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RUSSIAN BALTIC BULWARK CRUMBLES

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An old friend returns to The Mail Tribune pages today with resumption of publication of Paul Mallon's column, "News Behind the News." Mr. Mallon's interpretation of national and international events and portents is generally recognized as among the best. "News Behind the News" will be a regular daily feature in The Mail Tribune.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 23.—The broom that is to sweep this army clean of political hangers-on is working inside.

The social and political lions who have slipped in to fighting army spots as reserve officers and national guard leaders are being weeded out quietly, by simply allowing their commissions to expire shortly at the end of their year's service.

Then the board of selection of general officers which has been meeting here in such secrecy that the identity of the board members has not been divulged even within the war department, has now completed its initial report. This report selects 300 full colonels who are needed immediately as active leaders in the field. How deep it swept is evident. The board went down nearly 1500 names in the eligible list of 3000 lieutenant colonels before choosing the 300 men temperamentally suited to lead the soldiers. It passed over four out of every five senior officers.

The action represents a nation-shaking departure from army tradition. There will be groaning plenty. Yelps are already beginning to be heard in congressional ears. Always before custom required the chief of staff to choose the names placed at the top of eligible lists by seniority.

No greater step to encourage civilian confidence in the future of the army has been taken since this defense program started.

THE Germans slipped practically all their air force out of Libya several days back, thereafter giving conclusive evidence that major operations elsewhere were nigh.

A YOUNG French tank officer, Lt. Robert Gerard, met with the topflight colonels in

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Master of Ceremonies Frank DeSouza almost going through with the whole show after announcing postponement of the catfish derby, he even making the scantily-clad Ashland Kitty boys come out in the cold rain and toot their bagpipes.

Oliver Gustafson being as busy as a hive of bees in rigging up his catfish derby refreshment stand and just as busy a few minutes later in pulling it down when the rain became a little too thick for him.

THREE STATES TO DROP SOVIET YOKE AND HELP HITLER

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia Taken Into U.S.S.R. Year Ago May Revolt

By the Associated Press

The Baltic bulwark which Soviet Russia erected by threats and persuasion against the possibility of just such an attack by Germany as is now raging along her great western frontier appeared today to be crumbling.

Combined military and political blows within and without the three little states—Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia—which the U.S.S.R. took into camp and started fortifying a year ago, threatened to line them up with Adolf Hitler.

Lithuanians Rise

According to Berlin advices, based in turn on broadcasts from the Kaunas radio, Lithuanians have risen up, forming a new government pledged to help Germany fight Russia.

An effort to cut Latvia also out of the Russian camp was indicated when the German radio broadcast a declaration by a Latvian "Government-in-exile" that Latvia, too, would fight alongside Germany presumably when and if Russian rule could be cast off.

Helsinki reports said Estonia, farthest removed of the three from the German-Russian battle line, was expected to follow suit.

Baltic political refugees, themselves anti-Russian, said Russia had expected revolts in the three states.

Finns For Neutrality

Finland, who lost territory to Russia by war, declared, at the same time, that she would maintain neutrality as long as possible—this despite Adolf Hitler's classification of her as his ally.

Lithuania's declaration of independence came as German land forces, now at least 10 miles inside Russian territory, and the air force pounded Russian bases and communications in a tide of destruction which the German high command announced was proceeding "on schedule and successfully."

When night had settled on Europe's new 2,000-mile-long battlefront, the German radio announced that Nazi forces had crossed the Prut river dividing line between Rumania and Soviet Russia, and surged onward through opening blasted in Russian fortifications by artillery and bombing planes.

Ten-Mile Penetration

Russia acknowledged a 10-mile German penetration of Lithuania from East Prussia. It was likely the Russians deliberately abandoned their new fortifications in the Baltic region, Poland and Bessarabia and northern Bucovina, fighting a delaying action until a stand could be made on the primary fortifications along the old Russian frontier.

Whether Russia would withdraw from bases and territory which she wrested in her war with Finland and which guard the land and sea approaches to Leningrad remained to be seen, but the Finnish government's statement of neutrality followed a denial that German forces were using Finnish bases.

The Finns said, however, Soviet bombers had struck swiftly at their ports and shipping a few hours after Adolf Hitler started his dawn offensive against the U.S.S.R. Helsinki had a 25-minute air alarm this morning and Turku a 50-minute alarm, but no bombs fell.

The conflict ranged from continued maneuvers for position in the far north where, in Finland, the 2,000-mile front touches the Arctic sea, to the fierce encounter of men and machines, aloft and aground, in the central and southern sectors.

A mixed German-Rumanian force of light naval units in the Black sea was reported to have weathered bombardment by Russian coast artillery while on a "scouting thrust."

War Bulletins

Berlin, June 23.—(AP)—DNB, German news agency, reported tonight that 35 Russian planes were shot down yesterday in air battles over the German-held portion of Poland.

New York, June 23.—(AP)—All German radio stations faded off the air, listening stations in New York reported late today, indicating air raiders might be over Germany.

