

ALLIES DAMAGE 20 WARSHIPS

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The Bonneville power administration and Oregon State college are joining in research to find additional uses for electricity on farms. Bonneville puts up most of the money, the college provides facilities and personnel and conducts the investigations. There is more to this project than "meets the eye" and it isn't politics, as Board Member Groesbeck feared.

If and when the heavy war load on Bonneville-Grand Coulee power runs out the administration will have "power to burn." Naturally it is concerned with market, not only in industries but on farms. The latter offers a field with great possibilities.

Mentioned in the news report of the research project are irrigation, farm refrigeration, water heating, space heating, preservation of storage crops and feeding with electrically dried hay. Other possibilities lie in studies of special rays on animal growth, egg production, hothouse vegetable and flower production.

Don't think that reference to special rays is silly. Experiments in California showed that raisins dried under infra-red rays dried in seven minutes as compared with 17 hours by the hot-air method, and retained more of their flavor and aroma.

So broad is the field for use of electricity in farming and (Continued on Editorial Page)

Army Officials Take Over at Plywood Plant

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., July 25—(AP)—Acting under orders from President Truman, U.S. army officials took over the Springfield Plywood corporation plant at 5 p. m. today.

Lt. Col. Leroy Burns, in command, said all employees are expected to report for work on their regular shifts tomorrow, and that conferences with union officials will begin tomorrow morning.

The mill, which employs 300 men on a two-shift day, has more than nine million board feet of war orders on hand.

Workers have been out since July 19, and despite CIO efforts to muster an operational crew, the plant, 100 per cent engaged in war production, has remained idle. Firemen were permitted to remain on the job to cut down fire hazard.

City of Berlin Felt 76,652 Tons of Bombs

LONDON, July 25—(AP)—Berlin, the most bombed city in the world, was on the receiving end of 76,652 tons of bombs, it was announced today.

Of these, the RAF dropped 50,900 tons and the American air force, in 19 major daylight attacks, added another 25,692.

Essen was listed as the second most bombed city with 36,420 tons followed by Cologne, 34,711; Duisburg, 30,025; Hamburg, 22,380; Kiel, 18,712, and Nuernberg, 13,021.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"But I'm not swimming—I'm boating."

Only One Fire Not Stopped

Crew Trailing Wilson Blaze to Prevent Spread

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25—(AP)—Except in smoke-blanketed Tillamook county in Oregon, all of the northwest's major forest fires were either out or under control of thousands of fighters tonight.

In the one remaining hot spot, where around 50 square miles have been blackened, effective control measures were impossible and the scores of spot blazes simply were burning themselves out.

A late report Wednesday night from Wendell Ewing, chief dispatcher of the state forester's office here, said that the eastern and western perimeters of the Wilson river and Salmonberry fire have been trailed and fire crew chiefs were hiring every available man with woods experience to help fell snags.

The Polk county fire, is completely trailed, Ewing stated, and mop up action is beginning in that area. Efforts were being made to quell the danger which may arise with the lower humidity and higher winds that are anticipated later in the week.

In southwest Oregon a fire covering about 300 acres, which started Tuesday near the hamlet of Rogue River, was brought under control Wednesday with the help of about 125 troops from Camp White near Medford. Ewing said that there was evidence that showed the fire there to have started from a lit cigarette which was tossed across the highway.

Fire crews discovered several spot fires on Spruce creek on the east tributary of the Nehalem river and immediate action was taken to put down the blaze. The number of men on duty in all areas will remain the same until all fires are completely under control, the forestry office said, although plans have been made to relieve some of the troops who have been fighting the burn on the Wilson river and Salmonberry areas as soon as possible with a fresh crew of soldiers.

B-29s Score Good Results On Oil Plants

GUAM, Thursday, July 26—(AP)—B-29 bombers scored "good to excellent" results on three oil targets in the Tokyo area bombed last night in their twelfth blow at Japan's oil refining centers.

Only one Superfort of the nearly 100 attackers was lost to anti-aircraft fire, which at some points was intense. There was no fighter opposition.

