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IT SEEMS TO ME that attention should be called to the southern states for their record in having the lowest percentage of registrants deferred for occupational reasons...

Here is the list of southern states, with lowest percentage of occupational deferment: Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana...

Pulp Labor Wage Parley To Be Resumed

Negotiations between the Pacific coast pulp and paper manufacturers and the International union of sulphite and paper mill workers...

The parties are in substantial agreement, but were not able to get together on the language of the contract, so operations will continue under the present contract which expired June 1st...

WU Is Naval Training Base

Salem once a port of importance in the 90's is now for the first time a naval training station with headquarters at Willamette university...

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China Hops Up Japs

Yankee Bombers Assist

300-Mile Front in Disastrous Fight

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, China, June 1 (AP)—The Chinese, expanding one of their greatest victories of the war, were thrusting forward Tuesday night over a great central China front...

The invader, suffering as well from extraordinarily powerful allied air action which was officially declared to have driven him from the sky over the Hunan-Hupeh frontier region...

Southwest of Ichang, five Japanese divisions earlier had declared "completely routed"—fatally encircled and erased as a military force.

In southern Hupeh, the enemy's 116th regiment and a portion of the mixed cavalry and engineering units covering the retreat of the 13th (Japanese) division were surrounded by our forces at Lihutang...

It was added that enemy remnants had been "thoroughly mopped up" west of Ichang and that the Japanese there were "feeling further encircling assaults."

In North Hunan, Japanese troops who retreated toward Wangchichang have been surrounded and the battle of annihilation is proceeding...

The Chinese-allied (American) air forces were said by Chiang Kai Shek's command to have been in strong, unending action along the Hupeh-Hunan border, having "inflicted immense damage on the enemy."

"The enemy's air strength," the communique went on, "thus has been greatly reduced and his plans practically made no appearance today."

Only in Shansi province, well to the north of the Hunan-Hupeh action, was any Japanese progress reported, and even there it was at high cost. There the Japanese were said to have hurried more than 10,000 reinforcements into a counterattack west of the Taihang mountains...

Kaiser Hearings May End Today

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1 (AP)—Testimony of several Seattle AFL representatives Wednesday may wind up the Kaiser shipyard's labor hearing here.

Kaiser attorneys presented their last witness Tuesday, and Robert N. Denham, national labor relations board trial examiner, said only a few AFL witnesses from Seattle remained to be called for testimony on the AFL's claim to a coast-wide bargaining unit.

Return to Jobs

LEBANON, Ore., June 1 (AP)—The full crew of 55 CIO employees of the Powers Davis Lumber company returned to work Tuesday, pending settlement of a week-old strike by the War Manpower Commission.

Bombers Continue Attacks

Allied Heavyweights Held as Light Ships Maintain Offensive

LONDON, June 1 (AP)—British light bombers and fighters carried the allied air offensive to western Europe Tuesday after the RAF's heavyweights had remained inactive for two nights following their busiest week of the war...

RAF planes shuttled over the channel throughout the day, attacking enemy shipping in coastal waters and railway targets in northern France, and scoring a five-to-one victory over enemy fighter craft.

Typhoon bombers escorted by fighters, damaged five small enemy supply ships in an attack off the coast of Holland in the forenoon.

Squadrons of fighters shot up railway installations in northern France in afternoon operations. The fighter pilots shot down two Focke-Pulf 190's and three Messerschmitt 109's during the day-light sweeps and lost only one of their own planes.

Germany's dwindling air forces again made light jobs at the southeastern and southern coastal regions of England this afternoon but paid a high price for the attempts. British fighters knocked down five of 12 Focke-Wulf fighter-bombers and two more probably were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

Other fighter-bombers raided a south coast village, where a number of casualties were caused by bomb bursts on a hotel and other buildings.

One southeast coast town was (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

OPA Approves Pants Cuffs For 'Shortys'

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The war production board Tuesday lifted its ban on cuffs for men's trousers, but hastened to explain that short men probably will be the only ones to benefit from the action.

