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Smashes Against Stalingrad Gain Nothing

Warship Lost In Pacific

Destroyer Blue, Transport Sunk; Oregon Man Dies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP)—The destroyer Blue and a small armed transport have been sunk in the South Pacific, the navy disclosed Saturday, bringing to 48 the number of American warships whose loss has been announced since December 7.

At the same time the navy told of severe damage done by fire to the tender Prairie, mother ship for a group of destroyers, at Argentina, Newfoundland, May 27. The Prairie has now been reconditioned and restored to service.

Two enlisted men lost their lives in fighting the tender fire. Casualties in the two Pacific sinkings were announced as few, the exact number not being reported.

The time of the sinkings—"during the past two weeks"—indicated that the ships were not casualties of the big sea battle off the Solomon islands. Whether they were sunk singly or while operating together was not disclosed.

A 40-knot gale sweeping over Argentina was responsible to a great extent for the damage to the 9450-ton Prairie. She was taken on supplies when a fire started in a ship moored directly astern.

Capt. R. W. Fleming, Cambridge, Mass., skipper of the Prairie, broke his ship away from the dock and the flames were brought under control after she had been moved well away from other craft.

Cargo Planes Decision Left To Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP)—WPA Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board was reported authoritatively Saturday to have left to army and navy chiefs the final decision on Henry J. Kaiser's proposal to construct a fleet of cargo planes.

A war production board spokesman, who withheld use of his name, said a special committee of four aircraft industry men had made a "somewhat unfavorable" report to Nelson on the proposal of the west coast shipbuilder.

11 Army Men Die, Crashes

FORT MYERS, Fla., Sept. 5 (AP)—Six army fliers were killed Saturday when a medium bomber crashed shortly after taking off at Page field here.

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 5 (AP)—The entire crew of five army men was killed when a medium bomber from MacDill field here crashed into Tampa bay Saturday, army officials at the field announced.

Dedicates



Chaplain Major L. E. Eison, of the ninth service command, Fort Douglas, Utah, who is to preach the sermon at services at Camp Adair today dedicating the post's 11 chapels. The services will take place in the post station chapel. Army Signal Corps photo.

Nation Faces New Sacrifice

Solon Says President To Ask Congress For Actions

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in advance of his eagerly-awaited anti-inflation decree, warned Saturday night that the nation faced "sacrifices of wage increases, crop price increases, profit increases, bodily comforts."

This indication of the program he will announce Monday in a message to congress and an address to the people was given in a Labor day statement which said that "all this is little enough for free men to sacrifice in a world where freedom is imperiled."

Government officials who could not be quoted by name reported that the plan contemplated the setting up of an economic administrator to supervise the program and an executive order limiting wages, salaries and farm prices.

In this connection, Senator Brown (D-Mich.), who sponsored the administration's price control law in the senate, said (Turn to Page 3, Column 3)

4H Fat Stock Show Coming, Fair Remnant

A fat stock show and auction sale will be the main features of the abbreviated 4H club exhibit, only remnant of the 1942 state fair, scheduled to open at the state fairgrounds here Wednesday and continue until Friday, state agricultural department officials announced Saturday.

The auction sale will be held Friday, September 11, starting at 10 a. m. A committee of the Salem chamber of commerce headed by G. A. Vandensynde, is assisting in building up the auction.

Our Senators Lost

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Aircraft Bombard Enemy

Barges Smashed At Buna; Yanks Hit Continent

By MURLIN SPENCER
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Sept. 6 (AP)—Allied air forces smashed at Japanese bases in New Guinea Saturday with three destructive raids on Buna, in which numerous landing barges, boats and other equipment were destroyed, and with other attacks on Japanese ground forces at Kokoda to the west and Milne bay to the south, a communique said Sunday.

Buna, the enemy base for the land thrust to Kokoda, 60 miles east of the allied base at Port Moresby, suffered the heaviest attacks.

