

Soviets Drive Westward



FR Assures Direct Hits at Axis

Corridor Reduced By Reds

Pocket at Kharkov Tighter; Krasnodar Said Liberated

By The Associated Press MOSCOW, Saturday, Feb. 13 (AP)—Soviet armies in the Ukraine have reduced the German corridor to Rostov to 70 miles and captured more towns and villages in drives on both sides of Kharkov, the Russian mid-night communique reported Saturday.

FDR Coins Pettifoggers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt used the term "pettifoggers" Friday night to describe those who question whether the country can come through the current conflict with a sound economy and achieve its "other honorable, reasonable aims."

Diversion Ceiling In Bill

Committee Enters Three Measures; on Refusals Highlight

By RALPH CURTIS Ceiling for diversion of surplus income tax funds to school districts in any one year was set at \$5,000,000 in a bill approved for introduction Friday by the house taxation and revenue committee of the Oregon legislature.

Plans Control



Rep. Joseph Martin as he appeared in Salem in 1940 for the McNary notification ceremony.

Constant Drive, Quick War End Policy of Allies

Japs to Be Expelled From China; President Declares Unity of Nations Growing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt, describing the allied policy as one of fighting hard everywhere and "ending the war as quickly as we can," Friday night promised decisive blows directly at Tokyo together with "constant and unrelenting pressure" on Germany and Italy.

Knox and Norris Tell Peace Plans

Navy Secretary Sees US Power Around World

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox declared Friday night that the United States henceforth must maintain powerful sea and air forces and must have for them a system of bases stretching around the world.

Ex-Senator Asks Disarmament of Enemy Nations

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—Former Sen. George W. Norris Friday night advocated a peace plan requiring "complete and utter disarmament of enemy countries."

Knox foresees that after the war this country must supply the major part of the military power needed to enforce peace against the desires and designs of any nation or group of nations bent upon world-wide aggression in the future.

"We must sink every battleship, we must sink every submarine to the bottom of the sea, we must make his arms plants forever incapable of producing munitions. We must prohibit standing armies of any sort."

In addition, the secretary said, "We must contribute greatly to the establishment of an economic system which will permit backward and undeveloped peoples to raise their standards of living and share in the prosperity of a world free from the threat of aggressive war."

"We must learn by the lessons of the past to take things as they are. We have said we are fighting for peace, but we won't establish it by creating another form of Hitlerism."

No Clothing Ration Need

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board emphasized Friday that there was no plan and no need for the rationing of clothing at present.

F. Bramwell Dies at Home

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Death claimed Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks from 1920 to 1927, at his home here Friday.

A war manpower commission estimate of the number of men needed by war plants and the armed forces led Nelson to forecast recently that clothing rationing would be necessary if the estimate were correct, but he stressed Friday that he did not accept the estimate.

Pastor Finds Baby on Step

EUGENE, Feb. 12 (AP)—A baby boy and a \$1 bill were on the doorstep when Dr. Norman K. Tully, Presbyterian pastor, answered his doorbell Thursday night.

The WPB chief reported that wool supplies now in this country are several hundred million pounds greater than when the United States went to war, that cotton is abundant and that stocks of manufactured clothes are in "pretty fair shape."

A note asked him to care for the child because the father had been killed in an automobile accident and the mother was unable to.

Planned Order To Leave Less Civilian Meat

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The government expects to take steps within a few days to require packers and processors to reserve greater portions of their output of pork and lard for government war needs, officials said Friday.

Union Shops Stay for War

WLB Gives Policy; Pact Advantage Denied Firms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The war labor board Friday laid down the dictum "that, as a general rule, a regularly-established union shop or closed shop shall remain regularly established for the duration of the war."

WPB Limits Heel Height, Shoe Colors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The government Friday put a ceiling on the height of heels for women's shoes, ruled out leather-covered platform effects, and restricted shoe colors to four—black, white, army russet and town brown.

The decision, with employer members dissenting, was issued in the case of the Harvill Aircraft Die Casting corporation, Inglewood, Calif., and the CIO national association of die casting workers.

An agreement providing for a union shop there, requiring all workers to be union members, expired last April 15. The company refused to renew that provision and the case came before the WLB.

Stating that the meat supply situation had deteriorated since the government had decided to ration civilians, the official said the amount of consumers will receive maybe less than two pounds a week, on a per capita basis. Originally, officials had hoped to make the equivalent of about 2 1/2 pounds available.

Secretary Wickard has said that agriculture would need more than 12,000,000 workers when operations reach a peak next summer.

Applicant List Larger by Two

The Associated Press Friday reported two additions to its Thursday night list of men who have applied for civil service examination for the position of Salem postmaster.

The official attributed the situation to black market operations and failure of livestock marketings to come up to expectations.

In the same order the war production board prohibited entirely the manufacture of men's patent leather shoes, women's formal evening slippers and metal-spiked golf shoes.

