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Fight Looms On Continued Aid To Britain

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(UP)—The administration today appeared headed for a battle with congress over continuation of lend-lease to Great Britain after Germany collapses.

Lend-lease officials will be prepared to contend that maintenance of Britain's civilian economy for prosecution of the war against Japan will be just as important as it was for prosecution of the war against Germany. Their basic thesis will be that it is all one war.

But congressmen have indicated that a "wait and see" attitude is called for—wait and see what sort of role Britain plans to play in the Pacific war. In any event, many contend, the issues should be subjected to close congressional investigation.

A high American official denied that there was any intention of using lend-lease as a post-war or peacetime measure, but he emphasized that it was the intention to use it so long as the war—either in Europe or the Pacific—continues.

The issue was created by a National Association of Manufacturers publication which contended that serious discussions were being held in top administration circles over a proposal to continue lend-lease to Britain, at least until Japan surrenders "and perhaps well into the transition period." The NAM said it was a radical departure from the present lend-lease program because it would be "very frankly to support Britain's domestic economy."

Nazis Cling To North Florence

ROME, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The Germans cling tightly to a foothold in the hills south of the Arno river in the great bend east of Florence today after counter-attacks sharply against Italian troops advancing through the mountains north of Arezzo.

In the two great cities bisected by the Arno-Florence and Pisa—the positions of the contending forces remained virtually unchanged, the allies holding the regions south of the stream and the Germans still in control of the north banks.

Stormy weather, with much rain, curtailed action along most of the front. On both sides of Florence Gen. Sir Harold Alexander sent eighth army patrols across the Arno, but there was no sign of an attempt to gain a foothold over the stream.

The allied command announced that both sides suffered heavy casualties Sunday when the Germans counterattacked in force and recaptured Monie Grillo, nine miles north of Arezzo.

The only considerable action on the fifth army front came in the area of San Miniato where the enemy fired approximately 25 rounds of shellfire into the allies, then attempted to infiltrate.

An official source declared that air photographs taken at low level disprove completely German contentions that allied guns have shelled Florence. Meanwhile German shells continued to fall in the southern sections of the city but civilians were going calmly about their pursuits.

Hundreds See Fight On Brink Of Cliff

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 8.—(AP)—A spectacular first fight between a soldier and a civilian, at the top of a 100 foot bank on the Evergreen highway near here attracted hundreds of spectators who cars lined the highway for over 400 feet, state police said today.

The battle ended late yesterday when Stephen Gramling, Vancouver, tumbled down the cliff. He was taken to a Vancouver hospital. Carl Benson, the soldier, who is employed as a guard at Terminal 4, Portland, was not held, police said.

Hengyang Defenders Virtually Wiped Out

CHUNGKING, Wednesday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Japanese troops have broken into Hengyang and a message from the Chinese commander there said he soldiers had been killed virtually to the last man, the high command announced today.

The commander's message, received at 7 p. m., Monday, by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, said: "I am afraid this may be my last message to you."

(Tokyo radio said Tuesday that the Japanese had completely occupied the important city on the Canton-Hankow railway in Hunan province).

Allies In Le Mans As Nazis Rush Troops To Block Drive On Paris



NEW SCHOOL TEAM—With the week-end arrival of Eugene high school's new principal, Dean Mickelwait, the three new top executives of the city school system assembled Tuesday to go over school problems of the approaching term. Above they are shown at city hall in the offices of City Superintendent Henry M. Gunn, mapping out teacher assignments in certain parts of the school program. Superintendent Gunn, who came from the post of assistant superintendent at Portland to succeed Dr. J. F. Cramer, is seated at his desk, with Assistant Superintendent Clarence Hines at his left, and Principal Mickelwait at the right. Hines, former principal of Pendleton high school, succeeded Wilber H. Dutton, Mickelwait, lately principal of Kelso, Wash., high school, is successor to Principal Harry B. Johnson at Eugene high. (Wiltshire photo and engraving)

Japs Use Lines Of Children As Shields Against Bullets

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—(UP)—A little Japanese girl stood in front of an enemy revetment on Saipan and giggled, hurled hand grenades she took from her bloomers at a platoon of American marines who grabbed each one and tossed them back away from her, a wounded officer said today.

"We were about 200 yards off the beach," 2nd Lt. George C. Hill of Salsbury, Md., related shortly after his arrival at the Seattle naval hospital. "There were about nine Japs behind the revetment right in front of our lines."

"This little girl came out from behind the revetment to within about 20 or 30 yards of us. The Japs had filled her bloomers with grenades. She'd take out the pin of a grenade, tap it on a rock and then throw it at us. We didn't want to shoot her so we grabbed each grenade and threw it back away from her. She was standing there laughing and giggling and the Japs were talking to her, telling her what to do."

