

By Charles A. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that the pioneers in flax growing in this valley would rejoice to know that this year twelve processing plants will be operating here...

Of the eleven private plants, three are the original cooperatives started some five years ago; Canby, Mt. Angel, Springfield.

The maximum capacity of these plants would aggregate between 2400 and 3000 tons of linen fibre a year.

The two local mills, Salem Linen and Miles Linen, will not be able to consume the valley fibre production...

Linen fibre is a wartime necessity. It is used in large quantities particularly by the navy...

Free French Committee Is Established

ALGIERS, June 3 (AP)—A French committee of national liberation headed jointly by General Charles de Gaulle and Henri Giraud was established formally Thursday...

Formation of this strong central authority to oppose Pierre Laval's axis-committed regime and to rally the French masses...

Signs of tension began disappearing here immediately, replaced by a new spirit of conciliation in all official quarters.

The seven-man committee, which is to be expanded to nine, will direct the French war effort until France is freed...

Gen. Alphonse J. Georges and Jean Monnet, named by Giraud; Rene Massigli and Andre Philip...

Japs Lose Two Planes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, June 4 (AP)—Two Japanese planes were downed and another damaged in air activity Thursday...

One went down as four enemy fighters unsuccessfully sought to intercept two allied four-motored bombers...

The other, a float plane, was downed and still another float plane damaged out of six which tried to intercept heavy allied bombers over Dobo...

Lack of Coal Forces Shutdown

CLEVELAND, June 3 (AP)—Republic Steel Corp., the nation's No. 3 producer, notified government officials Thursday...

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Writing a Million Names on Ration Books



Voluntarily, as a patriotic contribution, inmates of the Oregon penitentiary are filling in the names of more than a million applicants...

Penitentiary Inmates Begin Ration Book 3 Addressing

Volunteer Workers To 'Sign' 1,235,000 Separate 'Editions'

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Inscribing the name of every non-military resident of Oregon—approximately 1,235,000 names all told—on separate copies of ration book 3...

What's more, they are doing a competent, accurate job of it, according to OPA officials supervising the task.

Willfulness of the inmates to perform this labor has made it possible to avoid placing an extraordinary burden on the regular volunteer workers...

The state's wards are taking to the task enthusiastically, according to W. R. Edlund assistant state rationing officer for OPA...

This is a busy season at the "big house," only 50 to 75 men are available for a day crew...

About 25,000 ration books daily are now being processed, said A. T. Lefor, OPA supervisor...

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Maybe They Had 'A-I' Priorities

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The Lawrence Diebolds always had wanted a baby girl since their marriage eight years ago.

But the first child was a boy, so was the second and so was the third.

Wednesday they had triplets—all girls.

Rumors Rife As Davies Ends Mission

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Joseph E. Davies completed his "second mission to Moscow" Thursday and set this capital speculating whether it meant a meeting has been arranged for President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

The former ambassador to Moscow, returning from a special mission there, arrived in Washington by air at 4:51 p.m. and went at once to the White House...

Declaring the afternoon session a total loss, Denham warned counsel to be prepared tomorrow to stipulate or put witnesses on the stand.

Father Draft Expected Soon By Executive

PORTLAND, June 3 (AP)—Fathers who have but one child may be called for military service soon, Lawrence A. Appley, Washington, DC, executive director of the war manpower commission, said Thursday.

"I think they will be called in large numbers within a short time," he told an Oregonian reporter.

Appley, who spent two days investigating the manpower situation here, described Portland's labor situation as "critical."

Salem Man Cited WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—First Lieut Leroy V. Casey, Salem, was among 10 Oregon men cited Thursday for exceptional aerial performance in the Tunisian campaign.

WLB Hearings Bogged Down PORTLAND, June 3 (AP)—Reports of the national labor relations board trial Examiner Robert L. Denham to wind up the Kaiser shipyard labor hearing bogged down Thursday as rival attorneys failed to agree on stipulations.

Further down the river, other Chinese troops were declared in a special communique of Chiang Kai-Shek's command to have trapped 40,000 of the Japanese invaders—30,000 of whom were officially declared already to have fallen as casualties.

In yet another drive in the counter-offensive now throwing the Japanese back all along the upper Yangtze front, Chinese columns crossed into Hupeh from Hunan province, said the high command, and surrounded the Japanese position of Jungan, this some 70 miles southeast of Ichang.

Back to Work or Else, Is Order Given Miners

Warsaw Jews Die Fighting

300 Germans Killed 2000 Are Wounded In Ghetto Pogrom

STOCKHOLM, June 3 (AP)—Desperate Jews, defending themselves at barricades in a pitched battle that lasted three weeks, killed 300 Germans and wounded more than 2000 when German elite troops sought to liquidate the Warsaw ghetto recently, a secret Polish radio station heard here said Thursday night.