A fuel dump was blown up, an anti-aircraft position silenced and huts, motor vehicles and grounded aircraft destroyed without the loss of a single allied plane. The Allied planes strafed enemy positions heavily after unloading their bombs.

The communique said allied ground forces continued mopping up the remnants of Japanese troops still holding out in the jungles near Milne bay, at the southeastern tip of New Guinea. One allied plane was lost while machine-gunning Japanese positions near Kokoda.

LONDON, Sept. 5 (AP)—American airmen in flying fortresses, Boston bombers and fighter planes, made their biggest assault yet on Hitler's transport system Saturday, the bombers smashing at the Rouen railway yards and the Le Havre docks in France while the fighters escorted the bigger planes and engaged in diversionary sweeps.

An authoritative announcement said there were no American losses but the wide activities cost the allies six fighter planes. Two enemy planes were destroyed.

The attacks followed a night of intensive allied action against Germany. A powerful force of hundreds of RAF planes started big fires in Bremen, while the Russians scattered bombs on eastern Germany and attacked Budapest for the first time.

A German war bulletin mentioned the Russian raids without naming the cities other than Budapest, but the British radio quoted Scandinavian dispatches from Berlin as saying Vienna in Austria, Koenigsberg in East Prussia and Breslau in German Silesia were among the places hit.

Sub Reported Off Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6 (Sunday)—(AP)—The Western defense command said Sunday it was investigating a report that a submarine was surfaced close to shore in the vicinity of Santa Barbara, Calif., and so far had found nothing to confirm the report.

The statement said that both military and civilian defense authorities had been placed "on full alert" and that an immediate search for possible saboteurs was started in the area. The report of the submarine came from a civilian railroad guard, the Western defense command announced. All highways in the Santa Barbara territory were being watched closely.