Hill said that before long the child, about nine years old, was back in the revetment and the marines were firing at the emplacement with newly-arrived bazookas.

"When we went back to look, we'd killed them all, the girl too," Hill said.

Other officers, the first commissioned marines to be sent here from Saipan, said they had heard reports of the Japanese using long lines of children as a cover for advances.

300 Expected At Kiwanis Meeting

Nearly 300 out-of-town delegates and visitors are expected to register for the Kiwanis club's district convention, opening in Eugene Sunday. Clubs in the district, numbering 99, are from all sections of Oregon, all of Washington, northern Idaho, and western British Columbia.

Registration opens at 1 p. m. Sunday at both the Osburn and Eugene hotels, both to be converted into headquarters. Members of the Eugene club, host group, will be on hand at both hotels to assist.

Highlighting the convention program for Sunday service, 8:15 o'clock, First Methodist church, Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of Central Presbyterian church and a member of the local Kiwanis club, will give the sermon. Arranging the program are Rev. L. O. Griffith, Methodist pastor and also a member of the local Kiwanis club, and H. V. Johnson of the local club.

The capella choir of Eugene high school will feature in the musical entertainment for this devotion service, directed by Glenn Griffith. Griffith is asking the choir to assemble at the church at 6:30 p. m. Sunday for a rehearsal.

General assembly of the convention opens Monday morning, Eugene hotel, Charles W. Howard of Whitman college, Walla Walla, district governor, presiding.

A luncheon will be held at the Osburn hotel Monday evening, Dean J. R. Jewell of the University of Oregon school of education and member of the Eugene Kiwanis club, and Harry W. Stevens, president of the Vancouver, B. C., Kiwanis club, as speakers.

Wayne L. Morse, former dean of the University of Oregon law school and now the republican nominee for the long term in the United States senate, will be speaker at 9:20 a. m. Tuesday. A luncheon will be held at the Eugene hotel Tuesday noon with Dr. James W. Brougher, Jr., Glendale, Calif., as speaker. The convention is scheduled to adjourn Tuesday afternoon.

W. W. Stuart is chairman of the committee on arrangements from the Eugene club. Roy A. Elliott is president of the local club.

Trap Tightened On Guam Foe; Koiso Warns Japan Periled

By United Press
Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso warned the Japanese people Tuesday that Japan faces "difficulties of unprecedented seriousness" as further allied progress was reported through the Pacific.

Koiso's message, broadcast by the Domei news agency and recorded by the United Press in San Francisco, cited the American occupation of the Marianas as "an attempt to obtain a quick decision in the war" and said it "presents the appearance as if to strike at our homeland in a single blow."

He appealed to armed forces and civilians to mobilize their strength in a united effort and promised that "the time has now arrived when military operations by our imperial forces on a grand and bold scale are expectantly awaited."

General Motors Strike Renewed

By The Associated Press
Renewal of a strike at five Detroit plants of General Motors Chevrolet gear and axle division, after a one-day work resumption and a work stoppage at two plants of the Wright Aeronautical corporation, increased to approximately 28,000 the number of workers idle today in the United States and Canada.

An estimated 3,500 workers on the day shift at the Chevrolet plants stayed away in protest against the discharge of seven workers involved in the original strike.

More than 2,700 workers in the Lawn and Paterson, N. J., plants of the Wright Aeronautical corporation remained away from production lines in protest, union officials said, against the transfer of workers to jobs in lower labor grades.

Some 5,000 over-the-road truckers remained on strike in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Mo., Des Moines and six other Iowa cities in a work stoppage which leaders of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters said was unauthorized.

McGoarty Dies

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(AP)—John Steven McGoarty, 81, kindly and colorful poet who romanticized the history of California with his writings and included in his career two terms as a representative in congress, died last night at St. Vincent's hospital.

Yanks Battling Stubbornly For Brittany Ports

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Allied troops advancing in two powerful surges at the wings of a 130-mile front drove today to little more than 120 miles of Paris, and the Germans desperately rushed in forces from southern France.

Canadian troops hammered four miles into the main enemy line below Caen, and Americans on the southern flank struck toward Le Mans, only 110 miles from the French capital. Advance elements already were reported in Le Mans, a road and rail hub.

The doughboy drive left behind to the northwest the wreckage of the Germans' abortive but still-writhing counterattack in the Mortain area.

The exact sector where the allies were little more than 100 miles from Paris was not specified. A report that allied forces had definitely passed the 100-mile mark circulated late today, but proved erroneous.