Berlin, June 23.—(AP)—The first batches of Russian prisoners were reported coming to the rear today as Adolf Hitler's armored detachments charged forward along the entire eastern Soviet frontier behind air force units striking far ahead of the land forces. First pictures of action along the 2,000-mile battle line showed the smoke of many fires rolling over moors and steppes.

Berlin, June 23.—(AP)—German divisions are aiding Finnish troops in defensive preparation to protect Finnish soil despite the fact that Finland is "not yet at war with Soviet Russia," the authoritative Commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland said tonight.

Helsinki, Finland, June 23.—(AP)—The Soviet legation continued to function today indicating Russian-Finnish diplomatic relations are unbroken despite Russian violations of Finnish territory.

Moscow, June 23.—(AP)—Foreign Commissar Molotov received the Finnish, Slovak and Hungarian ministers at conferences that followed one another in quick succession late today.

London, June 23.—(AP)—The Norwegian telegraph agency reported today a sudden increase in German activity on the south and west coasts of Norway. German troops were said to be moving constantly westward from Oslo and large scale withdrawals of Norwegian citizens were reported.

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JAPAN EYED FOR MOVE TO SEIZE EASTERN SIBERIA

Attempt May Come While Soviets Battle for Life With Germany in West

Shanghai, June 23.—(AP)—Far eastern observers keenly watched Japan today for signs that she might try to seize eastern Siberia while Soviet Russia is battling for her life against Germany in the west.

Dispatches from Tokyo thus far indicate extreme caution on the part of the tripartite pact partner who also has a neutrality agreement with Soviet Russia.

Conquest of Eastern Siberia is pointed to as for long a frankly admitted ambition of the powerful Japanese Kwantung army, which garrisons Manchoukuo, Russian air bases in the east constitute a threat against Japan proper, and eastern Siberia has natural riches.

Against such impulses are pitted the recent Japanese trend southward in the Pacific, plus the setbacks her military adventures on the Asiatic continent have suffered in past years, such as the stalemated Chinese war.

Golden Opportunity
Japan also is believed to have somewhat reduced her Manchurian garrisons. Thus some observers saw Japan making a continental move on Russia only if Russia should become so weakened that she would be easy prey.

It was not expected here that Japan would abandon her South Asiatic program immediately.

Heavy Japanese naval units have been sighted moving southward off the Chinese coast recently.

Another belief expressed here was that present European developments gave Japan a golden opportunity to get out of the China impasse by an attack on Siberia. It was suggested that Japan might never find a better chance of liquidating the Chinese war on a face-saving basis.

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CONDEMNATION OF ATTACK ON RUSSIA VOICED BY WELLES

Question of Lease-Lend Aid Left Open by Undersecretary After Talk With F.R.

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—The United States condemned Germany's "treacherous attack" on Russia today and declared that "any rallying of forces opposing Hitlerism" would redound to the benefit of American defense and security.

The statement made by Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, after he had conferred with President Roosevelt left open the question of whether lease-lend aid would be given to Soviet Russia.

Welles said no communication had been received from the Soviet government as yet and consequently the question had not been decided by the American government.

F. R. Has Authority
He said, however, that President Roosevelt had authority under the lease-lend act to furnish aid to any country resisting aggression.

The formal declaration of policy read by Welles at a large press conference declared the immediate issue before the American people was whether Hitler's plan for universal conquest was to be successfully halted and defeated.

"In the opinion of this government," Welles said, "consequently any defense against Hitlerism, any rallying of the forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever source these forces may spring, will hasten the eventual downfall of the present German leaders and will therefore redound to the benefit of our own defense and security."

"Hitler's armies are today the chief dangers of the Americas."

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"No Quotes, Please," Says Lindbergh Here

FLIER AND WIFE ARRIVE EN ROUTE TO HEARST RANCH

Presumably in conference today with William Randolph Hearst at the publisher's ranch near McCloud, Cal., Charles A. Lindbergh was an unexpected arrival in Medford yesterday afternoon.

Accompanied by his wife, Col. Lindbergh arrived by United Mainliner from Los Angeles where he addressed an audience of more than 20,000 in Hollywood bowl Friday night on his plea that the United States stay out of the European war.

An automobile from the Hearst ranch was waiting at the municipal airport when the famous couple arrived. While he continued his policy of not speaking for publication, Lindbergh chatted amiably and appeared to be in no rush to get away.

A rather large group of persons, the usual crowd attracted to the airport each Sunday, got wind that the Lindberghs were coming on the Mainliner and congregated at the entrance to get a good look at the couple. It appeared to be a rather awed group and there was no demonstration.

The Lindberghs were escorted along the inside of the airport fence and through another exit to the waiting car.

Mayor H. S. Deuel welcomed the Lindberghs to Medford and invited them to stay long enough to get in some fishing. Lindbergh recalled the time some years ago when he did go fishing here.

