

Leahy Claims Petain Wished German Defeat

PARIS, Aug. 1 (AP)—A letter from Adm. William D. Leahy, President Truman's chief of staff, to Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was dramatically introduced by the defense today into the aged Vichy chief's trial for treason.

Leahy, American ambassador to the Vichy government in the crucial days after the fall of France, said Petain "often expressed the fervent hope that the Nazi invaders would be destroyed." But Leahy added that at times the marshal decided to oppose the Nazis during the German occupation.

A statement attributed to former British Prime Minister Churchill also was introduced by the defense to support the argument that the Franco-German armistice benefited both France and the allies. Churchill was quoted as saying that the armistice did Britain "a good service."

These were the highlights of the ninth day of Petain's trial on charges of intelligence with Germany and plotting against the security of France—a day marked by sharp, bitter recriminations between the military and political leaders of France in 1940 and the jury's lack of interest.

Czechs to Get Butcher for Atrocity Trial

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 1 (AP)—Authority for the immediate surrender of Karl Hermann Franck, the "butcher of Lidice," to the Czech government was received from the US state department today by Dr. Bohumil Ecer, Czechoslovak representative on the United Nations war crimes commission.

Ecer said arrangements had been completed to transfer Franck from an interrogation center at Wiesbaden to Prague, where he will be tried by the Czechs on atrocity charges, probably late in August or during the first week of September.

The transfer was agreed upon by Ecer and Robert H. Jackson, chief US counsel on the war crimes commission, in London and was approved by the US state department and the Czechoslovak government.

Servicemen Lack Dorms

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—About 500 servicemen who were forced to sleep on floors and stairways last Saturday night will be provided beds from now on in the Swan Island dormitory.

Carl F. Freilinger, chairman of the USO council, announced the dormitory will have rooms for the soldiers and sailors at 75 cents a night. Special buses will run from Swan Island from 1 to 4 a.m.

The shortage of hotel rooms has been accentuated since more servicemen, many from Camp Adair, swam into Portland on weekend passes.

German Submen Arrive

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 1 (AP)—Fourteen members of the crew of the German submarine, the U-539, which surrendered at Miami Del Plata, Argentina, July 10, arrived in Miami by navy plane today. They were turned over to the army and placed in a prisoner-of-war compound.

Rainiers 6, Seals 1

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers behind the six hit pitching of veteran Hal Turpin tonight made it two-in-a-row by defeating the Seals, 6-1, in a Pacific Coast league game.

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Battleship Mississippi, Blasted By Suicide Jap, Back in Fight

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—The battleship Mississippi, punctured by a suicide plane January 9 at Lingayen gulf in the Philippines, is back on the prow for Japan with 300 per cent more fire power.

The navy waited until today to tell about the action. Twenty-two men were killed on the "old Miss." Eighteen more were injured, and so was the 28-year-old battleship. But she went right on fighting for three months, then went to Pearl Harbor for permanent repairs and general overhaul.

The extra fire power, added during the overhaul, the navy said, "probably will save the lives of hundreds in the future."

It was early in the afternoon when a carrier-based dive bomber danced around on the Mississippi's superstructure, grazing the navigation bridge, damaging several anti-aircraft guns, putting two larger guns out of action temporarily, and ripping out some communications channels.

Before the enemy plane went over the side, its bombs ripped loose and exploded 15 feet from the battleship's side. Seventy-five shrapnel holes were found in the skin of the old Miss, and the bomb blast bashed in four water-tight compartments along the port side.

Fixing the partly flooded blisters was the first consideration. "A cofferdam was constructed of metal, manila, canvas and mattresses," the navy said, "and rigged to conform to lines at the ship's side."

"Forced into position by flotation pressure, the cofferdam stopped the leak long enough to enable welders and cutters to repair the shrapnel holes, and eventually empty the flooded areas."

"Holes lower in the water were plugged with special wooden plugs, wedges and oakum."

It took but 20 minutes to douse fires started by the suicide plane.

Rescue Pilots Save Airmen At Japs' Door

GUAM, Thursday, Aug. 2 (AP)—Two army air force rescue pilots, using the army air and sea rescue facilities in support of the navy carrier plane attacks against Japan for the first time, saved two Third Fleet airmen within a few miles of Japan July 30.

Lt. John E. Rairigh, Pittsburgh, Pa., flew his Catalina plane across one of Honshu island's hottest flak belts into the sea of Japan to pick up a navy pilot on Honshu's north shore.

Rairigh, flying out of Iwo Jima, received word the pilot was down in the Japanese sea. Despite the fact he knew his gasoline supply was insufficient to get him back to his base, he flew across Osaka and Nagoya and landed in a rough sea.