The station, Radio SWIT, said the action began April 12 when the Germans marched on the 35,000 Jews still left of the original 4,000,000 crowded in the walled ghetto.

The Jews fought at the barricades until April 24. Then street and house fighting began as the Germans pressed in with the aid of artillery, machine guns, flame-throwers and even light bombing planes, the broadcast said.

Blocks of buildings were blown sky high by mines. Sections of the ghetto were set afire.

But even after water, gas and electricity were shut off the Jews continued to defend themselves.

Two thousand Jews fell in the street fighting and 3000 were killed by the firing the report said. The Germans, finally winning out, deported 14,000 to the east.

It was the same station that on April 21 broadcast: "The last 35,000 Jews in the ghetto at Warsaw have been condemned to execution. Warsaw again is echoing to musketry volleys.

"The people are murdered. Women and children defend themselves with their naked arms. "Save us..."

The station then suddenly went dead. (Rabbi Irving Miller of New York, secretary general of the world Jewish congress, asserted in London May 14 that 40,000 Jews had been murdered or forcibly removed from the Warsaw ghetto in the preceding ten days.

(He said the action was taken when the Jews revolted against inhuman treatment and killed 60 German officers and men.)

Daily Coal Loss 2,000,000 Tons

PITTSBURGH, June 3 (AP)—The three-day-old walkout of the nation's miners is causing a daily tonnage loss of more than 2,000,000 tons, unofficial reports from 18 coal producing states disclosed Thursday, as industrial supplies diminished and curtailment of production appeared probable in the foremost war metal—steel.

Firm Gets Contract

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Henry J. Carl, Salem, Ore., has been awarded a war department contract for construction of temporary frame buildings and apartments in Benton county, Ore. The contract was for less than \$50,000.

One Miner Carries On 'For His Boy'

UNIONTOWN, Pa., June 3 (AP)—Charles Hartman, 50-year-old strapping six footer, carried on his self-styled "one man rebellion" against the coal strike Thursday, going into the mine at the Palmer works of the H. C. Frick Coke company near here for the third straight day.

Leaving to go to work on the 3 p. m. shift—he has been the only coal digger to report since the walkout started on Tuesday—he said:

"My boy was sent to Africa to do a job and I've got a job to do here."

Mrs. Hartman, a kindly, gray-haired woman, expressed some concern over her husband's determination to work.

Stimson Hints Blow Against Japan Readied

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson gave an offhanded indication Thursday of attacks to come on the territory of Japan proper, and the navy emphasized it shortly afterward with a report of further mopping up on Attu Island in the Aleutians and an air attack on the now-isolated Japanese base at Kiska.

Secretary Stimson's comment, limited to the casual, matter-of-fact remark that the virtually completed recapture of Attu puts American forces "in striking distance of Japanese territory," came in his regular press conference.

He would go no further, turning away requests for elaboration with the remark that "it's a pretty long distance" from the regained American position in the (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

McSherry Back From Bond Meet

Irl S. McSherry, executive director for the Oregon division of the National War Fund, arrived home Thursday from a trip to New York where plans for organizing the country for the drive for funds next October were discussed. Representatives were present from all the states, with Winthrop W. Aldrich presiding. One of the important addresses, McSherry reports, was that given by John D. Rockefeller.

A state meeting to perfect the Oregon organization will be held in Salem next Wednesday, at ten a. m. in the public hearing room at the state capitol, called by Charles A. Sprague, state chairman, Frank J. Lomergan, state chairman of USO, one of the agencies to be supported by the fund, will speak, also Jess Gard, representing United Chis. Relief.

State offices will be opened today in rooms 5 and 6, Ladd and Bush building, with Mr. McSherry in charge. Mrs. Carleton E. Spencer will be office secretary.

Soviets Spring Attack

Drive Aimed at Nazi Kuban Bridgehead Near Temryuk

LONDON, Friday, June 4 (AP)—The Red army has sprung a new offensive near Temryuk on the Sea of Azov in an effort to "split German forces" clinging to the swampy Kuban bridgehead, but has not achieved any "lasting success," the Berlin radio said Thursday night.

A Tass report quoted front dispatches as saying that air forces of both sides were making "thousands of flights per day" in accelerated sky fighting over the Caucasus, but there were few Soviet details on the land struggle.

Moscow's midnight bulletin recorded early today by the Soviet Monitor used the week-old phrase "fighting continued" to describe operations in the Taman peninsula between Novorossisk on the Black sea coast and Temryuk on the sea of Azov.

German broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press said the attack on Temryuk, on the German left flank, was launched without any cessation in red army attacks on Krimskaya, a point between Temryuk and Novorossisk.

"This is meant to be not only a diversion, but is aimed to split the German forces."

