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WORLD'S GREATEST TANK FRAY RAGES

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 28.—The young new deal justice William O. Douglas is being pushed toward President Roosevelt's desk by the new dealers to take a board chairmanship control of the defense setup. Their alternate for this proposed job, which will be the biggest in the nation under that of the president himself, is Vice President Wallace.

Douglas is reported uncomfortable in his present judicial surroundings but it is not definitely known that he would care to leave that life job. Probably no one will know until the president decides on the coming OPM reorganization. Mr. Wallace's duties have been largely social in the vice-presidency and he would be able to serve if called upon.

WHAT the administration advisers want Mr. Douglas or Mr. Wallace to manage has now also been worked out clearly in their minds. They urge the setting up of a strategy board of control at the top. It would be composed of representatives of the army, navy, a powerful new division of supply, a new ministry of economic warfare, the maritime commission, and possibly some others. Mr. Douglas or Mr. Wallace would be chairman of the board. Its duties would be to decide how much production was necessary for defense, when, how, what first. The board would be the central control agency with authority to make overall policy decisions.

Directly beneath it would be two agencies: (1) military, (2) supply. The military would decide what it needs, but all the business of getting it would be handled by supply. This civilian division would perform the procurement work, not only for army and navy, but the British and the other government purchasing agencies, such as treasury and agriculture. Unlike OPM it would not serve in an advisory capacity, but as an active control agent under the general policy board.

The business plan in OPM have talked along vaguely similar reorganization lines, favoring a single head control, but they believe a business man should be chosen for the post. They are likely to offer the president a somewhat different proposal. He will decide.

THE defense effort has now crept up to the colossal total of \$50,000,000,000. A May 31 completion showed around \$43,000,000,000 had been appropriated for everything so far, army, navy, British aid, etc. A fresh \$6,000,000,000 in the pending army bill will hike the total to \$49,000,000,000.

But less than half the sum has been placed in contracts awarded (\$23,000,000,000), and less than one-fifth has been actually expended (\$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000).

The full economic force of four-fifths of the defense program, therefore, is yet to be felt.

NAZI ADVANCE IN POLAND CHECKED, MOSCOW AVERS

4000 Steel Monsters Tangle in Luck Sector Alone—Red Air Force Scores—Bucharest Bombed.

(By the Associated Press) Moscow, Sunday, June 29.—In probably the greatest tank battle the world ever has witnessed, German and Russian steel monsters are clashing all up and down the front in former Poland, with 4,000 of them locked in mortal combat in the Luck sector alone, it was reported today by the Russian information bureau.

In general the Russian communiqué stressed that the German advance is being held up by this terrific defense, with Nazi losses running into high but untold figures.

Particularly in the direction of Minsk, capital of White Russia, which appears as a prime German objective, German tanks were halted, the Russians asserted.

Heavy Losses Told The communiqué spoke of the Red army inflicting important losses on the Nazis in rear guard actions while withdrawing to new positions, but did not locate this retreat.

Elsewhere its communiqué was a tale of stubborn fighting, with Russian troops and airmen either holding their own or gaining the upper hand.

"In the Siauliai sector (of former Lithuania), our troops took many prisoners, a great number of whom were in an intoxicated condition," the communiqué said.

It claimed also the destruction of 300 tanks of the Nazi 39th tank corps up to Friday night in the continuing battle in the Minsk area.

Telling thus of having smashed the deepest and most menacing of the Nazi spear thrusts into Soviet territory, along the historic invasion route which Napoleon chose in 1812, the Russian announcement said succinctly:

"Fighting is still in progress." It credited the Red air force with a series of successes over all the fronts, noting especially that two monitors, river gunboats, were sunk by air bombs near Tulcea, on the Danube river in Rumania.

Seven German planes were mentioned as shot down at various points Saturday.

Win On Prut The official war bulletin told of repelling German-Rumanian attempts to cross the Prut river into Bessarabia. It already had claimed annihilation of an infantry regiment along the Prut.

Listing them by name, it asserted some German airmen had surrendered voluntarily to the Russians and had written an appeal to others of the Luftwaffe to do likewise.

Some Finnish soldiers also have crossed into Russia and surrendered with the word, "We do not want to fight against the Soviet Union," the information bureau's summary stated.

In general, the picture drawn by the Soviet command last night remained essentially the same—the Russians still standing in the buffer state areas that once were part of Poland, Lithuania and Rumania, with great and bloody battle being waged from northern Lithuania to the Black sea.