At the northern end of the allied front, the Germans' stout Caen hinge, loosened by an unprecedented 1,000-plane bombardment last night, was battered again in daylight by 600 U. S. heavy bombers.

Canadian-British troops stormed over the Orne river in a four-mile advance. They punched through a once-impenetrable anti-tank screen, seizing strong point villages by the dozen.

On the Breton peninsula, U. S. SEE YANKS BATTLING STORY (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

Ellsworth Says Job Outlook Is Good

Outlook for post-war employment, generally, is good, said Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Oregon's fourth district republican congressman, in an informal talk before the Rotary club Tuesday noon.

In explanation of this opinion, Ellsworth said any study or analysis of the great number of projects started before and held up for the duration, and of the great backlog of needs stopped because of the war would indicate good prospects for employment in the post-war period.

Such employment, too, will go along on orderly schedule in completion of many major projects left uncompleted because of the war, the speaker added.

Additional highway construction and improvement, railroad construction and maintenance, continuation of the Willamette valley flood control project (further construction in this project being stopped during the war), steady use of vast amounts of lumbering products, developments of new fields in this area—such as minerals development, and the alcohol-from-wood-waste plant, as is going in at Springfield—and more varied and diversified agriculture were some of the things mentioned by Ellsworth to show prospects of expansion and steady business for Oregon. He tied in the matter of post-war legislation with this development of post-war works.

The lumbering business, Ellsworth said, should continue about as good as it is in this war period because of the great amount of construction work awaiting the end of the war—homes, business properties, and the great needs in reconstruction.

Discussing further on the minerals development, the congressman spoke of the bureau of mines metallurgical laboratory being built at Albany. He visited this concern Monday and said it is a most interesting project and one holding great possibilities for the future because of its purpose to use and reduce ores and materials of this area to things of value.

Much has been said of the wood alcohol plant going in at Springfield, but here again is a field with untold potentialities for the future of this area, making use of great amounts of materials now wasted because of lack of facilities to turn them into useful and needed products, Ellsworth said.

He added, also, that such a plant using parts of wood now wasted would in no way interfere with or hamper the commercial fuel business.

McNair Son Killed In Guam Fighting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The war department has announced the death on Guam of Col. Douglas McNair, 37, son of the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair whose death in Normandy by a prematurely released bomb from an American plane was disclosed July 27.

No details of the younger McNair's death were made public in the war department announcement yesterday.

Vitamins Powerful, Maker Discovers

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—W. W. Bunson's vitamins pack a wallop. While Bunson was mixing concentrates for vitamin tablets in his laboratory yesterday, the mixture exploded, smashing his equipment and windows. No one was hurt but Bunson said the fire that followed caused an estimated \$750 damage.

Giant Lorries Infiltrating German Lines

By RICHARD D. McMILLAN
WITH THE BRITISH AND CANADIANS BEYOND CAEN, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The big bombers faded away in the dark and streams of colored tracer shells spurted across no-man's land. Then the British and Canadians rolled out their secret weapon—giant, armor-plated lorries jam-packed with assault infantry. The big break-through was on.

Down highways marked off on either side by streaks of brilliant tracers, the armored lorries smashed through the enemy lines, unloading their cargoes of tough fighting men deep inside the German positions to rip and disorganize the foe.

Engineers had been busy for days preparing the lorries and they came as a complete surprise to the Germans. A surprise also was the method of guiding them by tracers, as pathfinders guide the big bombers in the air.

The lorries followed the first wave of tanks. They swept up to the battlefield directly from the machine shops where they had been fitted with special armor, paused to take on their loads of infantrymen, and then

SEE GIANT LORRIES STORY (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

Transit Strike Probe Pushed

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Philadelphia looked to the FBI agents and a federal grand jury today for possible sensational disclosures in a paralyzing, six-day transit strike that developed with flashing suddenness and without apparent organized leadership, inspiring a union's charges of "company collusion" and "sinister enemy activity."

"We are going after the big fish," a federal spokesman said as the FBI massed data on the grand jury prepared to convene tomorrow (10 a. m. EDT) to hear at least 35 persons, including strikers, Philadelphia Transportation company officials, officers of the CIO transport workers union and government war agency officials.

"I would think the inquiry will last at least a week, longer if necessary," said Henry A. Schweinhaut, a special assistant to Atty. Gen. Biddle, sent here to direct the probe.

"The workers were pushed out on a checker board as pawns in a sinister game," said the CIO transport workers union.