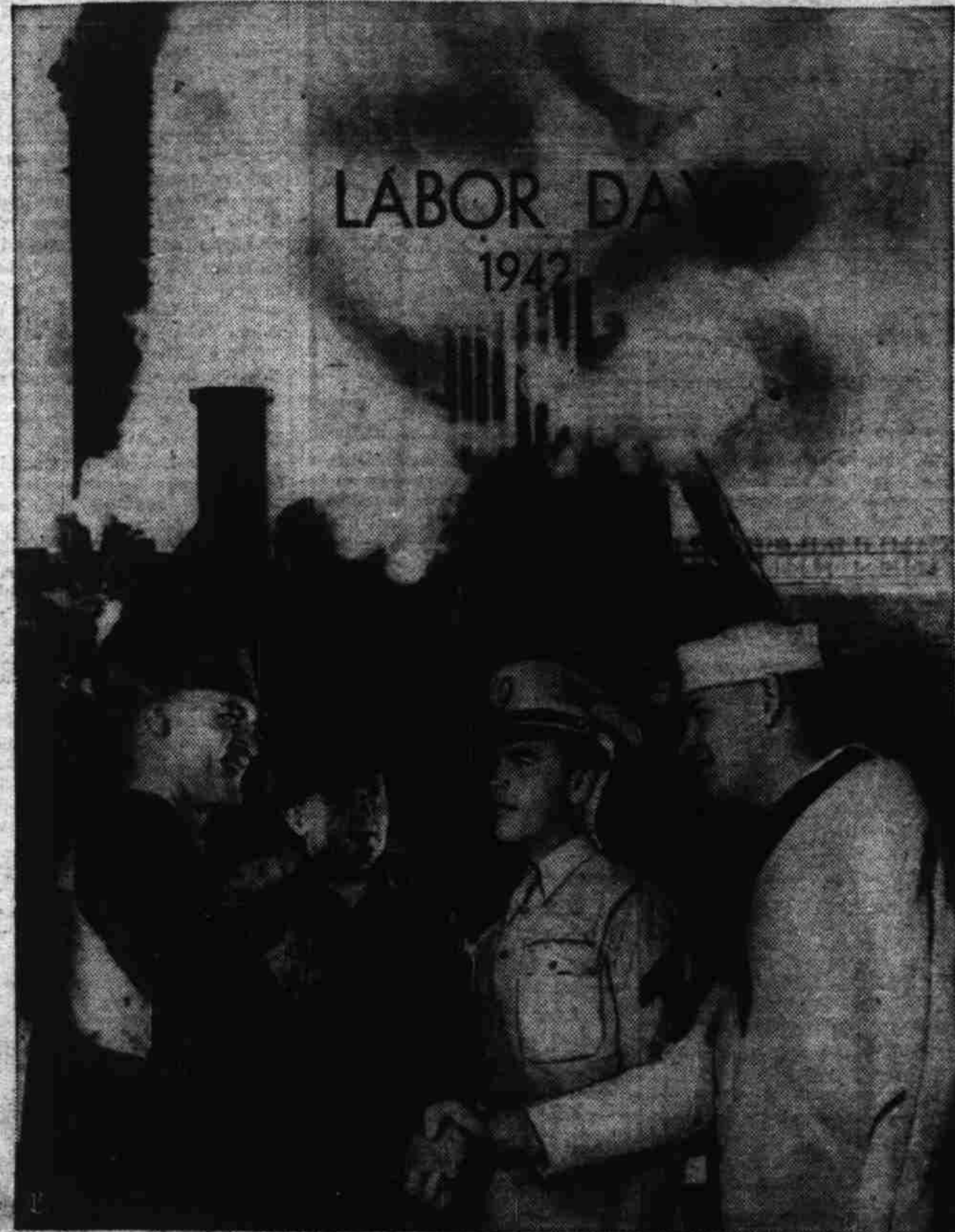
Crash Kills Three

FAIRPLAY, Colo., Sept. 5 (AP)—Three persons were killed and another injured Saturday when a private airplane crashed on the eastern slope of Kenosha pass, in mountainous central Colorado.

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Labor Day Means More This Year



Labor day has a deeper meaning this year as America fights for life against the axis powers in Europe and the treacherous Japanese in the Orient. War plants are humming, turning out the guns, planes, tanks and bullets to help fight the enemy. Labor has gone all-out for the war effort. And John Q. Citizen, the average worker, does his bit at home while his son, relative or neighbor mans the fighting line.

America to Labor on Monday

Stores to Close Here; Workers Help in Crops

Salem business houses generally are expected to close Monday, Labor day, as usual, Dr. Henry E. Morris, president of the Salem Retail Trade bureau, reported Saturday.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague and State, county and city offices also are to close for the day. Secretary of State Earl Snell is remaining in Salem over the week end, while State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott plans to spend the brief holiday in Portland.

Many state employes are planning to work today and Monday in the bean fields or hop yards.

USO Program Supervisor Arrives

To serve as program director of the city's new USO and as R. R. "Bob" Boardman's associate general director for the service men's recreation organization here, Roy Kunz arrived in Salem on Saturday afternoon from San Francisco.

A graduate of LaCrosse, Wis., State Teachers college with a bachelor's degree in education from that institution's college of physical education, Kunz has had school and orphanage coaching and teaching experience.

For the past 8 1/2 years he has been employed with the social security aides and during the past month has worked with the program director of the YMCA at the presidio in San Francisco to gain experience in the specific type of work he is to handle here.

Oregon Flier Gets DSC in Australia

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Sept. 5 (AP)—Second Lieut. Henry J. Rose of Dallas, Tex., was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross Saturday for heroism in guiding an allied striking force to a Japanese aircraft carrier in the Coral sea battle May 5. The Distinguished Service Cross also was awarded to Capt. Robert G. Rugg of Boring, Ore.

