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Two More Ships Hit off East Coast

OPM Ordered Out by Head of Production

Nelson Joins Office Duties With Main Board; New Divisions Created

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—War production Chief Donald M. Nelson today abolished the office of production management as a war agency and tied directly to the war production board the main operating divisions of OPM.

Nelson also announced creation of an overall requirements board which will match war requirements and available war materials. Its chairman will be William L. Bant. Its members will represent the army, navy, economic defense board, lend-lease and maritime commission.

From the old OPM, Nelson transferred to the WPB the divisions of purchases, production, materials, labor and civilian supply. He created a new division of industry operations which will include the former priorities system. Contract division eliminated. Nelson also eliminated OPM's division of contract distribution which had been under the direction of Floyd B. Odum. That division's functions will be carried out principally by the production division, Nelson said. He added that Odum had suggested the change and will remain as an advisor to him.

Nelson said the present setup was principally "an interim" organization. He said he was making but one approach to the reorganization—"to get the maximum production of war material in the shortest possible time."

Nelson also created the following new divisions to speed the war effort:

Progress to Be Reported
1. A progress reporting agency under the direction of former OPM Statistician Stacy May to follow the development of "all items in the war program—not only from a statistical standpoint but projecting them into the future."

2. A planning division which, Nelson said, can be called a "brain trust." It would do a lot of "thinking" on how the war effort may be improved.

J. S. Knowlson, former deputy OPM priorities director, was appointed to a new division of industry operations. This division's job, Nelson told more than 100 reporters and officials, "will be to get as quick conversion of industry as possible." Former OPM industry and priority branches were put in this division.

Nelson said that Ernest Kanzer, head of the former OPM automobile committee, will be head of the new automotive branch and be "clothed with every authority needed to get conversion in the industry as quickly as possible."

War on Thailand Is Discussed
London, Jan. 21 (UP)—Great Britain is expected to declare war on Thailand soon and well informed sources forecast the United States would do so also, because Thailand troops are taking part in a Japanese attack on Burma.

It was said that British and American officials were now discussing Thailand's position.

Civilian Defense News
A call for women in civilian defense issued recently by the local defense council echoes a plea voiced by the state defense council, according to a war bulletin from the state office.

Mrs. Freda Peterson, state chairman of women's participation in defense, outlined in the bulletin the part that women can play in the defense of their country. Women's influence on the morale of the nation is declared by Mrs. Peterson to be vital and lasting. She urges that Oregon women keep calm during the war crisis, but that they also keep well informed on where fighting is taking place and why.

Voluntary work in local defense organizations is urged by Mrs. Peterson, who suggests that all able-bodied women participate in the local Red Cross work, including such activities as first aid,

American Pilots Aid in British Raid

Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 21 (UP)—Six Blenheim bombers, with an escort of six Tomahawk fighters piloted by Americans, heavily bombed Meikong airdrome yesterday in a raid which saw the Americans shoot down two Japanese fighter planes and probably two others, it was disclosed today.

All the bombers returned safely to their base. One American fighter is missing.

Fighters of the American volunteer group were engaged by Japanese fighters, who apparently had been warned that raiders were approaching and attacked the Americans from a higher altitude.

An American squadron leader from Seaside, N. Y., said he shot down two Japanese planes and probably another, while a Tacoma, Wash., pilot who engaged a Japanese R-97 type, said he saw the plane falling with smoke pouring from its tail.

"I was too busy to follow it down so it is unconfirmed," he said.

Critical Malayan Battle Under Way

Japs Drive Ahead in Spite of Casualties; Singapore Raided Again

Singapore, Jan. 21 (UP)—The most critical battle of the Malayan war raged today south of the Muar river, where Australian troops inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese forces which, nevertheless, drove ahead toward Singapore.

As the Singapore ground defenses and British planes shot down 13 Japanese planes in what authorities described as a savage, indiscriminate attack on civilian areas of Singapore, defeating a second wave of planes, it appeared that the Australians to the north were having difficulty against the infiltration tactics of the Japanese.

