six now are back on schedule and there is possibility of a third.

Meanwhile, Raver said, two generators borrowed from Shasta dam for the duration will be in service late this fall, boosting the output 150,000 kilowatts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12—(P)—Higher priorities granted for dams, power-houses and generating equipment will add a million kilowatts of power to the nation's war supply by July, 1944, the office of war information announced Wednesday.

The highest priorities assigned—AA-3—were allotted to the following installations:

Two 75,000-kilowatt generators at Grand Coulee dam, to start operating in November this year. (These two generators originally were ordered for Shasta dam, the OWI said, but were shifted to make their output available to the war industry a year sooner.)

An 82,500-kilowatt generator at Boulder dam, in December.

Ratings of AA-4 were assigned the following:

Grand Coulee dam—Three hydro generators (largest in the world, of 108,000 kilowatts each) scheduled for July, September and November 1943, bringing the total capacity of the Grand Coulee plant to 818,000 kilowatts—second only to Boulder in size.

Alumina Sought In Salem Area

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—(P)—The federal government is looking into Oregon and Washington alumina-bearing clays for possible industrial exploitation, H. G. Iverson, head of the US bureau of mines for the two states, said Wednesday.

Deposits at Castle Rock, Wash., have been under study for several months, he said, and test holes have been drilled at Molalla, Ore. Robert Butte at Cottage Grove also is being studied, and the Salem-Silverton area will be investigated later, Iverson said.

Calls for Cut



PAUL J. RAVER
Non-essential power used

Fire Destroys Housing Units

War Dormitories at Bremerton Burn, Also 90 Tires

BREMERTON, Aug. 12—(P)—Flames swept through a new federal dormitory project in this over-crowded navy yard city Wednesday night, destroying five dormitories, one private residence and an estimated 90 trailer tires.

The fire raged for almost an hour before the fire departments of Bremerton and the navy yard, with the aid of soldiers, controlled it before it could destroy additional occupied units.

Fire Chief Ernest Yett said he had asked State Fire Marshal E. L. Smith to investigate the fire's origin in an unoccupied dormitory unit.

Construction still was underway on four of the destroyed units, with completion scheduled for mid-September. The one occupied unit which was destroyed housed 207 navy yard workmen. Six other occupied units, opened a year ago, were (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Flax Queen To Be Named

Dance Tonight Honors Six Candidates At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 12—The Oregon flax queen will be named at the flax dance to be held Thursday night honoring the six candidates. She will be crowned at a dance August 21.

Candidates for queen are Jane Irish, Silverton; Carol Mae Merion, St. Paul; Louann Williamson, Salem; Jeannette Schneider, Portland; Marjorie Sealy, Woodburn; and Adelaide Bochsler, Mt. Angel.

The selection will be based on a three-way vote, by the girls themselves, the mayors of the towns they represent and those attending the dance. Each will count one-third.

The girl selected for queen will receive a \$25 war bond, a diamond ring and her coronation gown. Each of the princesses will likewise receive their court costumes as gifts from the flax festival committee. A. J. Butsch is chairman of the celebration.

The candidates will be entertained at dinner Thursday night by the festival committee and later will be escorted to the Mt. Angel auditorium for the dance.

The Salem Cherries will be in charge of the coronation ceremonies similar to those of previous festivals. It will take place on the steps of the auditorium. The queen's ball will follow. In previous years the queen's ball has attracted more than a thousand visitors. Because of war conditions the big parade will not be held this year.

Flax and linen displays will be shown at the gymnasium for those interested in the progress of the flax industry.

Tuesday's Weather

Tuesday's max. temp. 79, min. 56. River Tuesday -3.5 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Gerrymans Punch Railway

Reds Hold Firm At Stalingrad, Defend Maikop

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 13

(P)—German troops have punched another hole in Russian positions astride the Rostov-Baku railroad in the Cherkessk area, but the red army is holding firmly on the approaches to Stalingrad, the soviets announced early Thursday.

"In the area of Cherkessk our troops have retired to new positions," the Russian communique said.

Cherkessk is 70 miles south-east of Armavir and about 200 miles from the rich Grozny oil fields, and the Germans thus are continuing their hard drive southward along the northern fringe of the Caucasian mountains.

The red army was still fighting heavy defensive battles in the Maikop oil fields west of Cherkessk, and also at Krasnodar on the Kuban river 60 miles northwest of Maikop.

Nearly 2000 Germans were reported killed and 22 tanks destroyed during the last 24 hours in Nazi efforts to bridge a water-line (probably the Kuban) in the Krasnodar sector, the Russians said.

The apparent German goal in the west is twofold: To reach the Soviet Black sea ports of Novorossiysk and Tuapse. A railroad from Krasnodar leads to the former, and another spur from Maikop goes through 3000-foot mountains to Tuapse.

Northwest of Stalingrad in the Don river bend the red army was reported to have fought off repeated German attacks at Kletskaya and south of that city, which is 75 miles from Stalingrad. (The Germans claimed on Wednesday the capture of 57,000 Russians in this area, including most of the 62nd red army.)

