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TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

German Troops Smash Odessa From Three Directions; 8-Hour Day Law Suspended on Defense Public Works

Airport, Fort And Housing Crews Affected

Action Taken To Speed Completion Of All Military Work

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has suspended the 8-hour day law as applied to mechanics and laborers employed by the war department on public works necessary to national defense in the United States.

The action, by means of an executive order announced today, was said at the White House to have been taken because of the necessity of completing all military projects at the earliest practical date.

The suspension applies to workers on air fields, troop housing units, fortifications and other works necessary to the military establishment.

A war department official said the executive order would affect only mechanics and laborers directly employed by the war department. It will not cover the vast majority of workers employed by private contractors on army cantonment construction, fortifications and air fields.

The flat overtime rate of time and one half pay, it was said, will be given for work in excess of 44 hours a week—the standard work week for this type of employee.

The suspension will apply only on projects to be designated by Secretary of War Stimson. He did not immediately issue any list of projects affected.

Employees of private contractors working on defense projects receive time and a half pay for work in excess of the 8-day, 40-hour week, under an agreement made effective August 1 between the building and construction department of the American Federation of Labor and the Office of Production Management. This covers work undertaken for the army, navy, maritime commission, federal works agency, and all subsidiaries of the Reconstruction Finance corporation which are involved in the defense plant expansion program.

Co-chairmen of the defense dance, supported by every public spirited civic group in Eugene and Lane county, are Merle Nash and Francis Kelley, Jr., members of the junior chamber of commerce.

The dance was undertaken by that group as part of its program of aiding in sponsoring and promoting methods of civic betterment, with the idea in mind to illustrate to soldiers at Fort Lewis that Lane county citizens are fully aware of their services and backing them fully, according to co-chairmen Kelly and Nash.

Ray Noble was expressly signed for the dance and has promised to give an outstanding performance for the evening as his orchestra's share in the defense dance.

Featured with Noble's orchestra will be Snooky Lanson, famed romantic singer, and Lynn, Lee.

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Auto Stolen From Used Car Lot

The theft of an automobile from their used car lot was reported to city police Tuesday by the Simmons-Kendall motor company.

Police also received reports on the theft of bicycles belonging to Herman Left, 566 W. Sixth, and Ray Boggs, 1060 Washington.

A car stolen in Portland was recovered Wednesday.

Defense Production Program Is Speeded

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Director General William S. Knudsen of the Office of Production Management predicted today that if the nation's defense program hit the half-way mark by January 1, 1942, "we should hit peak production by July and after that, America can write its own ticket on war material."

Lane county postmasters and mayors have been invited to meet with the state-wide defense saving committee, headed by Palmer Hoyt, publisher of The Oregonian, Thursday noon at the Osburn hotel, Howard Merriam, Lane county defense coordinator, announced Wednesday.

Plans to set up a defense savings program in Lane county will be made at the meeting. The committee is on a tour of the southern part of the state.

Accompanying the group will be Ted Gamble, state administrator; Ray Conway, assistant administrator; George H. Godfrey, deputy administrator; and Robert S. Farrell, Jr., chairman of the speakers committee.

Stubble Fire Lights Sky At Lone Pine

LONE PINE, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Eighty-seven acres of blazing stubble field lit up the night sky on the Curtis Bass farm here Tuesday night, attracting attention of scores of motorists who thought farm buildings were burning.

There was no damage, and the fire was under control at all times, Bass reported.

Draft Trouble

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Two letters enlivened the work of Indiana selective headquarters.

One was from a Marion county grandmother who offered to go to camp instead of her grandson who still had a year before finishing college.

"I can cook—I can sew. I could help with the washing. Please let me go," she said. "I'm not doing anything at home here."

The other was from a wife on the Ohio river who said she wished her draftee-husband had been sent to Alaska or some other far off place instead of Fort Knox, Ky., right across the river.

The woman complained he "insists on coming home each week-end."

Draft Board 2 Lists Numbers

Order numbers for 21-year-olds who recently registered for selective service boards have been allotted by Lane county draft board No. 2.

The complete list of orders numbers follows:

Orders No. S-815, Ackerman, Leonard Harold; S-1669, Adams, Carson Glen; S-543, Anderson, Norman Lawrence; S-717, Ashmore, Cecil Frank; S-1510, Austin, Orval Burke.

S-1312, Bailey, Gordon Vern; S-2447, Baker, Kenneth Lyle; S-2407, Barger, Morris Alfred; S-1809, Barrett, Kenneth Lawrence; S-2486, Barto, Merrill George; S-622, Bealey, Albert Wilbur; S-2506, Beck, Robert Frank; S-1470, Berg, Albert John; S-1292, Bernhardt, William Keith; S-2748, Bires, Harold Rush; S-2588, Bishop, Harvey Lloyd; S-2099, Bivens, Charles Henry; S-2466, Borgard, Meryl Eugene; S-2307, Bowman, Lester Franklin; S-582, Briggs, Aiden

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Deserter Faces Larceny Charge

Dave Bishop, 26-year-old army deserter from Fort Lewis, faced charges of larceny from cars and resisting arrest Wednesday morning after a brief, but busy one-man "crime wave" here Tuesday evening.

