

Decree Holding Curfew Legal Expected Today

Seattle, July 20 (AP)—Federal Judge Lloyd Black was expected today to rule soon that curfew and evacuation orders affecting Japanese and Japanese-Americans were constitutional.

Judge Black said Saturday he would so rule, unless convinced to the contrary, in the case of Gordon Kyoshi Hirabayashi, 24, Japanese-American University of Washington student who contested the orders.

Referring to an argument by Frank L. Waters, attorney for Hirabayashi, that evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from critical military areas can be accomplished legally only by amending the constitution, Judge Black observed:

"I do not consider that our constitution make this nation helpless to cope with total conflict.

"I recognize that it has been frequently declared by representatives of Japan, Germany and Italy that a constitutional democracy, such as the United States, is completely outmoded by reason of scientific advancement that has so speeded modern war.

"Such representatives have shouted to the world that the constitution of the United States is so restrictive, cumbersome and unyielding as to absolutely blind and imprison the United States, so that this country, self-imprisoned by its own constitution, will be an immobilized victim while the speedy attacks of dictator countries, unrestrained by parliament or constitution, destroy it.

"But I concede to counsel that I don't believe the constitution of the United States is so unsuited for survival in these days of lightning war that if we need to protect critical military areas we can only do so by the slow process of constitutional amendment."



UP SAILS!—At the signal young skippers "up sails" as they prepare for a regatta at Alamitos Bay, Long Beach, Calif. Salty skippers, young and old, from all parts of Southern California, took their small sailing craft to Alamitos Bay for a series of races.

Two Fishermen Drown in Lake

Madras, July 20 (AP)—George Meacham, chief of the Warm Springs Indian tribe, and Donald Sanders, 15, Portland, drowned in Trout lake Saturday in a fishing accident.

Meacham, standing a rowboat, lost his balance and overturned the craft. The pair disappeared before other fishermen could reach the scene.

Eleven Lives Lost in Pennsylvania Floods

Ridgway, Pa., July 20 (AP)—Violent flash floods rolling through north central Pennsylvania and New York today took at least 11 lives and damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes, business establishments and industrial plants.

Railroad roadways and highway bridges were washed out. Traffic was paralyzed. Power and telephone service was disrupted. There were fires, landslides and disease threats. The flood waters swirled from the upper tributaries of the Susquehanna, Clarion and Allegheny rivers in Pennsylvania. The Allegheny winds northward through southern New York before turning southwest to its junction with the Ohio at Pittsburgh.

Hardest hit were Port Allegany, Austin, Wharton, Ridgway, Emporium and Johnsonburg in Pennsylvania and Olean, Portville and Salamanca in New York.

At Port Allegany, where six persons were reported drowned, the Allegheny smashed into the Free Methodist church while 150 persons were attending a conference. They clung to trees, roof tops and floating wreckage until rescued. Fire broke out later and destroyed the church and a nearby parish hall, a garage and an old silk mill.

L. N. Lukehart of Alexandria, Va., general field representative of the Red Cross, took charge of relief operations there. He reported the flood was so swift "huge chunks of streets" were torn out.

An earthen dam broke at Austin, sweeping away several homes and knocking others from their foundations.

Water mains, electric and telephone lines were destroyed. A flood there in 1911 took more than 80 lives. No loss of life had been reported today.

Willkie Says Color Not Test of Race

Los Angeles, July 20 (AP)—Americans are learning, says Wendell Willkie, that the test of a people is their aim, not their color.

He told the closing session of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People yesterday that the attitude of white American citizens toward the Negro has "some of the unlovely tragic characteristics of alien imperialism."

"You have been sore tried with many of the practices of our democracy," the 1940 republican presidential candidate said, "and it is right and just that you should be alert to every opportunity to remove the discriminations that exist against your people."

He charged white Americans with a "smug sense of racial superiority and a willingness to exploit an unprotected people," but said that under the pressure of war, long-standing barriers and prejudices were breaking down.

Victory Rally Hears from FDR

Chicago, July 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in a message to thousands of Chicago Slavs at a victory rally in Soldier Field yesterday, urged them "to keep their courage high and their faith firm until we crush the tyrant and bring freedom and peace to all men."

The president told the estimated 50,000 at the lake front stadium that the rally was "a stirring symbol of the unity of a mighty nation; a nation composed of many people from many distant lands, marching forward as one man in the name of freedom. You whose father's soil has been overrun need not be reminded of the nature of the enemy nor of his black purpose."

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who read the message, declared that a victory for the United Nations meant "the utmost effort and superb team work."

Army Man Returns For Short Visit

Sidney Talbot—Arthur Todd, who is in the U.S. army stationed near Yakima, Wash., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Todd last week.