South of the Don in the Kotelnikovsky sector the Russians reported offensive successes. The communique said the Germans in some regions had been forced onto the defensive and added:

"Our troops launched a series of successful attacks and are mauling the enemy, not giving him a chance to consolidate."

Soviet tankmen supported by artillery and aircraft killed 700 Germans and destroyed 16 tanks and other valuable equipment when falling upon a Nazi column, the communique said.

Far to the north on the upper Don the Russians said their troops fighting on the west bank of the river in the Voronezh sector had killed another 800 Germans in two days.

"On a neighboring sector street fighting took place in one populated locality," the communique said.

Salem Pastor Succeeds to Father's Job

JENNINGS LODGE, Ore., Aug. 12—(P)—Dr. E. W. Petticoat, Portland, Oregon, district superintendent of the Evangelical church, resigned Wednesday at the opening of the denomination's annual Oregon-Washington conference.

His son, the Rev. Paul P. Petticoat, Salem, was named to the post. Dr. Petticoat said he resigned because of poor health. He also once preached at Salem.

Mrs. E. A. Farnham, Portland, was elected president of the two-state Women's Missionary society and delegate to the general missionary society's biennial meeting at Elgin, Ill.

Other officers: Mrs. L. H. Willard, Seattle, first vice president; Mrs. E. A. Fogg, Mountain Home, second vice president; Mrs. Claude Campbell, Portland, recording secretary; Mrs. L. L. Thornton, Salem, treasurer; Mrs. F. R. Witter, Yakima, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. E. Randle, Seattle, young people's missionary circle secretary; Helen Bler, Salem, mission band secretary; Mrs. R. H. Tusan, Portland, little herald secretary.

Rioting Flares in Indian Cities



From Bombay to Calcutta came reports of demonstrations and the shutting down of trade in the Indian campaign for independence. Students drew fire at Poona, where Gandhi is held, and at Lucknow. Strikes at first threatened in the big mill center of Ahmedabad and violence flared in New Delhi. (Associated Press Telegram).

Canadians Capture Nazi Submersible Disabled by Plane

32 Germans Aboard U-Boat Appear Glad to Be Taken as Prisoners, Appreciate Variety of Food

HALIFAX, Aug. 12—(P)—The capture of a Nazi submarine by a Canadian warship after it had been disabled by aircraft was described Wednesday night in a broadcast by a Royal Canadian navy seaman from Ingersoll, Ont.

Without disclosing the area or time of the capture, James Kay Grotty, a petty officer leading torpedo operator, told how his ship captured 32 Germans aboard the U-boat and then took it in tow. He spoke over station CHNS here.

His ship was in port, he said, when it got an emergency order to proceed to sea. Soon the word went around on board that the vessel was after a U-boat that had been attacked from the air.

"Finally, we picked up the sub," he continued. "Apparently it couldn't dive, for it was still on the surface. Our planes were still overhead, waiting for us to go to work. Of course, our job was to seize the submarine and take the crew off."

"It would have been easy to sink it, but we were there to keep it afloat... there was a full gale blowing and a heavy swell, and we had to stand by until the weather moderated. That was late in the day."

"By that time, more ships had arrived, and they helped to screen us from other U-boats that might have been in the neighborhood while we got a line to the one on the surface."

Most of the Germans, he said, were clustered on the conning tower at this time. "The seas were so heavy they were breaking right over the tower," he added.

Crotty said his ship took off "all that were alive."

"We got 32 prisoners, including the captain," he went on. "He had an iron cross and was quite a dude. He had a fine pair of water-tight goggles. He showed them to one of the sentries and, when the sentry reached for them, he laughed and tossed them overboard. He seemed to get a big kick out of that."

"We took them on board our ship and fed them. I don't think (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Jernstedt's Fever Flares

YAMHILL, Ore., Aug. 12—(P)—A second recurrence of tropical fever contracted in the Burma-China war theatre put former Flying Tiger Flight Leader Kenneth Jernstedt back under a physician's care Wednesday night.

The AVG pilot was running a temperature of 101 degrees. Only recently he was released from a hospital where he had been kept under observation since the day he arrived home when he had a temperature of 104.

The local youth was Oregon's only member of the Flying Tigers.

Violence Slackens In India

Party Says Tiny Group Bothers; US Keeps Out

BOMBAY, Aug. 12—(P)—The upheaval of riot and bloodshed which has marked Mohandas K. Gandhi's do-or-die independence movement showed signs of wearing itself out in its fifth day Wednesday, although gunfire twice resounded through Bombay's streets where violence has been at its height.

There was marked improvement in the attendance of mill-workers in the factory area, train and tram services were fairly normal again, barricades erected in the streets by rioters were being pulled down, and the mill area presented an appearance of comparative quiet except for scattered incidents.

Violence still flared in many of India's cities, however, and at Poona, where Gandhi is interned, four persons were reported killed by gunfire late Wednesday afternoon. Ten were injured.