Twentieth air force headquarters reported simultaneously that two more Japanese cities had been hard hit by Superforts, increasing total damage to urban industrial areas to 143 square miles among 39 cities on the enemy's home islands.

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

LOS ANGELES, July 25—(AP)—How times have changed! A motor scooter was the get-away vehicle for two teen-agers today after one of them snatched a purse containing \$1 from a feminine pedestrian.

Dead



Gen. Malin Craig

General Craig, Former Chief Of Staff, Dies

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Gen. Malin Craig, former army chief of staff and head of a war department board which has passed on all general officer promotions in the present war, died today.

Craig, 69, succumbed in Walter Reed general hospital, where he had been under treatment since suffering a heart attack a year ago. His death was announced "with deep regret" by Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

General Craig succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur as chief of staff in October, 1935. He served almost four years before retirement in August, 1939, to be succeeded by the present army chief, Gen. George C. Marshall.

Returning to active duty just before the United States entered the present war, Craig became president of the war department's personnel board.

Born August 1, 1875, at St. Joseph, Mo., Craig was appointed to West Point from Pennsylvania. He served in the Spanish-American war, the Boxer rebellion in China and as chief of staff of the 41st division and the First American army corps in Europe during the first world war.

Tax Head Not Yet Selected

Following a lengthy executive session of the state board of control here Wednesday, members of the board indicated that they had failed to agree upon the selection of a state tax commissioner to succeed Earl B. Day, Jackson county, who resigned effective August 1.

State Senator Coe McKenna, Portland, County Judge Carl Chambers, Unadilla county, and R. L. Gile, Roseburg, were reported to be under consideration for the position. There was some talk following Wednesday's meeting that a fourth person may enter the picture later in the week, as members of the board indicated another meeting would be held probably Friday.

Point Values On Meat Will Be Reduced

DENVER, July 25—(AP)—Point values on all cuts of beef, lamb and veal will be reduced an average of 21 per cent, effective next Sunday, District OPA Director James R. Sledge announced today. (The cut has been anticipated but has not been formally announced by OPA in Washington.)

The reduction will be based upon the average quantities available, Sledge said. While the number of red points allotted remains unchanged, the reduction will have about the same effect as an addition of 10 points to the 50 validated for each ration book holder.

Sledge added the reduction would not apply to pork, which is used only to a limited extent in hot weather.

Croese to Head Loan Division For Veterans

Al J. Croese, Salem, was appointed head of the loan division of the recently created state department of veteran's affairs, Hugh Rosson, director of the department, announced Wednesday.

Croese has been an employee of the state since 1927 when he was made property manager for the world war veterans state aid commission and has continued in that capacity since. Two years ago, when the commission merged with the state land board, he was also put in charge of the veterans loan division of the land board.

Mrs. Pearl Victor, who has been his secretary for the past 10 years, was also promoted to be secretary to Rosson as well as continuing her work with Croese. Other members of the staff will probably be announced later.

The newly created department, which was recommended by Gov. Earl Snell in his message to the 1945 legislature, will handle loans for both farm and home properties for veterans of World War II only. Offices for the department are in the State Library building.

Beef Portion For Army Cut

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, acting upon army recommendations, today reduced the portion of beef which federally-inspected slaughterers must set aside for the armed services.

Effective July 29, the army's portion of army styled beef will be reduced from 25 to 20 per cent and of utility, canner and cutter grades from 65 to 55 per cent of the production of such slaughterers.

These reductions in military set asides were made to bring army procurement in line with the share allocated the military services for the current quarter. The reductions reflect increased marketings of cattle.

Patton Due in Prague

PRAGUE, July 25—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, jr., will arrive in Prague Friday from the American occupation zone, it was announced today. Patton will be awarded a medal by the Czech government and will be the luncheon guest of President Benes.

HALIFAX FLIES TO ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—The Earl of Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, left by plane today for England and what embassy officials described as "a routine summer visit."

I've seen what has happened here before," Lucas said. Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky sided with Lucas, and he warned against anyone "lying in ambush to nullify our solemn agreement" when the implement legislation comes up.