G. W. Potts, Sr., has returned from a business trip to Marshfield and other points along Coos Bay.

Mrs. Ernest Freeman and son and Mrs. D. E. Blinston visited relatives and friends in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gurgurich visited relatives in Hermiston recently.

Mrs. Anna Todd of Live Oak, Calif., visited recently with her cousin, Mrs. Ernest Treeman and family.

Held on Charge Of Injuring Tires

Just because farmers are eligible to rubber denied the average citizen is no sign that they can treat the commodity with disregard, Alf O. Nelson, justice of the peace of the Silverton district, believes.

Herman Kuenzi and Walter Harri, the latter a resident of the Dutch Flats section adjacent to Silverton, became playful Sunday night and staged a tug-of-war between a dual-tired farm tractor and a farm truck. Burned tire marks occurred in various parts of the city before they were arrested by city police.

In court Judge Nelson held them under a section of the code pertaining to "an indecent or immoral act not otherwise made punishable" and specifically with "injuring tires and destroying rubber." In court this morning bail was first fixed at \$1,000 but later, both well known farmers, were released on their own recognizance and given 24 hours in which to consult an attorney and enter a plea.

Albanian Guerrillas Damage Oil Fields

London, July 20 (AP)—Albanian guerrillas have engaged Italian occupation forces in fierce fights at at least three towns and caused considerable damage in the oil fields, where they started disastrous fires, radio Moscow said today.

Moscow, credited its information to a dispatch datelined from Geneva, Switzerland.

The Geneva information said Italian troops were engaged at Valona, Corizza and Argirocastro, and that such heavy losses were inflicted that the soldiers called on Italian oil field workers to help them.

Several oil plants were damaged and several big oil tanks were set afire.

Danes Love Blasts Of British Bombers

Portland, July 20 (AP)—Explosions blast Danish shipyards to rubble, and the Danes love it. They love it, Dr. Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish minister to the United States, explained Saturday, because the explosives are dropped by RAF planes on ships of the hated Germans.

He told an interviewer that Denmark is faring better than most of occupied Europe. Livestock and poultry thrive there and the Danes get some of their own produce, he said.

Federal Attorneys Will Meet in S.F.

Washington, July 20 (AP)—Attorney-General Francis Biddle announced today that United States attorneys from 11 western and Pacific coast states will meet in San Francisco July 23 for a three-day conference on war-time policies and problems.

Among the topics listed for discussion are the alien enemy control program, espionage, sedition, and the foreign agents registration act.

Wage Increase Order Has Wide Effect

Eugene, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Wage increases and wage differentials awarded by Dean P. Howard as arbitrator for 25 Willamette Valley lumber mills were intended to apply to all operations in the Willamette area, in the opinion of George Metzger, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Operators Association.

Metzger based his opinion on the text of the award, which gave mill employees 80 cents per hour in class A and B mills for common labor, 75 cents in class C and 72½ cents in class D mills.

"All the way through the findings Dean Howard refers to the Willamette Valley as a unit and makes no effort to set out the 25 mills from the balance of the 458 mills in the region," said Metzger.

To narrow the award to only the 25 mills which voluntarily submitted to the arbitration "is neither economically sound nor conducive to the complete utilization of the valley industry in the prosecution of the war," Metzger declared.

He pointed out that the national war labor board mediation panel recommended appointment of an arbitrator to determine whether differentials within the Willamette Valley region and between the Willamette Valley and the remainder of the Douglas fir area should be continued.

Metzger said there has been some effort by labor groups not parties to the arbitration to establish an 82½ cent minimum for their Willamette Valley members.

Steve Anderson GOP Secretary

The best contribution that the democratic and republican parties can make to the war effort is honest political effort, Al Sulmonetti, president of the Multnomah county young republicans, said yesterday at a meeting of 40 delegates to the executive committee meeting of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon.

He said it is essential that the two-party system be maintained. Steve Anderson, Salem, was elected to the newly created post of executive secretary. Dorothy Cornelius, Salem, and Walter Norblad, Astoria, were elected to the executive board, and Ed Nye, Portland, was named publicity chairman.

The delegates adopted a resolution endorsing the proposed constitutional amendment to increase legislators' pay from \$3 a day for 40 days to \$8 a day for 50 days.

Small Contracts for Northwest Signed

Washington, July 20 (AP)—Three Pacific northwest construction contracts under \$50,000 awarded by army engineers were announced Saturday by the war department under a new policy of making public all contracts here rather than in the field.

Names and addresses of contractors, types of work, locations of projects and the district engineer offices supervising construction were:

Vernon Hershberger, Pocatello, construction of barbed wire fence, Bannock county, Ida., Portland, E. O.

Russell Olson, Medford, construction of roads, bridges and drainage ditch, Jackson county, Ore., Portland, E. O.

Hazen and Clark, Spokane, construction of motor repair shop, Spokane county, Seattle, E. O.