Rumania Bombed New York, June 28.—(P)—The Budapest radio reported at 5:15 p. m. (PST) tonight that Bucharest, capital of Rumania, was "just now" bombed, with considerable damage and many civilian deaths.

No casualties were caused by Russian attacks on Constanta, said this report heard by NBC, because the city had been evacuated.

The Budapest radio also said Russians were blowing up bridges and tunnels leading into the Carpatho-Ukraine and were retreating swiftly in the Baltic states with violent fighting on all fronts.

Nazi-Russ Claims Conflict



Germans claimed the Russian battlefront had been broken, but the Red army reported Soviet lines holding except in a few places. Russians said German Panzer thrusts in the Vilna area (1) had been nipped off and that Russian counter-attacks in the Brody and Lwow sectors (2) had led to the recapture of Przemyśl. Russians claimed a firm hold on the east bank of the Prut river (3).

EARLY LEAD FOR FINNS CALLED TO ROOSEVELT'S MAN ENTER HOLY WAR IN TEXAS VOTING AGAINST SOVIET

Dallas, June 28.—(P)—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel cut sharply into Rep. Lyndon Johnson's lead in the special Texas senatorial election tonight as late rural returns were tabulated by the Texas election bureau.

Johnson's lead was cut to 5,664 votes in the bureau's 10:30 p. m. tabulation, which he led with 125,630 votes of 410,892 tabulated. O'Daniel had 120,068. Third was Attorney General Gerald C. Mann, 106,207; fourth, Rep. Martin Dies, 57,929.

Dallas, June 28.—(P)—Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson, who claimed President Roosevelt's explicit blessing, took the lead tonight in early, unofficial returns from the special senatorial election called to fill the post twice left vacant by recent deaths.

Running second in Texas election bureau tabulations of 23,198 votes of a possible million cast was pension-pushing Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, twice overwhelmingly elected to the tune of hillbilly music.

Climbing to third place and crowding O'Daniel for second was Gerald C. Mann, youthful attorney general who a decade ago was a Southern Methodist university football star. Running fourth was Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the house committee investigating un-American activities.

Veteran election bureau statisticians, tabulating returns from 74 of Texas' 254 counties, two complete, said the trend indicated a close race among Johnson, O'Daniel and Mann. At 6:30 p. m. (PST) the count was: Johnson 37,003; O'Daniel, 28,473; Mann 26,212; Dies 14,845.

ROSE CITY RUSH TO GET MARRIED

Portland, June 28.—(P)—Love-struck swains maintained a steady line before the marriage license clerk in Portland today, boosting the city's total licenses to nearly 400 for the month.

Margaret Klees, head of the license bureau, said the all-time record of 445 licenses established in June, 1920, would be broken if the pace continues through Monday, the last day of the month.

Given Health Post Albany, June 28.—(P)—Dr. A. E. Bostrom, former state health officer's assistant who recently completed an advanced course in public health work at Yale University, was named Linn county health officer today.

BRITISH DEMAND DARING ATTACKS BY SEA AND AIR

Amphibian Tanks Raids on Conquered Shores Urged As Aid to Russia, Self.

By the Associated Press London, June 28.—Agitation grew in Britain tonight for daring attacks by army and navy raiders on the German-held continental coasts, now that the Nazis' backs are turned, and one general suggested that amphibian tanks join them in a general offensive teamed up with the great, continuing RAF aerial assaults.

General J. F. C. Fuller, one of the first British generals to exploit the use of tanks in the World war, called in the "Sunday Pictorial" for "tip and run" raids by the army and navy on "the coasts of countries now occupied by Germany." Strong German forces would have to be diverted to protect these coasts, he declared.

Long an exponent of amphibian tanks, General Fuller said that in 1931 Vickers-Armstrong put "an efficient amphibian light tank" on the market, and he added that "if we have such a tank our path is easy."

The public is growing restive now that there seems to be a special opportunity to strike at Germany while she is preoccupied with Russia on the east.

They want more than the heavy air raids, already of record proportions, that continued today with a smashing attack on a huge power plant at Comines, near Lille, one of the key plants in heavily industrialized northern France.

Raiders operating in skies almost cleared of German opposition knocked down five German planes, boosting the British figures of German losses for the year to 2,088 in all theaters and bringing the toll of German aircraft claimed since last Saturday to 118.

But the British now are clamoring for more than this.