The Japanese plan appeared to be to cut in across Johore province to take advantage of landings made on the west coast farther south of the Muar than the main battle line.

Casualties Heavy
Damage and casualties were heavy in the first raid, in which bombs rained on residential and business areas. Big fires were started and firemen fought for hours before they were put out.

It was the second straight day of mass Japanese raids on the city.

Heavy as damage was in civilian areas, it was asserted that military damage was small in the first raid and that in the second, the Japanese planes were driven off quickly before they could do much damage.

An indication of casualties to be expected was given by the official announcement that 66 persons were killed and 154 sufficiently seriously wounded to necessitate hospital treatment in yesterday's lighter raids.

Jap Thrusts Into Burma Expected

Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 21 (UP)—New Japanese thrusts into Burma during the next 10 days almost certainly may be expected, an official announcement warned today.

"During the next 10 days... it is almost certain that the Japanese will make thrusts into Burma territory," the director of news services said in a bulletin. He added that enemy activity in Burma depends "on the fortunes in south Malaya" where the enemy "has made remarkable progress."

Bond Sale Total Given at Sisters
Sisters, Jan. 21 (Special)—Sale of defense bonds through the Sisters postoffice for the first 15 days of January totaled \$787.50 and savings stamps sales amounted to \$157.55.

Handling the canvassing of the town for voluntary pledges to buy defense bonds will be Jerry Benson, for the business district, members of the Civic club for house to house canvassing and Phil Hitchcock for payroll allotment at the various mills. This work is to start this week as soon as material arrives.

Russians Take Moshaisk



In the most smashing victory of their winter offensive the Russians have taken Moshaisk, key point in the German lines. Moshaisk had been the focal point of the Nazi drive on Moscow and was one of the points the Nazis intended to use as winter headquarters.

MacArthur's Lines Intact

Washington, Jan. 21 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today that savage counter-attacks have re-established his Bataan province defense lines with "very heavy" Japanese losses and revealed that Filipino guerrillas far behind the lines have carried out a "brilliant" attack on an enemy airdrome.

MacArthur's report of the guerrilla success was the first to indicate that his efforts to establish organized behind-the-lines fighting on the model of the successful Russian tactics against the Germans are beginning to pay dividends.

The American general revealed that a guerrilla force, operating in the Cagayan river valley of northeast Luzon, carried out a surprise raid on a Japanese-occupied airdrome at Taguigarao, just south of Aparri.

"The Japanese were taken completely by surprise," said the communiqué, "and fled in confusion, leaving 110 dead on the field. Approximately 300 others were put to flight. Our losses were very light."

Republicans to Meet in Bend

The next state-wide convention of the Oregon Republican club will be held in Bend, late in September, officers of the Deschutes county republican central committee have been notified by state executive committeemen.

The state committee held its meeting in Portland last week-end, and at that time decided on Bend for the early autumn convention. Present were Robert M. Fisher, of Eugene, president of the Oregon Republican club, and 16 of the 20 members of the state executive committee.

Members of the Deschutes county group were not present for the Portland meeting, but were in touch with the matters discussed there. At the Portland session, the committee endorsed the pledge system of purchasing defense savings bonds.

RAIL RATE BOOST GRANTED

Washington, Jan. 21 (UP)—The interstate commerce commission today granted authority to the nation's railroads to increase their passenger fares 10 per cent.

PREDICTS SINGAPORE'S FALL

Washington, Jan. 21 (UP)—Chalmers Tom Connally, D. Tex., of the senate foreign relations committee predicted today that Singapore would fall to the Japanese, giving them control of the sea and air in that area.

Reds Pursue Nazis West Of Moshaisk

Offensive Developing Fast Following Fall of Key City in Winter Line

London, Jan. 21 (UP)—Russia asserted today that its army was pursuing the Germans westward from captured Moshaisk, key city of the Hitler winter line, and was blasting German strong points on the Leningrad front in a rapidly developing offensive.