231 Decorated for Heroism in War

Washington, July 20 (AP)—The navy said Saturday that a recapitulation showed 231 officers and men, including three from Oregon, have been decorated for heroism in the war.

Awards, previously announced, to Oregonians were: Navy cross to Elwyn L. Christmas, Lt. (JG) USN reserve, Mt. Angel.

Navy cross to Jesse D. Jewell, Commander, USN, wounded, Portland.

Navy cross to Eugene B. McKinney, Lt. commander, USN, Eugene.

Germany is experimenting in the use of plastics for aircraft.

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Russian Resistance Drains Nazi Strength

The Hitlerites have continued their slow but inevitable advance on the southern Russian front during the week-end, and their occupation of the hotly-contested railway junction of Voronezh has greatly increased the threat to Rostov, western gateway to the Caucasus, some hundred miles to the south.

The saving grace from the allied standpoint rests in the fact that the red withdrawal is orderly and their fierce resistance is draining the life-blood of the enemy. The gods of war still gamble the soviet's vast spaces against Herr Hitler's short and fleeting time.

Japs Stand by Midway Lies

A Japanese navy spokesman in an answer to the United States navy communique on the Midway island battle repeated today the previous enemy allegations that two United States aircraft carriers of the 19,900 ton Enterprise and Hornet type, a heavy cruiser and a submarine were sunk in the action.

The spokesman, Capt. Hideo Hiraide, in a Tokyo radio broadcast on the occasion of the observance of Japan's navy day said that on June 5 Japanese scout planes gave the "much awaited news" that a United States fleet was cruising northward from Midway. Actually at that time what was left of the Japanese fleet of 80 ships was in full flight toward Tokyo after having suffered the greatest disaster in Japanese naval history.

He said that the Enterprise type carrier was first attacked and that "it was not long before the ship went to the bottom, enveloped in flames."

Then, he said, the other carrier was attacked by torpedo planes 2½ hours later and hit three times. Two days later, he said, the ship was sighted, "attempting to flee to Hawaii," and a submarine sank it.

A Japanese headquarters communique said that up to July 10 the Japanese navy had sunk 59 allied submarines and damaged 38.

Last of Liberty Ships Launched

Vancouver, Wash., July 20 (AP)—The second and last Liberty ship to be built at the Vancouver shipyards of the Kaiser Co. was launched Sunday. It was christened the Elias Howe by Mrs. Henry Kaiser, wife of the head of the company.

Hereafter, vessels launched at the yard will be of a different type, with four sliding down the ways each week when the peak construction is reached. The speed of production at the yard was warmly praised by Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, vice chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission, who told the assembled workers:

"Your part of the job is coming along faster than any other in the country."

No More Shipyards Needed Says Vickery

Portland, Ore., July 20 (AP)—The way present shipyards have slashed production estimates has eliminated need for more yards, and turned attention to supplying materials, Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery said here Sunday.

"The American Shipbuilding program is keeping ahead of the sinking of American ships," the maritime commission vice chairman said, "but in total sinkings we are not keeping up." He mentioned the losses of British, Dutch, Norwegian and Panamanian ships.

Canada, the United States and Great Britain have the job of replacing all those losses, and it is getting difficult to deliver materials to the shipyards as fast as the workers can construct ships, Admiral Vickery said.

Can Reds Hold Out

Can the bolsheviks hold the German invasion until the winter, or some fortuitous military development, makes it too late for the nazis to break into the Caucasus this year? The red position is exceedingly grave, but the allies have a right to hope that Hitler can be held.

The Russian rear-guard is putting up a heroic fight in order to give the main body of troops a chance to pull back without disorder and make a stand in the best positions. The rear-guard is dying grandly, but it also is exacting a terrible toll from the Germans.

Voronezh Battle

While the spectacular Nazi advance is being made chiefly in the great eastward bend of the Don river, I call your attention to the position at the city of Voronezh, a strategical railway junction on the Don river to the north of the main advance. There has been protracted and fierce fighting there, and the reason is this:

It is apparent that Hitler's strategy for his great drive against the Caucasus provided that he hold his line against the Russians on the north while he smashed at the southern extremity with his great army of a million fresh and newly equipped troops. Now Voronezh is the anchor to which Nazi General Von Bock badly wants to attack his left wing, because there is danger that the Russians may launch a counter-offensive from this point, thereby endangering Von Bock's left flank and consequently his entire battle line. Indeed, the nazis themselves report heavy red concentrations near Voronezh, indicating the possibilities of such an offensive.

Conflict to Continue

Because of this situation we may expect the bloody conflict to continue for possession of Voronezh and if the reds are able to maintain their position we may see a soviet counter-blow launched through there in due course. The time for such an attack would not seem to be ripe yet. That will come, if at all, when the Germans have penetrated deeper, thereby increasing their heavy losses in men and materiel and lengthening their lines of communication.