He then flew back across the main island, set his plane down near the Third Fleet, which picked up the fliers.

Lt. Stuart M. McCabe, Highland Park, N. J., flew his Catalina into Suruga bay, about 60 miles southwest of Tokyo, to help another pilot. He crashed in landing, but another plane of the emergency rescue squadron dropped a motor launch and the fliers headed toward Iwo and were picked up later by navy craft.

German POWs Shot in Break

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 1 (AP)—An American army guard shot and killed three German prisoners of war who apparently threatened to rush him, after refusing to work in a field 14 miles from Ovid, Colo., this morning, the Camp Carson public relations office announced.

Plane Plants To Be Rated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—A survey of west coast aviation plants to determine which should be retained in the interest of national security after the war will be undertaken next week by the senate's committee investigating the war effort.

A subcommittee headed by Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) will examine possible postwar facilities for maintaining an adequate air force.

Chairman Mead (D-NY) commented that "if we had had adequate plant facilities for turning out airplanes we could have saved a lot of lives. Instead, we had to spend six months building before we could turn out the planes."

The committee also will inquire into the effect of production cutbacks.

DISEASE FIGHT FINANCED
PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Oregon has more than \$100,000 to fight venereal disease during the next fiscal year, Dr. W. H. Aufranc, venereal disease control officer, said today.

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New Federal Budget Drops To 85 Billions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—A revised federal budget of 85 billion dollars was issued today on the assumption the war in the Pacific will roar on until next Summer or longer.

Government spending now is forecast at 83 billions in the fiscal year 1946, which began a month ago. A record-breaking 100 billions were spent in fiscal 1945. The new estimate is slightly above the 83-billion estimate sent

Here's a quick look at the new federal budget estimates for the fiscal year 1946, showing changes from the fiscal year that ended a month ago:

Total spending—decrease from \$100,000,000,000 to \$85,000,000,000.
War spending—decrease from \$90,000,000,000 to \$70,000,000,000.
Receipts—decrease from \$44,500,000,000 to \$33,000,000,000.

to congress last January, mainly because of this country's brand-new obligations in the field of international finance.

The January estimate of 70 billion dollars of war spending still stands, though the European war has collapsed in the meantime.

Smith said the administration is sticking to the 70-billion war spending figure "on the assumption that the Pacific war will continue throughout the fiscal year 1946 or longer."

He added that "if the war should end earlier, the outlook would be drastically altered."

War spending in the fiscal year just ended was 90 billion dollars. Thus a 20-billion drop is contemplated.

Smith said war production is sinking to a one-front level. He declared that even on this level, war production will be "enormous"—enough to assure U. S. troops "overwhelming superiority in weapons and fire power."

In addition, the 70 billion dollars will pay for redeployment of our forces, plus requirements for occupation and relief in Europe.

Senate Post Vacancy to Be Filled Shortly

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—A recommendation to fill the state senate vacancy left by appointment of C. McKenna to the state tax commission probably will be made by the executive committee of the Multnomah county republican central committee within a week.

Jack Lynch, noted by McKenna in the last election, was named in political circles as a likely choice. The board of county commissioners, all republicans, will make the final choice. They need not take a cue from the party committee, however, nor under a 1945 law—need they name a republican.

With only faint hope, some democrats suggested Rep. Manley J. Wilson as a prospect. Wilson, now employed here, would be ineligible if still a Columbia county resident.

Nippon Planes Raid Borneo

MANILA, Thursday, Aug. 2 (AP)—Japanese planes lightly raided allied positions at Miri and Brunel bay, northwest Borneo, on Tuesday but caused no damage, General MacArthur said today.

This was the first reported Japanese aerial attack on either area since Australian troops landed there June 10.

Meanwhile, long range patrols of the Australian seventh and ninth divisions probed Japanese defenses in the Balikpapan and Brunel bay sectors, extending their gains further inland.

Bombers of the 13th AAF and Australian fighters attacked Japanese airdromes, small craft and minor installations in coastal sectors.

Evans Hurls No-No
SILVERTON—In an exhibition girls' softball game played at McGinnis field last night, Lind and Pomeroy of Portland, national women's champs, defeated the other Portland entrant in the northwest women's softball loop, 12 to 0. Betty Evans hurled a no-hit, no-run game for the L-Ps.

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Fleet—Carrier planes and ships, including battleship, bombard and shell Wake island installations.

Other Aerial—Navy privateers damage airfields, factories and rail facilities on Korea and bomb Sakishima islands.

Borneo—Several Jap planes raid Miri and Brunel in Borneo, causing some native casualties.