As Russia jubilantly hailed the first major defeat for Adolf Hitler since he took personal command on the eastern front, and made Moshaisk the anchor of his line, the parliament and government of the Ukrainian soviet republic broadcast a manifesto to the entire Ukraine, promising it freedom soon and calling on the people to rise in the German rear in aid of the Red army.

War Materials Taken
The Germans had been thrown out of Moshaisk in hand to hand fighting. They had left enormous quantities of war material behind as they fled toward Vyazma and Smolensk, on the road along which Napoleon's broken grand army retreated in 1812.

Lieut. Gen. Leonid Govorov, who led the Russian army which captured Moshaisk, said in a special broadcast from the front today:

"In several sectors the Germans are now retreating in panic, leaving arms and materials. They frequently give themselves up."

"The Red army has now the task of clearing soviet soil of German fascists."

Crack Troops in Action
Military experts here believed the Germans would be forced back to the Bryansk-Vyazma-Rzhev line 70 miles west of Moshaisk. But Russia already had reported its troops within 60 miles of Smolensk, and reports that the Russians were throwing hundreds of thousands of crack reserves, splendidly equipped, into its advanced lines caused hope that the Germans might have to fall back to the Smolensk line, 100 miles beyond Vyazma.

In addition to announcing the recapture of Moshaisk, the Russian midnight communiqué claimed the capture of Ostashkov, just south of Lake Seliger and 100 miles north of Smolensk, in a drive which made it possible for the Red army to now develop pincer movements against either the Leningrad front or Smolensk.

Birds Feast on Spilled Grain

Wise birds of the Bend country, especially those that make the rounds in search of food, have discovered that, after all, it is an ill wind that blows no good.

A few days back, local sportsmen have learned, several cars of wheat left the track in the Bend switching yards, scattering grain over the earth. Some of this was salvaged, but a considerable amount remained on the ground.

Sparrows were the first to discover the wheat and apparently passed the word to their feathered friends.

Sportsmen, among them Dr. J. C. Vandever, believe there is a possibility that some of the wheat can be salvaged for Mirror pond waterfowl, providing permission to pick up the wheat is obtained from railroad officials.

Over-Width Log Loads Requested

The Deschutes county court, meeting this morning, took into consideration a request from J. H. Meister, logging superintendent of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, that they be permitted to haul logs over the Pringle Falls road, using trucks with 11-foot bumpers, which are three feet wider than the eight-foot regulation size.

The court voted to investigate the condition of the road and the traffic conditions on it. Judge C. L. Allen stated that if it were possible to do so, they would comply with the mill's request.

The remainder of the morning session was spent in signing deeds and leases and approving bills.

The court was to meet again this afternoon to transfer within the county general fund, surpluses from some funds to make up for deficits in others.

Congress Ready to Act On War Fund

Washington, Jan. 21 (UP)—Congressional leaders today prepared to speed action on the largest single arms appropriation in history—a \$12,525,872,474 grant to expand the army air arm into the greatest striking force of modern warfare.

The house deficiency appropriations subcommittee broke all previous records for handling a money bill of this size late yesterday in approving the measure after a single day of hearings. It will get house approval Friday.

The entire fund is for production of air weapons.

Pledge Drive Brings Results

First Day's Signup 'Very Satisfactory,' Says Headquarters

Results from the first day pledges collected by minute men in Deschutes county's defense savings pledge campaign were "very satisfactory," according to a report from the headquarters in the chamber of commerce office, where Carl J. Lindh, chairman of the drive, is distributing books of pledges, giving instructions to the volunteer workers and tallying returns.

The drive moved into high gear today, after a delayed start yesterday, caused by late arrival of the pledge cards. Business houses with over four employees were sent personal letters, urging support of the campaign, either by individual pledges or by installation of a payroll allotment system.

Signup Is Large
A "surprisingly large" per cent of the pledges have been signed by Bend employers and employees, said Lindh. A few misunderstandings have occurred, mostly where the signer was already purchasing bonds regularly and thought that signing the pledge made them responsible for an additional bond purchase. Minute men explained that in cases where an individual was already purchasing bonds regularly, he should indicate that on the pledge slip.