"This chance may not recur," wrote one military correspondent. "Tens of thousands of raiders smashing up communications, air fields and factories would bring real relief to our Russian allies while doing a vital service to ourselves."

When questions are asked concerning probable raids on the continent by the army, supported by the navy and air force, official faces are blank, despite reports from Washington that such raids are taking place. These questions are being asked repeatedly by the man-in-the-street as well as in the press. The prevailing spirit is one of aggressiveness.

Finns said the Soviet planes caused only four civilian injuries and only slight damage and two of the attackers were destroyed.

Six Lutheran bishops of Finland appealed to all churchgoers to defend the Christian faith against "the barbaric enemy."

SENATOR REBUKES RESERVE OFFICER

Washington, June 28.—(P)—A rebuke by Senator Truman (D., Mo.) to a young army reserve lieutenant who criticized administration foreign policy was published today by the war department.

Truman, a reserve colonel and World war veteran, wrote the unidentified lieutenant that he was on active duty he would be too busy to advise congress.

General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, wrote the senator, "I highly appreciate the stand you have taken."

Official regulations forbid an officer to take part in political activities, the war department noted.

China Seeks Planes Chungking, June 28.—(P)—A drive in China and abroad for contributions to buy 1,000 planes costing approximately \$60,000 each for the Chinese air force was announced tonight.

The campaign will start July 7 on the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the Chinese-Japanese war.

HITLER PROMISES VICTORY REPORT ON SOVIET DRIVE

Propaganda Chief Scents British Trick—No War Details From Berlin.

New York, June 28.—(P)—Hans Fritzsche, chief of the German radio propaganda service, in a radio talk possibly designed to reduce expectations for the awaited "victory communiqué" tomorrow, charged tonight that the British were exaggerating German advances in order to be able to discount the real successes later. He was heard here by CBS.

Berlin, June 28.—(P)—With his armies and air force furiously hacking and slashing a pathway toward Moscow through stubbornly resisting Soviet forces, Adolf Hitler wound up the first week of his war against Russia in attempts to mobilize all Europe against the communist foe and with a new promise to tell of successes in detail.

Headquarters communicate referred to the "big successes" of the week but gave no details of the vast eastward drive—the biggest Hitler's land armies yet have attempted. It promised facts for tomorrow, however, in a series of special Sunday announcements.

The timing of this newly scheduled burst of victory claims was significant in view of the drive to enlist all Europe in an anti-communist crusade.

Meanwhile DNB, the official news agency, gave the German public a foretaste of victory news by reporting that the 97th division of the Red army had been "broken up and destroyed."

300 STRICKEN AT MASONIC PICNIC

Williamsport, Pa., June 28.—(P)—Perplexed authorities today sought the cause of a mysterious ailment which suddenly struck down 300 men and women as it swept through a throng of 5,000 adults at the height of a picnic outing.

Commander-in-chief George Lamasone of the Williamsport Masonic consistory which sponsored the fete, said some medical leaders attributed the wave of illness to food poisoning. Detective Chief Joseph M. Schmucker, however, declared this uncertain and ordered an analysis of food, ice cream and soft drinks served.

TICKING PACKAGE FOR F.R. HARMLESS

New York, June 28.—(P)—Detectives and postal inspectors were called to a branch post-office tonight to open a ticking package addressed to "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hyde Park, N. Y." and found it contained a harmless arrangement of dry cell batteries and an alarm clock.

BULLETIN

Albany defeated the Medford Craters, 11 to 6, in an exhibition game at Albany last night, all six of Medford's runs coming in the ninth inning. Johnson went the route for the Oaks, while Fox and Smith divided the Craters pitching chores.

Cost League (10 innings): San Francisco 6 13 0 Seattle 7 14 0 Barrett, Webber and Collins; Joyce and Ogdowski.

War Bulletins

Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 29.—(P)—The British Middle East air command announced today that six Italian warplanes approaching the British fortified island of Malta were shot down yesterday and others were badly damaged.

Jerusalem, June 28.—(P)—Australian airmen flying new American-made Tomahawk fighter planes today shot down six American-made Glenn Martin bombers piloted by Vichy French fliers in one of the hottest air engagements of the Syrian campaign.

The Australians were escorting RAF bombers in an attack on the French military depot at Palmyra when they sighted two Martin bombers raiding British and Free-French troops.

The Tomahawks (Curtiss) closed in as the Martins dived. Both bombers crashed in flames.

Soon afterward, four more bombers were spotted and shot down despite desperate efforts at escape, the Australians said.