FDR Asserts Yankee Arm Stronger

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt issued Saturday night the following Labor day statement:

There has never been a Labor day as significant as this one. In a great many countries free labor has ceased to exist; a blackout of freedom has darkened Europe from the tip of Norway to the shores of the Aegean and sturdy working men who once walked erect in the sun now stumble and cower beneath the lash of the slavemasters. The rights of free labor and free men have vanished in the conquered lands. They are threatened and besieged everywhere.

This is indeed labor's grave hour as it is the grave hour of the farmer, the industrialist, the teacher and preacher, the spruced housewife, the smallest child in the cradle. All these are the beneficiaries and heirs of the democratic system, and it is democracy itself that the evil men of west and east hate and seek to destroy.

Happily, our good right arm is strong and growing stronger. In our own country, in the countries

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Cuba Takes Noted Spy

HAVANA, Cuba, Sept. 5 (AP)—Arrest of a 31-year-old German whom Cuban police described as "one of the most important spies yet captured in America," was announced Saturday. The authorities indicated he would escape the firing squad by becoming a government witness.

Police identified him as Heinz August Luning, alias Enrique Luni, a native of Bremen and for some years an export and import merchant in Hamburg. He arrived in Havana September 28, 1941, they said, on the steamer Villa De Madrid as a transit passenger for Honduras, traveling on a passport issued by the Honduras consulate in Hamburg.

Maj. Gen. Manuel Benitez, chief of the Cuban national police, said Luni had made a complete confession of participating in widespread espionage activities.

Labor to Help Launch Ships In Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 5 (AP)—Labor day will be just another labor day in war industries here Monday. Labor will take part in three ship launching ceremonies, but otherwise it will stay strictly on the job, foregoing the usual celebrations, picnics and parades.

The Oregon Shipbuilding corporation will launch the James Duncan, named for an early vice-president of the AFL, and Mrs. Tom Ray, wife of the Boilermaker union secretary, will sponsor it.

Commercial Iron Works will launch a pair of submarines, sea hulls for two more and for two navy tugs. It will also dedicate a \$1,000,000 marine railway.

'Commandos' Work Fails

WITH THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY IN THE WESTERN DESERT, Sept. 5 (AP)—Mussolini's warriors put on their first commando raid Friday, and for their trouble got arrested by British military police.

An officer and 15 men landed from rubber boats on the desert coast before dawn. They were armed to the teeth. They crept to a railway line and placed high explosives under the track. A train passed over the spot but the explosives did not explode.

Then the commandos hid in the desert. Four military policemen surprised them and captured them.

The commandos offered no resistance.

Nails Released For Peach Boxes

The war production board has released a supply of nails for boxmaking to relieve an immediate threatening shortage of peach containers, Gov. Charles A. Sprague announced Saturday afternoon.

The governor said he was asked Friday night by local peach men to help get nails for the Salem Box company, on which they were depending for their supply of boxes. He asked WPA Saturday morning for release of the needed nails.

Nazis Dub City 'Verdun'; Axis Backs in Egypt

Overwhelming Forces' Fury Held Back; Casualties Said Huge; Allies Keep Air Hold

By RICHARD McMURRAY
Associated Press War Editor

Germany's battering army smashed with increasing fury against the strengthening defenses of Stalingrad Sunday, but for the second day were fought to a standstill in the historic battle, already called a "Red Verdun."

The soviet midnight communique said the red army repelled all attacks both northwest and southwest of the beleaguered Volga river city, despite numerical superiority of the Germans.

The only German advance acknowledged by the Russian high command was in the Black sea area northwest of the soviet naval base at Novorossiisk. Here the Russians "retreated to new positions" after the Germans threw strong reinforcements against tired Russian forces who already had routed two German companies and a squadron of Rumanian cavalry.

Northwest of Stalingrad the Russians not only "defended their positions," the communique said, but in some sectors they took the initiative to launch counterattacks.

On the second great salient southwest of the city the defenders met all German onslaughts "firmly," the communique said, adding:

"Despite considerable numerical superiority, the Germans failed to advance. Our artillery and trench mortars decimated the enemy ranks."