Wheeler took this personally and retorted that he didn't think "anyone is lying in ambush." He referred again to John Foster Dulles, chief adviser to the American delegation at San Francisco, who testified at the senate committee hearings he thought the later agreements would be treaties. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) jumped into the debate, observing there had been a good deal of discussion about what

Dulles meant so he took the "unique" course of calling him today to find out. Said Vandenberg: "The sole question presented to him was the choice between a treaty on the one hand and a presidential executive order on the other. It is Mr. Dulles' view that these agreements should be made by treaty but he wishes me to say for him that he never passed on the question of whether there may not be an alternative choice between a treaty and a joint resolution of congress."

The tall, incisive Lucas pointedly challenged any critics of the charter to offer any reservations or amendments now — "not a year hence" when the agreements come up.

Pétain Refuses Questions

Marshal Silent On Praising Of Hitler Charge

By Reiman Morin

PARIS, July 25—(AP)—Aged Marshal Henri Philippe Pétain, his face like an image, bluntly refused at his treason trial today to answer questions whether he had congratulated Adolf Hitler on the British defeat at Dieppe and asked Hitler's permission for French troops to fight alongside the Germans.

"The marshal's honor is at stake," a juror shouted across the jammed and overheated courtroom in the palace of justice, and mutterings and protests from jurors and spectators met Pétain's refusal.

But the 89-year-old former chief of the Vichy state remained adamant. He said through his lawyers that he would not reply.

The dramatic issue was raised during the third day of Pétain's trial on charges of intelligence with Germany and of plotting the security of the French state—a day in which former French Premier Edouard Daladier and Albert Lebrun, last president of the third republic, testified against the old soldier.

Much of the day Pétain appeared uninterested. Once he said he hadn't heard a question. He saw Lebrun near tears as the former French president said he could hardly express his "profound distress at the sight before him of 'a man, a warrior of France, who has risen so high to have fallen so low.'"

Side-step Questions Both Daladier and Lebrun side-stepped questions whether they thought Pétain guilty of treason, saying there were many different definitions. Daladier said: "He betrayed his duties as a Frenchman." Lebrun said: "I reserve my judgment on that."

Only once did Pétain break his self-imposed silence. That was to answer a juror's question as to when the marshal began organizing what later became the Vichy government. It was another of the 24 jurors hearing the testimony who brought up the alleged messages to Hitler.

Kaiser Plans Low Cost Car

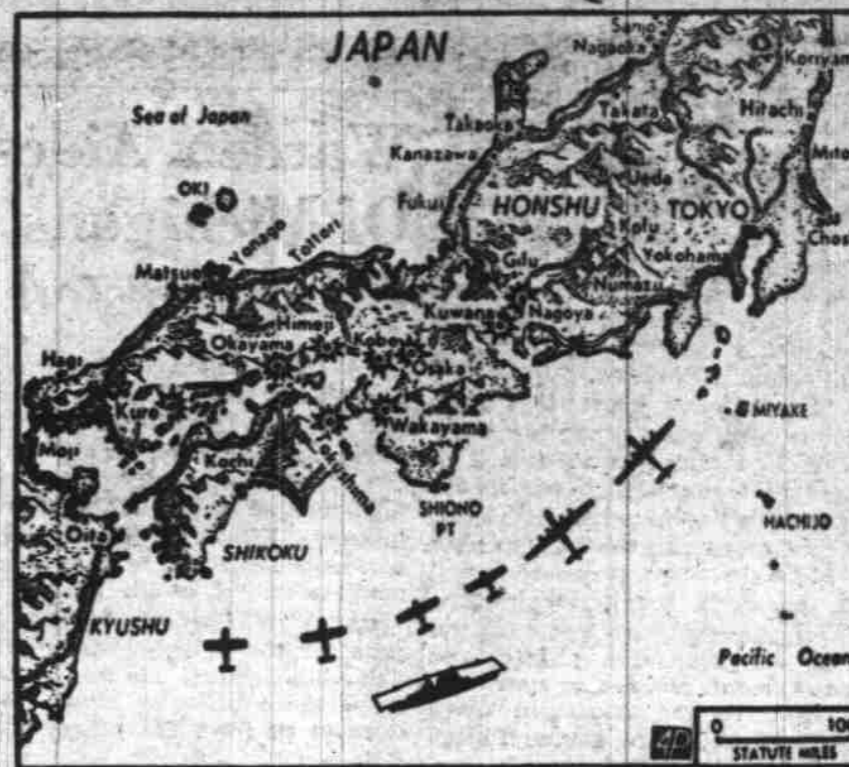
DETROIT, July 25—(AP)—Joseph W. Frazer, president of Graham-Paige Motors corporation, announced tonight that he and Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, had entered into a partnership for the production of a new lightweight, low-priced automobile.