Bishop, who formerly lived at 245 Monroe street, was captured by Officers Ted Brown and Paul Snell in the vicinity of Fourth and Monroe after a brief battle.

At the time of his arrest Bishop had in his possession a large quantity of loot which the officers said was stolen from cars belonging to Art Richardson, 909 W. Fifth, Wayne Tullar, 783 W. Fifth, and Allen G. Sneed, Springfield, officers said.

Richardson, who said he would swear out a complaint against Bishop, was released.

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Defense Saving Luncheon Slated

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Nation-Wide Phone Tie-Up Is Threatened

Locals In 13 Cities Vote For Walkout Authorization

By The Associated Press

A tie-up of the nation-wide Bell telephone system was threatened today when the Association of Communication Equipment Workers announced that a majority of its locals in 13 cities had voted a strike authorized in connection with its dispute with a Bell company.

Negotiations between the association and Western Electric company, Inc., a part of the Bell system, are now stalemated over four points of a proposed master working agreement, the union said.

Commissioner James W. Fitzpatrick of the New York state mediation board, attempting to avert a nation-wide stoppage, called the disputants to a meeting in New York City tomorrow.

In a statement issued from New York, the union said that plant workers of the associated companies in the Bell system were affiliated with the Association of Communication Equipment Workers in the National Federation of Telephone Workers, an independent union, and that these affiliates have indicated they would not do anything which could be regarded as a strike-breaking activity.

"If that should eventuate," the statement said, "it would undoubtedly result in an almost complete tie-up of the Bell system in the United States."

The association added that a work stoppage by its claimed 8,000 members employed in Western Electric's installation department would tie up work on Bell system private communications installations in military cantonments, government buildings and defense plants throughout the country.

There are association locals in New York, Atlanta, Washington, Albany, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Newark and San Francisco.

The four points at controversy in the negotiations were said by the union to be an automatic progression of wages in place of the current merit system, maintenance of a union membership clause, seniority, and holiday pay for all observed holidays.

The union quoted Commissioner Fitzpatrick as saying that if tomorrow's conference did not bring results, he would ask Secretary of Labor Perkins to certify the case to the defense mediation board.

CIO Wins NLRB Vote at Westfir

WESTFIR, Aug. 13.—(Special)—The CIO International Woodworkers of America emerged as the bargaining unit of the Westfir Lumber company Wednesday, it was reported by Max Gardiner, CIO organizer.

A NLRB election Tuesday gave the CIO union 239 votes as compared with 172 for the AFL lumber and sawmill workers union, the organizer reported.

The election was the second one held within the last two months. The first vote failed to determine a bargaining unit.

The company employs 550 men in the mill and logging operation.

29 More Vocational Students Employed

Twenty-nine more vocational school students were sent to the Boeing aircraft factory in Seattle, Wash., this week, it was reported Wednesday by James Bagan, manager of the Oregon state employment office here.

The total of vocational school students employed in the industry this year is near 700 now, he added. The group placed this week included aviation sheet metal workers, and several training in aviation mechanics.

Action-RAF Supplies Plenty!

(Pilot Officer Jack Calder, a former Canadian press staff writer, now an observer in the Royal Canadian air force, here describes his first operational flight over German-occupied territory as navigator and bombardier.)—Editor.

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LONDON, Aug. 13.—Maxie looked at the oil pressure again and then he looked at me.

"I think we might just make it," he said.

Then it was time to dash out to sea, if we were to be at the target at the zero hour. The formation tightened behind us and we climbed for three minutes through broken cloud. Behind were other

Northwest Troops Battle Fiercely As 'Invaders' Land

Falling Logs Kill Loader

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Floyd Schmitt, 32, log loader for the Green Ridge Lumber company at Walker station, was instantly killed Wednesday morning when three logs rolled off a loaded truck while he was attempting to chain them together.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 a. m. The coroner's office was called to investigate.

Schmitt, son of Adam Schmitt of Creswell, is survived by his widow, Evelyn Rose Schmitt, and a four-year-old daughter, Carol.

This was the second fatal accident involving Cottage Grove residents in the past 48 hours.

Virgil S. Damewood, 38, resident of Cottage Grove until six months ago, was fatally injured Tuesday in an automobile accident in Brewster Valley near Myrtle Point. Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Smith chapel, and interment will be in the I. O. O. F.-Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Damewood was born in June, 1903, at Cottage Grove. Survivors: his widow, two children, Donald and Jerry; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Damewood; two sisters, Mrs. L. L. Slagle, of Elkton and Mrs. Corbett Smith of Culp Creek; a brother, C. E. Damewood.