It is in this area that the German radio 24 hours ago acknowledged that "weak remnants" of soviet forces had broken through to the sea of Azov in an obvious effort to seize this important point near the Kerch strait across which German supplies are ferried from the Crimea.

One German broadcast said soviet airmen were repeatedly attacking the few supply roads leading back to the Kerch strait, and also were strafing German cargo boats in the strait.

The heavy air action was not confined to the Caucasus. A Moscow broadcast said long-range Russian bombers flew 250 miles west of Kharkov in the Ukraine to raid Kiev Wednesday night, and also attacked Rostov, a railway junction between Smolensk and Bryansk on the central front.

In addition a transport and tug were sunk in the Gulf of Finland by soviet airmen, the midnight communique said, and ships and aircraft combined to sink an enemy transport, minesweeper and two patrol ships in the Barents sea.

Blood Donation Hits 500 Pints

More than 500 pints of blood had been donated by Thursday night through the Red Cross blood plasma bank by prisoners at the Oregon state penitentiary here, officials at the prison said.

One hundred twenty volunteers were on hand to give to the blood bank Thursday when the mobile unit rolled between the guards at the prison gates. An army doctor, assisted by Red Cross nurses conducted the "clinic" which has become a weekly event at the prison.

Drastic Action Ready

Refusal May Bring Troops, Drafting Of All Strikers

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt, acting as war-time commander-in-chief, Thursday flatly ordered some 500,000 striking mine workers to return to work Monday—and drastic measures were reported in store in case they disobeyed.

Backing to the limit the war labor board which John L. Lewis has defied, Mr. Roosevelt said that when the miners return to their "war duties" the disposition of the dispute "will forthwith proceed, under the jurisdiction of the war labor board and in accordance with the customary and established procedures governing all cases of this sort."

There was no early conclusive indication of what the miners may do. William Hargest, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, district 5, said at Pittsburgh

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Authorities on the selective service act said Thursday night that the government might be able to put pressure on the striking coal miners to return to work.

he didn't know but his first guess "is that they won't go back" unless ordered to do so through some arrangement of the UMW policy committee. A Kentucky union official, who withheld use of his name, expressed doubt the president's order would have much effect.

The president made no mention of what he would do if the strike continued—in fact his terse statement did not seem to recognize even a possibility that the order could be ignored.

Responsible sources said he was ready to resort to use of troops, the draft laws and other measures if necessary.

Moreover, it was stated on high authority that the government is considering seriously the question of whether men who have struck (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Many Injured In Explosion

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 3 (AP)—Between 35 and 40 persons were injured, at least five of them seriously, when an explosion virtually wrecked one building of the Celanese corporation of America's plant Thursday. No deaths were reported.

Ten persons were admitted to the Memorial hospital and eight to the Allegheny general hospital, while others were treated at the plant's first aid station.

The city health department dispatched four boxes of blood plasma to Memorial hospital, where the more seriously injured workers were taken.

Chinese Sweep Japs to Ichang

OBUNGKING, China, June 3 (AP)—Supported by an American-Chinese air force which dominated the central China skies and was shooting Japanese planes down at the rate of 14 to 1, the Chinese armies swept Thursday night, to the south bank of the Yangtze and were separated only by that great river from the main Japanese base of Ichang in Hupeh province.

Further down the river, other Chinese troops were declared in a special communique of Chiang Kai-Shek's command to have trapped 40,000 of the Japanese invaders—30,000 of whom were officially declared already to have fallen as casualties.

In yet another drive in the counter-offensive now throwing the Japanese back all along the upper Yangtze front, Chinese columns crossed into Hupeh from Hunan province, said the high command, and surrounded the Japanese position of Jungan, this some 70 miles southeast of Ichang.

The main drive on Ichang, which had advanced 32 miles within less than a week, earlier had overrun and reoccupied the towns of Changyang and Chikiang, respectively 12 and 35 miles south of that base.

So complete was American-Chinese mastery aloft that in two days allied pilots had destroyed a minimum of 28 Japanese planes, and probably 36, against two allied planes lost. American bombers got 50 Japanese planes in a single action.

This air support, the most effective ever given the Chinese armies, was carried on to cut up the retreating invader. On a single avenue of Japanese retreat, the road back from Changyang, Chinese dispatches estimated that allied planes alone had killed more than 1500 enemy troops struggling on the ground.

The enemy's behavior under this lethal fire convinced allied airmen that this was his first real

experience of heavy assault from the air.

Japanese communications to Ichang were in imminent danger; the city itself appeared directly threatened.

As dispatches from the front pictured unbroken Chinese successes in this greatest victory of six years of war in the China theatre, the spokesman announced that 100,000 Japanese troops had been turned back in the battle and that of this number 30,000 had fallen as casualties.

He pointed out, however, that five Japanese divisions, previously reported to have been encircled, had a line of retreat still open.