The new corporation, to be owned jointly by Kaiser, interests and Graham-Paige Motors corporation, will be known as the Kaiser-Frazer corporation. It will produce on the Pacific coast a full-size, lightweight, low-cost car to be known as the "Kaiser." Another larger automobile in the medium price bracket will be built by Graham-Paige in Detroit, to be known as the "Frazer."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

LONDON, July 25—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw will be 89 tomorrow, and if he'd comment on the occasion he undoubtedly would say as he did last year: "To hell with all birthdays."

Where Allied Blows Fell



Bomb blast symbols locate target areas on the Japanese home island of Honshu by more than a thousand carrier planes from Admiral Halsey's Third fleet, a record fleet of more than 600 Superforts and two and Okinawa-based aircraft July 24. The Jap naval base at Kure was hit by the carrier planes, while the Superforts struck Okayama, Hirose, Tokushima, Kobe, Osaka, Wakayama, Kanazawa, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, and Hiroshima.

Magazine Says Stalin Took Peace Offer From Japan To Meeting of 'Big Three'

NEW YORK, July 25—(AP)—Newsweek magazine says Generalissimo Stalin took to the big three meeting a Japanese peace offer with the proviso that the Japanese home islands remain free of American invasion and occupation.

The magazine says also, without giving the source of the information, that Widar Bagge, retiring Swedish minister of Japan, transmitted to the United States early last May a "Japanese request for clarification of the American 'unconditional surrender' formula."

The article says in part: "As a price of Russian non-intervention, the Japanese offered to withdraw from Manchuria in favor of Moscow. Moreover, they offered to recognize the principle of independence of Indo-China, Burma and the Philippines and to submit to American occupation of Korea and even Formosa on one condition—that the Japanese home islands should remain free of American invasion and occupation."

"It will be up to President Truman and to his closest advisers how in Potsdam to decide whether the Japanese offer to Russia falls within the American interpretation of 'unconditional surrender.'" The magazine said the state department's July 18 denial of any knowledge of Japanese peace proposals was "technically correct because the Russo-Japanese negotiations concerned primarily Russia's attitude toward the Far Eastern war."

Gogge's action, Newsweek said, was the "peace fee" referred to by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew on July 10 and credited to a neutral diplomat in Tokyo. (Additional details on page 2)

86th Division Will Retrain

CAMP GRUBER, Okla., July 25—(AP)—Troops of the 86th (Black Hawk) division, veterans of action in Cologne, the Ruhr pocket and Bavaria, swarmed into this \$40,000,000 post today and settled down to await the start of a program to harden them additionally for Pacific duty.

Personnel of the division, first to be redeployed from Europe through the United States to the Pacific, will continue to arrive for a week or ten days before reaching its full strength of 15,000. Not until then will the men go into a course stressing individual initiative and operations by small units, regarded as much more essential in the Pacific than in the European theater.

Car Injures 2 Small Girls

Two small girls, Patricia Evans, 6, 765 Marion st., and Bernadine Field, 7, 1855 Center st., were injured Wednesday afternoon in an automobile accident at the intersection of Court and Winter streets.

Police officer Charles Creasy who was at the scene of the accident said that the girls walked into a car driven by Otis Shepard, route six, Salem, and that both were badly shaken up and extent of their injuries not determined as they were taken to the Salem General hospital for observation.