Restrictions on the length of trouser legs—a 32 waist regular is allowed a 35-inch inseam—remain unchanged. Thus, WPB said, very few men will have the necessary five inches at the bottom of the trouser leg to turn up for a cuff.

Some may be able to get a simulated cuff, however, since that takes only a three-inch turn up. The WPB said the cuff restriction had accomplished its prime purpose of recovering enough excess wool cloth from 19,000,000 pairs of trousers to make an extra 300,000 wool garments this year.

Algeria Head Resigns Post

ALGIERS, June 1 (AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle today accepted the resignation of Marcel Peyrouton as governor general of Algeria.

Peyrouton asked to be assigned as a captain in the French infantry to prove he was willing to fight for the redemption of France. De Gaulle then named the governor, whose appointment had aroused much controversy among De Gaulle supporters, to the position he asked.

McIntire Arrives In San Francisco SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (AP)—Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon-general of the United States navy who is on a tour of naval facilities, arrived here Tuesday night.

Some Fawn If Ya Doe-n Wanna Obey

PORTLAND, June 1 (AP)—The state game commission Tuesday asked Oregonians to refrain from making pets of fawns found wandering in the woods. It's against the law to take fawns home without obtaining a permit, and besides, the little deer are getting along all right anyway, the commission said.

OPA Orders Canned Milk On Ration List

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Rationing of canned milk was ordered Tuesday night by OPA, acting without warning to conserve diminishing supplies for babies.

No actual restrictions were placed upon the purchase of evaporated and condensed milk for adult use, but canned milk will take red coupons, and most adults are expected to save the coupons for meat, butter or cheese.

The point value was placed at one per pound, which means that the common tall can, 14 1/2 ounces, will cost one point. The common small size, six ounces, will be two for a point. Since the minimum rationed purchase is one point, however, anyone who buys a single small can will still have to pay a full point.

The order was made effective at midnight Tuesday. OPA said it was issued at the request of the war food administration because production of canned milk has fallen 25 per cent below requirements.

OPA said specifically that no extra points, beyond the standard 36 per person per week, will be made available to ordinary consumers for the purchase of canned milk, since babies are eligible for their own ration books, and generally parents have been buying meat for themselves with the baby's red coupons. This will still be possible for parents of breast-fed babies and infants drinking regular milk, and even those infants who feed on formulas requiring canned milk will not use all their points. The latter usually use one tall can per day, which would take seven of the child's 16 weekly points.

Eastern Gas Ration Cut

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The office of price administration ordered a 17 per cent slash Tuesday in the value of "B" and "C" coupons in the northeast and took other drastic steps which Administrator Prentiss M. Brown described as "tough."

Beginning at midnight, these gasoline rations will be worth 2 1/2 instead of three gallons from Maine to Virginia.

Bus Strikers Still Adamant

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 1 (AP)—Striking bus drivers whose walkout early Tuesday virtually paralyzed the public transportation system of this center of war industries, voted at a meeting Tuesday night not to return to work pending negotiation of their demands.

Joseph M. Littell, strike leader, said the action of the men was unanimous.

Emmons Resigns Commission Post

Resignation of C. S. "Pat" Emmons of Salem as claim supervisor for the state industrial accident commission, a post he has filled for two years, was announced Tuesday.

Emmons said he would return June 15 to the attorney general's staff, with which he was associated before taking the position with the accident commission.

US Subs Sink 7 Ships

Japs Lose 400 Men In One Night Fight On Attu Island

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Destruction of seven Japanese ships by American submarines, striking vigorously at the enemy's supply lines, was announced by the navy Tuesday as land fighting on Attu moved toward a final cleanup of remaining scattered pockets of enemy resistance.

A communique on the waning battle of Attu disclosed that more than 400 Japanese were killed in a single night's fighting. This clean-up in the Chichagof harbor section apparently left only weak, comparatively minute groups of enemy soldiers to be cleared out of the northeastern end of the north Pacific island around Cape Khibinikof, to make conquest complete.

A second war bulletin reported on submarine operations, announcing a destroyer sunk and the following auxiliary vessels also destroyed: one large tanker, one large cargo ship, two medium sized cargo ships, one small cargo ship and one medium sized transport. In addition a large tanker was listed as damaged and probably sunk.