The strike, a protest against the upgrading of eight Negroes to drivers' jobs under a fair employment practice committee directive, began early last Tuesday morning without apparent warning and was crushed completely early yesterday after the army had seized the lines by order of President Roosevelt. Armed troops continued to ride every moving bus, trolley, subway and subway-elevated train today.

Meanwhile the four strike leaders, dismissed when they appeared for work yesterday, are free on \$2,500 bonds pending a hearing Aug. 14 on charges of violating the Smith-Connally wartime anti-strike act.

The four, who pleaded innocent, are James H. McMenamin, 43, a chairman of the strike committee; vice-chairman William C. Dixey; Frank P. Carney, four times president of the company union displaced as bargaining agent by the TWU; and Frank Thompson, a frequent spokesman for McMenamin.

Three Safe As Engine Goes Over Bridge

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Three railroad workers leaped to safety as a Spokane, Portland and Seattle freight engine plunged through the open draw of a bridge near here and disappeared into 25 feet of water yesterday.

The locomotive and a freight car filled with wood sank into the John Day river, but 25 other cars remained on the track. Engineer G. A. Baldwin, Fireman Kenneth Reigle, and Brakeman Elmer Williams jumped from the train to the ground just before it hurtled over the open draw.

Wagner And Curran Chosen In New York

By The Associated Press
New York democrats renominated Sen. Robert F. Wagner today, and republican leaders of that state agreed upon Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran as his opponent in the November general election.

Curran's formal selection by the GOP convention later in the day was regarded as a formality after republican state chairman Edwin F. Jaekle announced at Albany that a consensus of the executive committee agreed on the 45-year-old Manhattan attorney. He was the choice of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the party's presidential nominee.

Field Marshal, Three Generals Among Victims

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(UP)—Eight high German officers involved in the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler on July 20 and overthrow his nazi regime were hanged today only two hours after sentence of death had been passed on them by the provincial court in Berlin following a sensational two-day trial.

Berlin announced officially that the eight men were sentenced to death for "honorless ambition, for high treason and treachery."

Eight "Confess" The trial came to an abrupt end today after the eight made a "confession" of their guilt and official German accounts indicated that the conspirators, including a field marshal and three generals,

ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A newly-captured German intelligence officer asserted today that Heinrich Himmler, German Gestapo and SS chief, has been assassinated, and that Reichsmarshal Herman Goering was wounded in a new outbreak against the nazi hierarchy.

(There was no confirmation of this report. The officer's report was based on second-hand information and therefore is subject to reservation.)

had been hanged publicly. The condemned traitors were Field Marshal Erwin von Witzleben who, according to some German accounts, directed the anti-Hitler conspiracy; Col. Gen. Hoepner, Maj. Gen. Stieff, Lt. Gen. von Hagen, Lt. Col. Bernhard, Capt. Friederich Klausning and Lt. Count York von Wartenburg.

The "confessions" came at the close of a carefully staged two-day trial in the plenary chamber of the provincial court in Berlin, where a hand-picked tribunal of nazi judges and German general staff officers heard a damning indictment that charged the eight officers with attempting to murder Hitler on July 20 in order to take over the government and sue for peace with the allies.

In addition to the eight executed, the army court expelled the following from the army: General (of communications troops) Fellgiebel, Maj. Gen. von Tresckow, Col. Hansen, Maj. Hayessen, Lt. (retired) Count von der Schulenburg.

Executions Swift The expulsion and death sentences were carried out at the same time, the Transocean news agency said.

The alleged testimony indicated that as far back as February 1943, the plot against Hitler was brewing, and that by the end of that year negotiations were under way among the group to actually carry out the attempt on the fuhrer's life.

Soldiers customarily are executed by the firing squad and death by hanging is employed only for the lowest criminals.

George Jones Here On Way To War Front

George Jones, Eugene's war correspondent with United Press, is here through Tuesday and Wednesday before leaving for Honolulu where he will report back to duty with the United Press bureau there.

Jones, who covered many campaigns through the Pacific areas, has been back in the states since March. He had expected to return to the war areas before this, but two attacks of malaria and bronchitis, took him to the hospital after he returned to California in May. He is just out of the hospital after two weeks here in July. Upon his return to the states, he wrote a number of articles, including one on Truk for Harper's Magazine, and one on the work of correspondents for Editor and Publisher.

Upon his return to Honolulu he expects to be assigned to light duties for a time until his complete recovery, after which he expects to see duty again with American forces at some of the Pacific islands. At Honolulu, too, he plans to see Richard Johnston, another UP war correspondent from Eugene who has won much acclaim and recognition for his work on the war.

Both Jones and Johnston are former Register-Guard reporters. While here, Jones is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Jones, and his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Jones Dare.

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