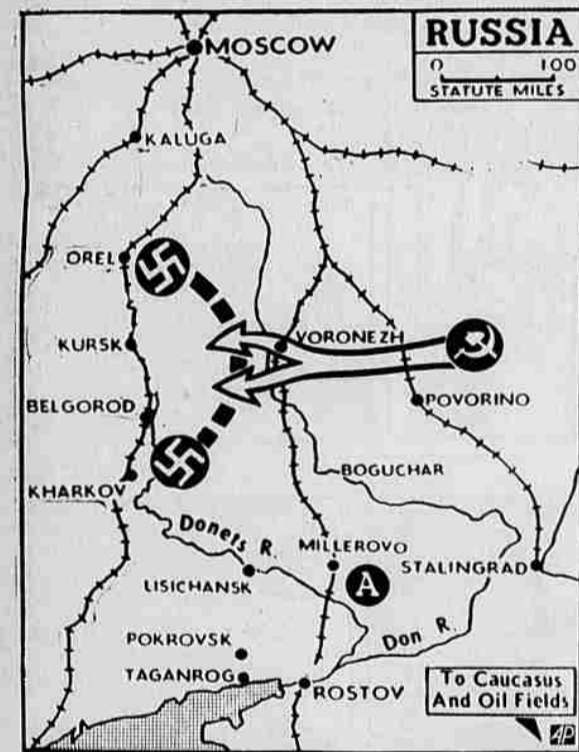
Dr. Don C. Sowers Dies Suddenly

Boulder, Colo., July 20 (AP)—Dr. Don C. Sowers, director of the University of Colorado bureau of business and government research since 1922 and secretary-treasurer of the Colorado municipal league, died suddenly of a heart attack yesterday. He was 59.

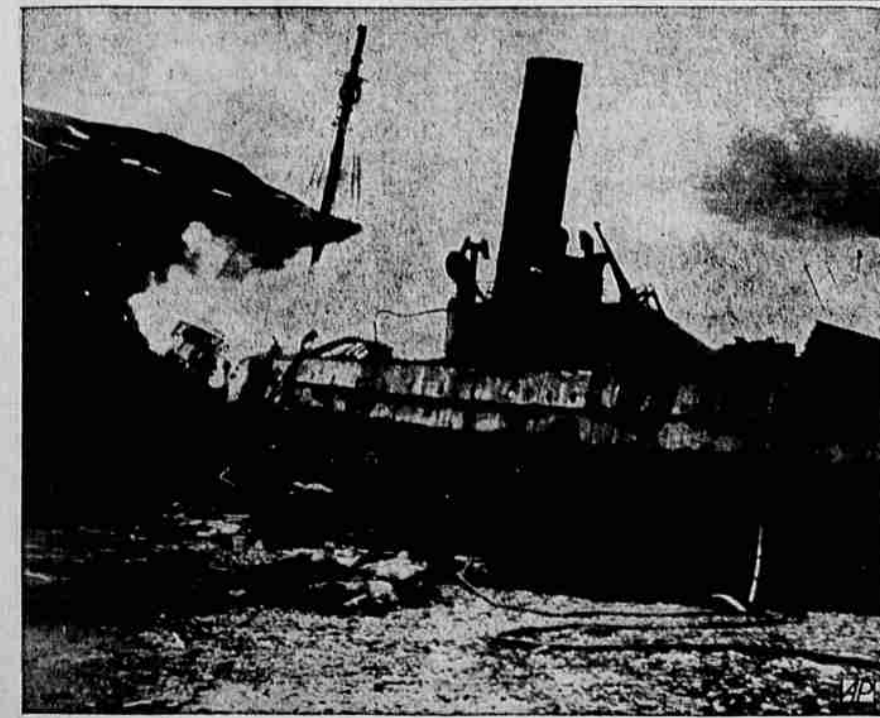
Dr. Sowers was president of the American Municipal Association in 1929.

Born in Spring Hill, Kas., he was formerly on the faculty at the University of Oregon and from 1927 to 1932 directed municipal research in Akron, Ohio.

He is survived by his widow, two sons in military service, Don Jr., and Robert, and a daughter, Helen, a university student.



Reds Break Nazi Lines—German invasion formations (broken line), west of Voronezh were reported broken at two points by red army thrusts (arrow). Southeast of Millerovo (A), the soviets waged strength-sapping rear guard actions against the Hitler spearhead aimed at vital Stalingrad. — Associated Press Photo.



Ship Japs Blasted at Dutch Harbor—Plates buckled and smoke pouring from her entire length, the station ship S. S. Northwestern, is already being inspected after the Jap bombing of Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Fire swept the ship after the bomb hit. — U. S. Navy Photo.

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