Weather San Francisco Max. Min. Rain Eugene 77 49 00 Salem 83 57 00 Portland 81 62 00 Seattle 87 61 00 Willamette river 4.4 ft. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally fair today with normal temperatures. Slightly cooler. Maximum expected near 75 degrees.

209 Nip Aircraft Blasted

3 Battleships, 6 Plane Carriers Included in Bag

By Martin Spencer GUAM, Thursday, July 26—(AP)—Twenty Japanese warships, including three battleships, six aircraft carriers and five cruisers, were damaged by American and British carrier pilots in Admiral Halsey's great 1200 plane strike against inland sea bases Tuesday. One of the ships, an escort aircraft carrier, probably was sunk by British pilots, who also damaged an old destroyer, Admiral Nimitz reported in today's communication.

Yank fliers damaged the other 18 warships at the great Kuré naval base.

American and British pilots destroyed or damaged 170 Japanese aircraft and added 39 more yesterday morning for a total of 209. Nineteen enemy planes were shot out of the air, the remainder caught on the ground.

Merchant Ships Hit British and Yank fliers also sank or damaged 32 Japanese merchant ships and damaged 53 small craft.

All of Nimitz' figures, except the 39 aircraft wrecked yesterday, were for Tuesday's attack which wrought destruction and damage along a 325-mile sweep of southern Japan and centered on shipping in the inland sea.

Joining in the concentrated blasting of the enemy homeland, nearly 100 Superforts attacked oil refineries south of Tokyo last night. This 12th B-29 attack on Japan's vital fuel centers followed by less than 36 hours a 625-plane B-29 raid on the Osaka-Nagoya area.

Weather Hinders Announcement of the heavy damage to the Japanese fleet came as heavy weather hampered renewal of the strike on inland sea bases centered around Kuré naval base and Kobe yesterday. There were only meager reports of that strike.

Halsey's report, radioed from his flagship off the coast of Japan, carefully listed the warships as "heavily," "moderately" or "slightly" damaged.

In the latter class was the battleship Haruna, which was reported sunk in the early days of the war and for which Capt. Colin Kelly of the army air force posthumously was given a congressional medal of honor. Last October the Haruna escaped, damaged, from the battle of Leyte gulf.

The converted battleships Hyuga and Ise — the only ones of their type left to the enemy — were heavily and moderately damaged, respectively. Each was equipped with a small flight deck aft from which airplanes could be catapulted.

Among ships damaged but not listed in the Nimitz report yesterday were two large aircraft carriers, the Amagi and Katsuragi, the light carrier Hosho and the escort carrier Kaiyo. The large carrier reported previously as damaged was identified as the Aso.

Assessment of these new reports made it obvious that the Japanese fleet no longer could be considered an important factor in the Pacific war. On the basis of accurate reports, they now have only a few warships remaining undamaged and these mostly are cruisers and destroyers.

Silverton Phone Co. Buys Gervais Exchange

SILVERTON, July 25—Interurban Telephone company of Silverton has made arrangements to purchase the Gervais Mutual Telephone exchange, officials of the Silverton company said Wednesday.

They stated that they expected to assume control of the Gervais company August 1.

Honest Samaritan Adds to Joy Of Sgt. Petersen's Homecoming

Sgt. Leslie Petersen of Turner, paratrooper and veteran of five years in the army, found a friend twice-over on the last lap of his long trip home.

The sergeant, who was reported missing on D-day last year only to turn up safely later after a harrowing experience, recently was sent from Europe to the Vancouver hospital, then was granted a 45-day leave a few days ago.

Hitch-hiking he was picked up just outside of Salem and taken to Turner by James H. Harvey of Salem, western representative and field editor for the Building Supply News of Chicago.

Home at last, the sergeant suddenly found a new worry—his billfold with \$200 had disappeared. But the worry didn't last long. Early the next morning Harvey telephoned the home of the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen, to say he had found the billfold and money in his car, intact.

The homecoming also had another welcome highlight—Sergeant Petersen's brother, Morris, boat-swain/c in the merchant marine, was on a 30-day leave at the same time.