Employees at The Shevlin-Hixon Company who have been asked to sign pledge cards have done so 100 per cent, it was reported by A. L. O. Schuler, captain for that district. All but one of the employees at The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc. asked to sign the bond pledge have cooperated, stated Thomas F. Brooks, captain for the mill.

House-to-house Work Starts
House-to-house campaigns are being carried out in only two districts to date, No. 8 and No. 12, Lindh said. He indicated that other residential districts would be canvassed by minute men, probably starting tomorrow.

Where children are purchasing defense stamps, no matter how small the amount, they are urged to sign pledge cards.

"It doesn't matter how small the amount may be—or how large. You will be contributing regularly to your country part of the enormous expenses of this war. Further—you will be saving your money. For in 10 years the sum that you put now into defense savings bonds will return to you, increased by one-third its purchase value," Lindh declared.

Pledge cards are available at the post office, the two banks, and headquarters.

Sportsmen Assured of 1942 Hunting and Fishing Seasons

Bend sportsmen have assurance that, despite the war, there will be a fishing season and a hunting season in Oregon in 1942, not only because the state plans to "carry on," but because it is felt that outdoor recreation should be provided for people who may suffer from war nerves. The state game department does plan to retrench, to meet decreased value and to cooperate in the war effort, but this retrenchment does not mean there will be no deer season next fall.

In a letter to sportsmen, Merrill D. Rose, member of the state game commission, definitely spikes the rumor that a 1942 closure on hunting is contemplated. The letter states, in part:

"The game commission has, for the past several weeks, been preparing its budget for this year. Careful consideration has been given the possibility that there may be some decrease in its revenues. But it is the consensus among the commissioners and the department heads that they should carry on as normally as possible with a general policy that is flexible enough to permit curtailment of activities if and when it becomes apparent that such curtailment is necessary to avoid bankruptcy."

Rumors that hatcheries are to be closed were said to be entirely unfounded. However, further expansion programs will be held in abeyance, because labor and materials will be necessary to national defense.

Rose declared that the rumor that there will be no 1942 hunting season is "without foundation."

Fifth and Sixth Sub Victims Announced

American Steamer City Of Atlanta and Latvian Vessel Are Torpedoed

Washington, Jan. 21 (UP)—The navy announced today that the American steamer City of Atlanta was sunk and the Latvian freighter Clivaira was attacked and believed sunk by an enemy submarine off the U. S. Atlantic coast.

These were the fifth and sixth announced U-boat victims since the undersea raiders became active off the eastern coast a week ago.

The City of Atlanta was sunk by a submarine off Cape Hatteras on the morning of January 19 with an apparent loss of 44 of its estimated crew of 46.

The Clivaira lost two of its crew of 32.

Argentina Agrees To Compromise

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 21 (UP)—Argentina was reported today to have agreed to a compromise on the resolution for a joint severance of all relations with the axis nations by the 21 American republics.

The compromise, it was understood, was drafted by Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil with the approval of the United States delegation, to enable Argentina to participate in the solid inter-American front in spite of her strong opposition to the resolution.

It was believed that Chile also would permit the American republics to submit the severance resolution to a referendum of the cabinets and congresses of their respective countries, thus giving each country freedom of action but achieving a unanimous vote on the measure in the conference of foreign ministers.

One conference source explained that the original resolution would have required the approval of the American governments anyhow.

It was believed that Chile also would agree to the reported compromise rather than remain the lone holdout, inasmuch as Chilean objections to the original resolution were similar to those of Argentina. In Chile's case the domestic political situation is complicated by the presidential campaign terminating with the Feb. 1 elections.

Officers Chosen By Association

Directors of the Deschutes Federal Savings & Loan association holding their annual conference today, following a meeting of stockholders at which directors were named, elected George P. Gove as president, to succeed Carl J. Lindh. Carl Erickson was named vice-president of the association and Lindh was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding Walter G. Peak, who is now in army service.

Preceding the directors' meeting, stockholders re-elected H. H. DeArmond, Frank R. Prince and Lindh to the board of directors.