The Germans grudgingly dubbed the city the "Red Verdun" and said it would be hard to take, although "its fate is sealed." They repeated Swedish press reports that a million Russian troops and thousands of civilians were defending the city with a bitterness unmatched in the war.

The Russians, placing the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Fuel Dealers, Users to Sign

Possible Rationing Gets Preparation Here This Week

In a voluntary registration which employees of the office of price administration hope will approach 100 per cent, fuel dealers and users of Salem are asked to provide information this week to be used as a basis for possible rationing of fuel this winter.

Dates for the registration run from Wednesday through Saturday, John F. Vaughn, executive secretary for the Salem rationing and war price administration board, announced Saturday.

Place of registration is to be the office of the board, in the city hall council chambers. Registrants will be asked to indicate on especially-prepared blanks the type or types of fuel they sell or use, the amount used last season, the amount now on hand, how much additional they estimate they will need this season and the type or types of heating facilities in their homes and places of business. They will also be asked whether they have fuel on order and if so how much.

"By cooperating fully in this registration, which is to be handled only in specified population centers, the fuel consumer and the fuel dealer are likely to protect themselves," Vaughn suggested.

Price, transportation facilities and possible ration may be based on information thus gathered.

Sociologists Fear Future Manpower Being Depleted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP)—Sociologists, noting that hundreds of thousands of teen age boys and girls are going into wartime jobs, expressed apprehension Saturday lest the nation cut too deeply now into the undeveloped manpower reserves intended for tomorrow.

Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the labor department's children's bureau, said twice as many boys and girls between 14 and 18 years old went to work in 1941 as in 1940, and the numbers have been mounting in 1942.

"We are all keenly conscious," she said, "that whatever is necessary to do to win the war must be done, but before permitting an exodus of children from school for work we must be certain that what we gained in labor for production now is not lost in needed equipment of future manpower."

Bureau records showed that in June of this year approximately 100,000 boys and girls between 14 and 18 received employment certificates for work. About 18,000 were 14 or 15 years of age. July and August have yielded these figures by thousands more. The figures show the trend was widespread, both geographically and occupationally, the bureau said.

18 to Be Executed

BERN, SWITZERLAND, Sept. 5 (AP)—Receipts of death sentences for 18 persons in Nazi-occupied territories on charges of treason, illegal possession of arms or black market activities, reached Bern Saturday.

Oregon Men Write From Jap Prison

PORTLAND, Sept. 5 (AP)—Former Gov. Ben Olcott said Saturday he had received a letter from his son, Ensign Chet W. Olcott, who was captured on Wake Island, postmarked at Tokyo and dated June 16.

Young Olcott said he was in a prison on Shikoku Island in southern Japan and that the Americans were "being rightly treated."

His father said the typewritten letter was not in the style usually written by his son but that the signature appeared genuine.

Food in the prison camp the letter said was "sufficient but novel, consisting mainly of soup, vegetables and rice."

ALBANY, Sept. 5 (AP)—Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Glewer, Saturday received the first letter from their son, Lt. David D. Kiewers, marine corps flyer, since his capture at Wake Island.

The letter was written from Shikoku Island, Japan. The lieutenant said his health was good and he was "doing O.K." The parents said the letter was typewritten, but the signature and the style was that of their sons.

C. H. Meithof Dies in Action

Charles Henry Meithof, fireman second class, U. S. navy, has been killed in action, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meithof, route one, Brooks.

Meithof was 19 years old on July 5. The last letter received from him by his family was one written on his birthday to his sister, Mrs. Ted Nolan of Woodburn. He enlisted in the navy, January 8, 1941, and was home on leave in March, 1941.

Other surviving relatives are four sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Wargnier, of Gervais, Mary, Mathilda and Margaret Meithof, Brooks; three brothers, John Meithof, Salem, and Edward and Albert Meithof, Brooks.