Sen. Downey Praises Coast Longshoremen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Shiploading accomplishments of Pacific coast longshoremen compare favorably with those of any other ports in the United States, Senator Downey (D-Cal) told the senate today.

Downey referred to an April 26 speech by Senator Willis (R-Ind) which, he said, accused Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, of encouraging a slowdown in stevedoring activity on the Pacific coast.

The accusation, Downey said, "is wholly without foundation."

He said a comparison of tonnage per gang which Willis used failed to consider the fact that a gang on the west coast is smaller than those at other ports.

Downey quoted Undersecretary of War Patterson as saying "it would be improper to assume that any particular labor group in the longshore industry engaged in a concerted slow-down."

Underground Swim Leaves Boy Uninjured

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Fifteen-year-old Daniel Wilkins is taking it easy today after being washed half a mile through an underground storm sewer.

Daniel was wading in the flash flood overflow last night of a little creek feeding into a storm sewer. Suddenly he was swept from his feet and battered against the iron grating of the sewer opening.

The grating swung open. He clung to it until the water rose above his head. His only chance was to let the torrent sweep him through and out of the sewer. He took it and quickly found himself out in the Anacostia river, a half mile from where he started.

When he swam ashore after his harrowing trip he was minus his swimming trunks.

Mrs. Millie Smead Funeral Set for Friday Afternoon

BROOKS, Aug. 1—Mrs. Millie Smead, 73, long-time local resident, died Tuesday, July 31, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Althea Kral, at Wheeler, Ore., after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pioneer church and burial will be made in the Pioneer cemetery north of Brooks beside her late husband.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Marian Ballmann of Seaside and Mrs. Kral.

MARRIAGES, DIVORCES SOAR
PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Marriage license applications hit a new July high last month—340, but divorce applications totalled 498, the county clerk's office revealed today.

General Arnold Speaks Out for Maintaining Strong Air Force

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (AP)—Gen. H. H. Arnold said tonight "the future of America may depend" on maintaining a constantly revitalized air force capable of "inflicting instant deadly blows at the heart of an aggressor anywhere in the world."

"Surely we must face the fact that a true love of peace is not enough for decent peoples of the world to count on," said the army air forces chief. "We must maintain the strength to enforce that peace."

In remarks prepared for a dinner celebrating the 38th anniversary of the air force, Arnold outlined a five-point "national air policy" to assure this country an "air component" strong enough for immediate use when and if needed.

These were Arnold's "cardinal points":

"1. We must have in being pre-eminent air forces able to handle any eventually that arises."

"2. We must have within the airforce trained personnel adequate for rapid expansion."

"3. We must have adequate research and development so that our equipment will be the best in the world."

"4. We must have a strong industry also capable of rapid expansion to produce enough of the best possible equipment in the shortest time."

"5. We must have bases—strategic springboards from which we can operate effectively."

Arnold warned against "public apathy which is bound to come when Japan finally is defeated. It is then that we must carry out a well-formed, well-thought-out program for our future security. These are hard facts which we cannot avoid."

Chinese Take Pinglo, Nippon Supply Base

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (AP)—Chinese troops have captured the bomb-battered Japanese supply base of Pinglo in south-central China and have hurled a new spearhead at the old Flying Tigers' airfield at Lingling, 370 miles southeast of Chungking, the Chinese high command said today.

Pinglo, blasted repeatedly by U. S. 14th air force bombers and fighters, was one of the most important Japanese supply depots in Kwangsi province. It was recaptured last Friday by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops who had been pushing for a month toward the highway center from Liuchow, 74 miles west southwest.

One hundred and thirty miles north of Pinglo Chinese soldiers launched a new blow toward Lingling from the northwest in a developing two-pronged drive against the key Japanese stronghold in Hunan province.

More POWs Slated For Hopyard Help

CORVALLIS, Aug. 1 (AP)—A shortage of Mexican laborers due to a halt in recruiting will be partially offset by more prisoners of war and perhaps borrowing 600 Mexicans from Washington, farm labor supervisor J. R. Beck said today.

He said about 500 additional prisoners would be obtained for Marion and Polk county hop yards, and 500 for the Medford pear harvest, but 750 now in Malheur county will be retained there.

GRAIN ELEVATOR PLANNED
MERRILL, Aug. 1 (AP)—A grain elevator to hold approximately 700 sacks will be built along the Southern Pacific right of way soon, John and Frank Kirzo announced today.

Trusty Escapes From State Penitentiary

Escaped from a work gang today was state penitentiary inmate James Lee Webb, 31, clad in guards at a project near Keizer school at 3 p.m. Wednesday. He had been serving a ten year sentence for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, and is reputedly a holdup man and a car thief. Police have orders to be on the lookout for him.

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