Vatican City, June 28.—(P)—Pope Pius XII prayed at the tomb of St. Peter tonight on the eve of a radio address to the world in which he was expected to make known his views on the war the axis is waging against Soviet Russia.

The Osservatore Romano, said the pontiff would "expound his views on the subject of divine providence in human events."

New York, Sunday, June 29.—(P)—A British broadcast heard today by NBC reported that Italian-controlled Albania has announced she is at war with Soviet Russia.

CONGRESS OKAYS HUGE ARMY BILL; NO CHANGE HERE

Measure Sent to White House—President's Dollar Value Power Extended

Army officials in Washington, D. C., said last night that there was nothing new in the status of the proposed army canonment at Medford, the Associated Press reported.

It had been thought here that possibly an appropriation for the proposed Medford camp had been contained in the ten-dollar billion dollar war supply bill passed Friday and awaiting presidential signature yesterday.

Besides the appropriation, canonment construction is also dependent upon authorization for an increase in the strength of the army.

Washington, June 28.—(P)—Congress gave final approval today to the biggest cash appropriation bill in the nation's history, a gigantic \$10,384,821,624 item for the army. The total exceeded the largest previous appropriation, a 1919 army bill, by about a billion dollars.

The senate sent the measure to the White House as one of many actions taken in the course of a day devoted to clearing the calendars of legislation which had to be disposed of before the fiscal year closes at midnight on Monday.

In addition to the army bill, the senate passed and also sent to the White House a bill extending operations of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund and the president's power to devalue the dollar for two years. Without the legislation they would have expired at the Monday midnight deadline.

Losing no time, the senate also approved a bill prolonging the life of the commodity credit corporation for two years and increasing its crop loan funds by \$1,250,000,000 to a total of \$2,650,000,000. This measure went back to the house for action on senate amendments.

Lincoln Redefined Santa Barbara, June 28.—(P)—The American-Hawaiian Line's freighter, Iowan, which grounded on rocks off Point Conception June 12, was refloated last night and started for San Pedro.

Author Asks Pardon Sacramento, June 28.—(P)—Jan Valtin, author of the book "Out of the Night," which attacked Nazi and communist activity, sought a pardon from Governor Culbert L. Olson today as the first step in an attempt to avert deportation to Germany.

HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE PUTS SHORTAGE BLAME

Nation's Trend to 'Social Reform' Rather than National Security Cited.

Washington, June 28.—(P)—In a sharply critical report on defense progress, the house military committee asserted today that a series of major "failures" and "delays" had led to a present serious lack of strategic materials.

The deficiencies, the committee added in a voluminous report based on weeks of study, were attributable largely to "absence of a responsible head with authority and power," but also to national preoccupation in recent years with "social reform rather than national security."

The report spoke, too, of a need for "vision" on the part of government officials and observed:

"The administration has been too prone when difficulty problems arose to easily dispose of them by creating another board, only to add to the confusion of the assortment of agencies we now have."

As for the lack of strategic materials, the report said: "A shortage of aluminum is 'critical' because of inadequate power and fabrication facilities. Rubber is not available in sufficient quantities primarily because of a lack of ships and refusal by some shippers to carry the commodity."

The house committee's report listed these as short-comings in connection with the defense program:

1. "Failure on the part of congress, the administration and the public to initiate a stock pile program at an earlier date."

2. "Failure to entrust to a responsible head the full authority to carry out the will of congress in the legislation enacted."

3. "Failure of a sense of urgency on the part of officials of purchasing organizations."

4. "The delay in establishing conservation methods and the use of substitutes for fear of creating unemployment."

5. "Unwarranted delays in building plants and facilities for the conversion of raw materials into finished products."

In connection with the fourth point, the study said:

"Our government agencies are not amateurs in the methods of propaganda but they have failed in that they did not long ago begin educating the public as to the necessity of not squandering the materials used in our defense effort."

YANKEE SOLDIER ABLE TO TAKE IT

Camp Hunter Liggett, Calif., June 28.—(P)—The American soldier can take it, whether it be a 25-mile march over rough terrain at night or catching sleep in a field with a rifle stock for a pillow, officers agreed today after four days of realistic fighting between 52,000 U. S. army troops.

"We are making an army of brains, speed and determination," declared Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, 9th army corps commander and leader of the "blue" forces comprising 24,000 soldiers from Fort Lewis.

The psychological fitness of the men can hardly be improved and nothing seems to present an obstacle to them."

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