These successful submarine attacks raised to 240 the number of Japanese ships sunk or damaged by American underwater craft in the war to date. The total consists of 169 ships sunk, 27 probably sunk and 44 damaged.

Naval men here consider the submarine campaign against enemy supply lines to have the closest relationship with island fighting such as that which has been in progress on Attu since three weeks ago Tuesday. They emphasize that the enemy's steadily weakening maritime strength directly controls his ability to maintain farflung island outposts while on the other hand the American assaults on such places as Attu tax his overseas supplies facilities to the limit.

A navy communique reported (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Convicts' Gun Victim Is Improved

Robert E. Shields, 50, shot early Saturday morning when he defied a pair of fleeing Oregon state penitentiary convicts at his home near Mehama, continued to "show improvement" at Salem Deaconess hospital Tuesday, attendants there reported.

Shields, a timber feller for the Hoarling River Lumber company, was shot through the abdomen a few hours before the two youths who had escaped from gun gangs in prison flax fields here Friday afternoon were apprehended.

Still at large is George W. Durham, 33, who walked out of the flax yards after two guards had been disarmed by Merlyn Gene Kenner and Doyle Clark McCann.

Okeh, George, Sure, George, Yeah, George!

Naval cadets who wish to pass the buck at the Willamette university naval training center will be putting matters into efficient hands if they say "Let George do it"—and then they might be getting into trouble, George's on the Willamette too.

campus are Lt. George C. Bliss (s. z.), commanding officer Capt. George W. Shepard of the naval medical corps and George Herbert Smith, president of the university.

Third Forest Fire Attempt Is Revealed

PORT ORFORD, Ore., June 1 (AP)—The story of the third enemy attack on the Oregon coast—a vain attempt by a lone plane, presumably Japanese, to start a forest fire—was disclosed Tuesday.

The attack occurred Sept. 28 last year, but was not announced for military reasons. The western defense command cleared the story Tuesday after forest officials reported the raid in congressional testimony.

A forest service fire lookout, perched on a lonely, fog drenched mountain, had a ringside seat for the attack.

Lauren S. Giebner, whose tower commands a vast stand of Douglas fir east of this seacoast village, said he heard an airplane motor early September 28, saw a flash through a fog haze, but was unable to see the plane. Two hours later he spotted a fire, which was controlled without difficulty.

This was the second attack in September. On September 9 a tiny seaplane dropped two incendiary bombs near Brookings, the first attack was on June 21 when shells were dropped, probably from a submarine's guns, near Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Unlike the Sept. 9 attack, witnessed by several persons in comparatively clear weather and spotted by air raid watchers almost as soon as the plane reached the coast line, the Port Orford raid was obscured by fog.

Giebner reported to his superior, Herschel Obye, supervisor of the Sitkiyou national forest at Grants Pass, as follows: Shortly after 5 a. m., he heard the sound of a motor, northeast of his tower on Grassy Knob. At 5:22 a. m. he saw a flash of fire and heard a single blast.

He reported immediately to forest headquarters, and kept sharp watch for flames. At 7:55 a. m., he saw them, in the deep, heavily timbered Dry Creek canyon, about (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

How Oregon's Congressmen Voted

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Republicans Angell, Mott and Stockman of Oregon and Norman, Hogan and Holmes of Washington voted Tuesday in the house to adopt the conference war report.

In the senate Republicans Holtzman and McNary of Oregon voted for a finance committee amendment to the reciprocal trade agreement legislation permitting congress to terminate agreements six months after the war ends. The amendment lost.

LONDON, June 1 (AP)—Growing feeling was evident Tuesday that Germany, suffering from such wounds as those of Stalingrad and Tunisia, is reluctant to risk a new summer offensive in Russia while the British-American threat is poised.

That feeling was supported by inferential acknowledgement of a new communique that Hitler had led the initiative, but there was some suspicion that German propaganda might be at work in all this. As the London Star put it, Stalin himself "believes that the enemy plans yet one more grand assault upon the Red army. We in the west would be wise to take the same line and to remember that Hitler may still

be strong enough to strike back at us."