Asked whether Germany's declaration of war against Russia altered his views on American participation, Lindbergh said he was still following his custom of not making any statements for publication, adding that if he spoke to one newspaper he would have to speak to all.

Col. Lindbergh's next public speech is scheduled for San Francisco. So far as could be ascertained he has not yet accepted any speaking engagements in Oregon.

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Charles A. Lindbergh



Mrs. Anne Lindbergh

ACCIDENTAL SHOT IN THROAT KILLS YOUNG ASHLANDER

J. T. Armstrong, 25, Dies Instantly As Shotgun Blast Rips Neck On Pigeon Hunt

J. T. Armstrong, 25, of Ashland rural route 1, was instantly killed about 5 p. m. Sunday by a shotgun blast which struck him in the throat as he pulled the gun out of his automobile and set it on the ground.

With his father, J. D. Armstrong, the youth had driven into the Winkelman cherry orchard in Valleyview to shoot pigeons with the owner's permission. The father told Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler that his son, spotting a pigeon, hurriedly stopped the car, opened the door and jumped out, pulling the 12-gauge shotgun behind him. Out of the car, the youth stooped down to pick up some shells, at the same time setting the gun down butt first. As he set the gun down, the hammer struck the running board of the machine and discharged the shell.

Armstrong was born January 25, 1916, at Puleo, Okla., and had resided in the Talent district for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Mozelle; a daughter, Shirley; a son, Jimmy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Armstrong; two brothers, Lem and Ben, both of Oklahoma, and four sisters, Ellen and Pauline, both of Talent; Mrs. Beatrice Rhine of Filmore, Cal., and Mrs. Vera Rutledge of Indio, Cal. Funeral services are being arranged. The county coroner's office here said that an inquest was pending.

HOLD K. F. INDIAN IN INFANTICIDE

Klamath Falls, June 23.—(AP)—Laura Babcock, 32, a New York Indian woman employed by the government as a nurse at Klamath Indian agency, was charged in United States commissioner's court today with the first degree murder of her unnamed male child.

The woman is in a hospital here under guard.

She was reported to have given birth to the child in her living quarters at the agency on Saturday night. After its birth the unwed mother was rushed to the hospital here and authorities ordered an autopsy on the body of the infant, said to have been wrapped in a blanket and given to another attendant at the agency.

Miss Babcock is an Oneida Indian, who was transferred to Klamath agency about 18 months ago from Utah.

DEATH CLOSES BOOK ON SEN. PAT HARRISON

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—Death closed the book Sunday on the long congressional career of Pat Harrison, skillful legislator, tax authority and well-liked companion of his fellow senators.

Harrison, ill for almost two years, died in the dawn hours at Emergency hospital here yesterday after a major abdominal operation a week ago.

The 59-year-old senator, who first came to the house of representatives in 1911, was reported by his personal physician, Dr. Sterling Ruffin, to have "died of exhaustion."

BASEBALL

National		
New York	0	3
Chicago	1	4
Schumacher, Adams and Danning; Passeau and McCullough.		
Brooklyn	9	17
Pittsburgh	4	7
Fitzsimmons, Kimball, Brown, and Owen, Franks; Klinger, Sullivan and Lopez.		

SEATTLE SEEKS MANIAC KILLER

Seattle, June 23.—(AP)—One motorist was shot to death and his wife seriously wounded today by an elderly apparent maniac who stole their car and fled after earlier kidnapping and critically wounding another Seattle man.

State, county and city authorities quickly established highway blockades in their chase of the slayer.

Police had just broadcast the kidnapping and critical shooting of R. F. Bull when they received word of the fatal shooting of E. A. La Fountain and the severe wounding of Mrs. La Fountain.

SPANISH PONDER AID TO GERMANS

Madrid, Spain, June 23.—(AP)—General Franco called an urgent cabinet meeting tonight as a government spokesman announced there had been "no definite decision yet" on whether a voluntary Spanish expeditionary force would be sent to aid Germany against the Russians.

The spokesman made it clear that Spain, if she fought, would not be fighting to aid anyone but rather against the country "we fought for three years in the civil war."

READY TO START LISTING OF ROOMS

Frank J. Van Dyke, cantonment board coordinator, said today that his office was now prepared to receive data on housing and rooming facilities available for workers on the proposed army camp.

The information may be left at his office in the Medford armory, mailed or telephoned, he said. The telephone number is 2070.

Those who prefer may still submit the data to the chamber of commerce here or in Ashland or the officials previously designated in the various communities of the county. Mr. Van Dyke stated, His office, however, added, is now ready to classify and file the information. He urged those who have houses or rooms to rent to workers to communicate with his office immediately.

RAF POUNDS ANEW AT INVASION PORTS

On the Southeast Coast of England, June 23.—(AP)—The roll of heavy explosions was heard once again tonight as RAF bombers, taking advantage of the long summer evenings, carried out fresh attacks on the Nazi invasion coast.

As planes flew toward Calais, observers said it seemed at times that the sky was filled with British aircraft.

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