At Allahabad a curfew was imposed between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. following a series of disturbances in which crowds attacked a police station, two police outposts, several branch postoffices, and an air raid center. Two persons were killed by police bullets, and a police superintendent and a district magistrate were injured by bricks.

(The India office in London issued a statement saying the authorities had the situation "completely in hand" and any picture of widespread disorder was "utterly distorted.")

Up to 5 p. m. the looting of a government grain shop and two government food trucks were the only outbreaks, but police, saying that quiet mornings were to be expected, warned that the afternoon was the likeliest time for trouble.

This warning was emphasized when in the late afternoon troops were forced to fire on an unruly crowd which had stoned a military truck, and again when a mob attempted to destroy a post-office box in the Zaveri bazaar. There were casualties in the first instance, but none in the second.

Police said the mobs appeared to be getting tired of their activities. The bulk of the rowdiness in Bombay could be traced to not more than 50 persons using students and others to keep it going, officers asserted, and so far few members of Gandhi's congress party had taken part.

The congress party press also asserted the rioters contained few if any genuine congressmen, and the Bombay Chronicle castigated the hooligan element, telling the rioters that they were betraying Gandhi who said last Saturday that if the public resorted to violence they might never see him alive again.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(P)—American armed forces are in India solely to prosecute the war against the axis and have been warned to avoid scrupulously any (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Salary Tax, Sales Tax In Proposal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(P)—A five-year plan of war financing involving the current collection of income taxes, a 10 per cent sales levy and a 5 per cent withholding tax, was laid before congress Wednesday by representatives of the United States chamber of commerce.

Strongly endorsing a proposal for a "daylight savings" method of collecting individual income taxes, Elsworth C. Alvord, chairman of the chamber's finance group, urged senators to launch "an offensive on the fiscal front" by revising drastically the house-approved revenue bill.

The witness, one of four who appeared for the chamber, declared that a 10 per cent retail sales tax, combined with a 5 per cent withholding at the source of wages, interest and dividends, would bring in \$10,000,000,000 additional revenue.

Brown Condition Poor

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—(P)—The condition of Sam Brown, Gervais, one-time Oregon political leader, continued to be poor at a hospital here Wednesday. He has been ill for two years.

Bombers Smash Enemy Vessels At Supply Base

Marines on Three of Vital Solomons; All Planes Back After Ship Left Sinking

By The Associated Press

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Thursday, Aug. 13—(AP)—US marines still were holding their hard-won footholds in the Tulagi area of the Solomon islands Thursday while cooperating allied bombers dealt a smashing blow against four Japanese ships at Rabaul, the strong Japanese New Britain base whence supplies have been ferried to the Solomons.

A communique issued here said one large Japanese ship was left sinking, two medium ships were set afire and left listing, and a 15,000-ton vessel also was ablaze after allied airmen dropped their explosives on Rabaul's harbor northwest of the Solomons.

Of eight Japanese fighter planes which tried to intercept the allied bombers in the daylight raid Wednesday, one was shot down and from three to six were damaged, the communique said.

"All our planes returned," it added.

General MacArthur's airmen operating more than 2000 miles west of the Solomons in the Dutch Timor-Banda sea area also attacked Japanese shipping and base installations with undetermined results, the communique said.

Of the Rabaul action, which supported the allied invasion strike at the islands in the Tulagi sector, the communique said:

"Our heavy bombers executed a successful daylight attack on enemy shipping in the harbor. A large 15,000-ton vessel was hit with heavy bombs and left in flames; a second large ship was seen sinking by the stern; two medium-sized vessels were left in flames and listing. Eight enemy fighters intercepted. One was shot down, and from three to six were hit and attacked. All our planes returned."

Officials were silent here on the Solomon battle which now had entered its seventh day, but what information was available caused observers to believe that the American leathernecks, with their air and sea backing, were making progress.

Aerial reconnaissance established that the Japanese were very active at Rabaul, possibly with the idea of sending reinforcements to their Solomon garrisons. The flying fortress attack on that harbor followed, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said that Melbourne had an air alert late Wednesday, but no enemy planes were sighted. The reason for the alert was not immediately learned.

The attack on Rabaul by MacArthur's forces was the second major one in a week. On the opening day of the Solomon action last Friday 17 big bombers struck heavily at the Japanese airdrome there in an attempt to ground planes which could reinforce the Tulagi and Guadalcanal garrisons.

The spokesman here was asked about an Australian report that American parachute troops were used against the Solomons. He said he never knew of such troops being landed from seaborne aircraft before.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(P)—Hard-hitting US marines successfully effected landings on three of the Solomon islands in the vicinity of Tulagi, the navy reported Wednesday night, and operations have advanced to the point where they are consolidating their positions in the face of fierce enemy resistance.

The strength of the resistance was indicated in a navy statement that sea forces supporting the landings have been engaged in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

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The sinking of the Eagle was conceded by British sources as a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)