With this qualification, a variety of reports and circumstances suggested timidity and uncertainty among German leaders. Advice from creditable sources were that Rumania and Hungary—axis satellites have been estimated by Prime Minister Churchill to have at present 26 divisions on the Russian front—were stubbornly resisting further participation in the Russian campaign.

Unions Propose Temporary \$1.50 a Day Portal-Portal Pay, According to Lewis

A walk out by 500,000 miners paralyzed the nation's coal industry Tuesday night while a stormy battle raged in Washington over the negotiations in the wage controversy:

1. Secretary Ickes, as fuel administrator, called the work stoppage a "strike against the government" and asked that John L. Lewis, their president, order the miners back to work. Ickes also accused a "few powerful operators" of deliberately opposing a compromise and demanded that both parties to the dispute do everything necessary to reach a speedy conclusion.

2. The operators made known that they had telegraphed the war labor board that the United Mine Workers were "adamant in their demand for \$2 a day, no more, no less," and added that "the operators await further directions from the board."

3. Lewis replied that the operators' statement was "a flagrant misrepresentation of fact," and asserted the miners had proposed a temporary agreement providing for an increase of \$1.50 a day portal to portal pay while a commission decided the actual length of underground travel time. He proposed to make the \$1.50 payment retroactive to April 1.

The operators, Lewis said, objected both to the amount of money and the retroactive feature. There were reports Tuesday night that the operators had offered to pay for 45 minutes travel time a day.

Lewis said Ickes had advanced the idea for a commission study of underground travel time with a temporary agreement meantime. He said Ickes had not suggested a specific amount of payment. Bluntly, Ickes told Lewis that

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Pay-as-you-go for America's 44,000,000 individual income tax payers became virtually certain Tuesday as the house passed and sped to the senate a compromise measure providing 75 to 100 per cent abatement of one year's taxes and imposing a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portion of wages and salaries, effective July 1.

Quick passage was expected in the senate, and administration leaders said President Roosevelt would let it become law.

The 356 to 114 house vote relegated to history the bitter party legislative battle of recent years in which house republicans supported democrats opposed to various versions of the Ruml plan to skip an entire income tax year. The bill received the votes of 89 democrats and 167 republicans, while 99 democrats, 12 republicans and three minor party members opposed it.

Tuesday's action was on a compromise devised after legislative machinery fell into a four-month stalemate on the Ruml issue. Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) described the compromise as "25 per cent of the Ruml plan."

The bill provides: 1. 100 per cent abatement for (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Davies Lands In Seattle

SEATTLE, June 1 (AP)—Former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies flew back to the United States Tuesday from his second "mission to Moscow."

The surprise arrival in Seattle was announced by Maj. Frank E. Williamson, army air transport detachment commander here. He was scheduled to remain here overnight.

In his only statement, issued through Major Williamson, Davies said: "I am flying to Washington immediately to report to the commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt."

Davies was in seclusion here. Major Williamson said he declined to be interviewed or make any additional comment.

German Attack on Russia Said Unlikely In Light of Tunis, Stalingrad Defeats

Emerging fact—conceded during the day by a high Spanish official presumably friendly to the axis—that axis submarines had failed to halt allied sea traffic which would be essential to European invasion.

Both through Dietmar and the neutral press Germans were presented as an army standing on the defensive through 1943, and observers here concluded that if a decision really had been made not to attempt a grand assault upon Russia this year it was a victory for the German generals over the "intuition" with which Hitler has been conducting operations. Limited German aggressive action—in the nature perhaps of a "defensive offensive" intended to anticipate

the real thing by the Russians—was seen as one likely course.

Berlin dispatches to the Stockholm newspaper Tidningen in neutral Sweden attributed to "informed Berlin quarters" admissions that Germany could no longer deny the crippling effects of defeats in Russia and Africa and the allied air attacks, and that she required "a calm year" to restore herself.

Dietmar himself in his broadcast somewhat supported this motion. "We can now reap the fruits of previous successes," he said. "We have won an area whose effective use makes it ever more difficult to attack us."