The Berlin radio said Friday night that approximately 22,000 men, women and children would be evacuated soon from Brest, on the western coast of France, to protect the population from British bombing attacks.

Consumers will not feel the effect of the shoe-streamlining order to any extent until next fall, it was said, because the spring lines already are being manufactured or are on their way to dealers.

Seasonal Farm Employees at 19-Year Low

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The agriculture department reported Friday that farm employment on February 1 was the lowest for that date since it started compiling such information in 1924, adding that farmers were apprehensive over prospects of obtaining sufficient help next summer to meet war food goals.

Employment was estimated at 8,369,000 including 6,638,000 family workers and 1,731,000 hired hands. The number of family workers was virtually unchanged from a year ago, but the number of hired workers was 8 per cent less with the decline being greatest in the midwest.

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The department stated that many of its local farm labor reporters anticipate a "severe" shortage of seasonally-hired workers for such activities as the production of fruit and truck crops, cotton, tobacco and sugar beets.

"Reports of the scarcity of skilled year-round help for dairy and poultry farms also persisted," the department said, "but total milk production during January surpassed the record established for the month last year, and egg production was substantially higher than a year ago."

Coast Guard Probes Boat

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Capt. Arthur Joachims, merchant marine inspector for the US coast guard, said Friday night that he would conduct a private hearing Saturday on the tugboat-ferry sinking that claimed seven and possibly ten lives early Thursday.

Testimony and conclusions reached will be forwarded to Washington, DC, he said, and any findings would have to come from the commandant there.

Grapples recovered the body of a seventh victim, Mrs. Esther Chamberlain, 38, Portland, Friday afternoon.

Authorities said a crane would be used Saturday to raise the tug from the sandbar on which it rests.

Salem Woman Heads School

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Mrs. Bearnie Skeen of the state department of education and former principal in the Bush elementary school in Selgen, was named principal of the new Vanport school.

The shipyard town school will open in temporary quarters March 1 with an enrollment of between 700 and 1000.

2 US Planes Lost, Canada

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 12 (AP)—Loss of two United States transport planes—one of them piloted by Lt. Col. A. R. Mensing, Jr., veteran flier and former Northwest Airlines official—was revealed Friday and an aerial search is under way for the two ships and the total of 13 persons aboard them.

The planes have been missing since February 8. One aircraft was believed down near Watson lake on the Yukon-British Columbia boundary and the other was down somewhere in the Fort Nelson, BC, area some distance south.

Ten persons were aboard one plane and three aboard the other. They included military and civilian personnel and it was believed all were American citizens. Next-of-kin have been notified.

Bad Weather Delays In Africa; 3 Jap Destroyers Sunk

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, Feb. 13 (AP)—The allies are continuing to push forward on the approaches to Salamaua, New Guinea, the allied high command announced Saturday, reporting that in the Wau area "the enemy continues his withdrawal."

The extent of the withdrawal was not stated. Friday's communique told of the main Jap force falling back on Mubo, only 12 miles below Salamaua, after suffering losses of nearly 1000 men in a series of reversals.

Saturday's communique also reported the killing of 135 more stragglers in the Kumusi river area below the Wau battleground where late last December, at a heavy cost in men and ships, the Japs put ashore some reinforcements during their futile efforts to keep their hold on the Papuan peninsula. In addition, 90 other bodies were found of Japs who had died of starvation and other causes.

On the question of a split between the allies, he said "You can be quite sure that if Japan should be the first of the axis partners to fall, the total efforts and resources of all the United Nations would be concentrated on the job of crushing Germany."

"And, on the other hand, lest there be any question in Nazi or Japanese minds that we are wholly one in the prosecution of the war to a complete victory all over the world, the prime minister (Churchill) wished to make a formal agreement that if Germany should be conquered before Japan, all British Empire resources and manpower would, of course, join with China and us in an out-and-out final attack on Japan."

"I told him that no formal statement or agreement along those lines was in the least bit necessary—that the American people accepted the word of a great English gentleman—and that it was obvious and clear that all of us are completely in accord in our determination to destroy the forces of barbarism in Asia and in Europe and Africa."

In discussing the home front, Mr. Roosevelt approached it from the standpoint of what he said he had heard from the soldiers, sailors and airmen who were in the front lines.

"There are many roads which lead right to Tokyo. We shall neglect none of them."

Otherwise, the president's address was one of reassurance to those disturbed over the policy toward the French, to those fearful that some of our allies may falter, to those professing concern over what sort of peace Russia may insist upon—and to those troubled over what may be the fate of the nation once the war ends.

Axis Propagandists Busy Axis propagandists, he said, were "trying all their old tricks" in order to divide the united nations, to "create the idea that if we win this war, Russia, England, China and the United States are going to get into a cat-and-dog fight."