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Eugene-Drain Line Clearing Work Starts

Work of clearing the right of way for the Bonneville transmission line to be built from Eugene to Drain to furnish power for the North Douglas and West Douglas electric co-operatives is now under way. A crew is at work in the Spencer Butte country south of Eugene, according to Fred Knox, manager of the Lane county fair, near whose farm in the Fox Hollow country the line will pass.

Plans for the erection of a substation in Fox Hollow are under way. It will be located on the Taylor place, Mr. Knox said.

Bids were opened Tuesday for the construction of the transmission line between Eugene and Drain. The Tri-State Construction company of Portland was low bidder. Its figures are \$91,965 for the entire contract or \$55,699 without conductors.

Men Sign Up For Police, Fire Reserves

Applications to participate in Eugene's police and fire reserves are being received at the police department, the fire department and the armory, Herschel Taylor, head of the protection division of the Lane county defense council, announced Wednesday.

The fire reserve is open to active men under 40. No age limit is set on the police reserve, but applicants must be physically fit.

As soon as a sufficient number of men have signed up for the reserves, classes will be held to give them instruction on their duties. Instructors from the state police and fire marshal's offices will teach the classes.

Shipyards Still Closed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The big yards of the Federal shipbuilding and Dry Dock company at Kearney, N. J., remained closed by a strike today, no decision coming out of a conference on whether the navy should move in and operate the plants.

While there is no definite information at hand as to when construction will be started, County Judge Clinton Hurd, who handled the sale for the county, predicted that blasting would be started on this property in the very near future.

Like a Flash!

It happened like a flash. "Rat-a-tat-tat-tat," went the guns in our rear turret. "I just shot down an ME109," called the rear gunner. "I didn't even have time to report it."

"Heads up," cried the gunner leader. "Here come two more."

"I've got one," called the rear gunner of No. 3 aircraft. "Let's have less people talking at one time," Maxie ordered. "Give the gunnery leader a chance."

"All right, but I've got an ME-109!"

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Russians Appear Near Defeat in Ukraine Front

Reds Remind World Of Stalin's Order For 'Scorched Earth'

By The Associated Press

Russia's Red armies appeared to have all but lost their grasp on the western half of the Ukraine below the Dnieper river today as German troops smashed from three directions at the great port of Odessa and suicide rearguards fought bitterly to cover the Soviet retreat to the Black sea.

A British war office spokesman acknowledged that the Russian position in the Ukraine had deteriorated rapidly, and the Soviet high command was ominously silent on the climactic struggle.

Russian quarters in London, however, declared that if the Germans entered Odessa and Nikolaev, 65 miles east, the world would find only "the smoking ruins of demolished factories and empty streets"—ghost cities left in ruins under Premier Joseph Stalin's order for a so-called scorched earth campaign.

Huge Counter-Attack

Thousands of Russian tanks, great masses of infantry and tens of thousands of hard-riding Cossack horsemen, Soviet sources also said, were hurling more counter-attacks against Field Marshal General von Rundstedt's advancing Germans.

While the situation was undoubtedly grave for the Russians, qualified observers said that the loss of the lower Ukraine, even the capture of Odessa and Nikolaev, would not be a decisive blow to the Soviet. It was pointed out that the richest prizes still lie beyond the Dnieper river, to the east, where the big industrial centers are located. Most of the lower Ukraine, now being overrun by the Nazi invasion armies, is an agriculture-producing country, while the treasure vaults of iron, manganese and other war materials are in the east.

Meanwhile, new friction developed between the Soviet and British forces.

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Highway Board Buys City Lots

The state highway commission has purchased 30 city lots on fractions of lots in Victoria Heights addition from Lane county as a part of the right of way for the new highway soon to be constructed through Eugene. These lots were taken over by the county for taxes at different times during the past few years. The deal for the purchase of the property was completed late Tuesday. J. M. Devers, attorney for the commission, who was here at the time, acting in behalf of the state.

These lots are located on the north slope of the heights at Judkins Point. A very heavy cut will have to be made at that place to provide the necessary width for the highway. The lots are located immediately above the tracks of the Southern Pacific railway.

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Weather News

(Local Forecast)

Clear tonight and tomorrow morning, 56.5 degrees; Tuesday afternoon, 60.5 degrees; Wednesday, 62.5 degrees; Thursday, 64.5 degrees.

WEATHER BUREAU

Minimum temperature today morning, 56.5 degrees; Tuesday afternoon, 60.5 degrees; Wednesday, 62.5 degrees; Thursday, 64.5 degrees.

WEATHER BUREAU RECORD:

At Willamette river in Eugene, 7 a. m. Wednesday, —2.81

Thursday, 3.18 a. m. (5.5 feet)

Friday, 3.20 a. m. (7.1 feet)

Saturday, 3.20 a. m. (8.1 feet)

Sunday, 3.20 a. m. (8.1 feet)

Monday, 3.20 a. m. (8.1 feet)