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BLITZ STALLED BY REWRECKAGE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 11.—The army is stiffening its backbone. Unpublished orders have gone out to commanders from the war department here requiring them to certify specifically the adequate training condition of troops before permitting them to participate in maneuvers. Certification must be sent to the general staff. If the troops are unprepared it must be accompanied by an explanation why.

The general staff apparently has had enough of excuses for the sloppy maneuvering. Actually some of the trainees do not yet know what a soldier should do when he hears the Star Spangled Banner played.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE Sam Rayburn offered a rare justification of his title when he spoke out against General Marshall's request for extension of the training term of draftees. The rare situation behind it is this:

A large number of house members justified their original vote for the draft act by telling their constituents that after all, it was only for one year, and only 12 months in the open would benefit the boys. As they looked at the legislative problem, their home-made speeches might be construed as a political promise, especially as their elections come up next year. They wanted to be relieved of responsibility.

Speaking out in a situation like that is one of the prime protective duties of a practical speaker of the house.

THERE are nearly fifty legal ways in which the war department could keep the men it wants in service beyond a year—including voluntary enlistments. One or more of these will be found. The necessity for added training in view of the mechanical trend of warfare cannot be avoided if the country wants an army able to defend it. This is recognized by both politicians and military men alike. The only really moot question was who would take the responsibility for an unpleasant duty.

The army knows by now which men it would like to keep and which ones are trouble-makers, temperamentally unfit, too old. Legal ways will be found to weed these out and to retain those best able to defend the country, between now and

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Again network microphones will be in position when the second drawing in the selective service takes place next Thursday night at Washington, for the 21-year-olds who registered July 1.

Tonight, the war—4:55 CBS; 6 MBS; 6:45 CBS; 8 NBC CBS; 8:30 MBS.

NBC-Blue—7:05 P.G.A. golf.

Saturday, the war—4 a. m. NBC CBS; 4:55 NBC-Blue; 5 NBC-Red CBS; 6 MBS; 7 CBS MBS; 9:45 NBC-Red 11:55 CBS; 1 p. m. NBC MBS; 2:25 NBC; 2:30 CBS NBC-Blue.

NBC-Blue—9:30 a. m., and 2:05 p. m., P.G.A. golf.

San Francisco, July 11.—(P)—Butler: 92 score 38; 91 score 36; 90 score 34; 89 score 34.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Publicity Officer Howard T. Wright arriving in town with a wealth of historical material about his 20th pursuit group of air corpsmen.

George Green making an impromptu but very welcome guest at a little birthday celebration.

Deb'ra Turny looking extremely cool and comfortable in a blue and white dress on a hot afternoon.

Russian Army Doomed To Early Collapse Is Assertion by German

London, July 11.—(P)—A mighty new German offensive, aimed at overwhelming results, is underway in Russia, it was reported reliably today.

An offensive pointed at Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev is to be backed with the full might of Adolf Hitler's mechanized divisions, according to these reports.

One neutral source said that if the Germans push as far in the next 10 days as they did in the first seven of the vast campaign on the eastern front "they will have gone a long way toward winning the initial campaign of the Russian war."

Berlin, July 11.—(P)—German reports tonight described such chaos in the red army that roads strewn with the wreckage of its equipment are delaying the advance of Adolf Hitler's legions and an authorized military commentator put the red army's losses in manpower at 1,000,000 killed and captured.

"The military collapse of Russia is a foregone conclusion," this German commentator declared and other German observers pictured growing confusion among Russian troops in the area east of the Bialystok-Minsk battlefields where panzer blows have driven deepest toward Moscow.

DNB, official German news agency, called the Russian withdrawal in this area a rout of such proportions that quantities of abandoned Russian war material obstructed German progress, necessitating time to clear the roads.

The spokesman placed the battle of Bialystok and Minsk in the same category with the battle of Tannenberg, East Prussia, in 1914, the battle of the Vistula river, Poland, September, 1939, and the Flanders Artois action of Belgium and northern France in May and June, 1940.

He said that, like Tannenberg, the battle of Bialystok-Minsk removed any Russian danger to East Prussia.

About 6,000 planes have been downed or destroyed around in the Russian campaign, the spokesman said—equivalent to 73 air squadrons and "almost three times the number of planes downed in western Europe last summer when 2,633 were shot down or destroyed around."

JAPS TO STAY OUT IS PRESENT GUESS

Shanghai, July 11.—(P)—The Japanese government has decided to stay clear of the German-Russian war for the present but may make a move against French Indo-China in the near future, reliable persons arriving from Tokyo reported today.

These sources said the Japanese have been influenced in their policy by estimates that Russia still has 32 divisions on her Asiatic front, 12 of them mechanized, and despite the Russian-Japanese neutrality pact has moved but three divisions west.

INTENT TO KILL CHARGE FACED BY BEATTY MAN

Klamath Falls, July 11.—(P)—A charge of assault with intent to kill was placed against Floyd Fisher of Beatty yesterday. He previously was charged with attacking Thurmon Wilson, Indian service agent, who was wounded near Fisher's house.

Fisher asked time to plead when arraigned. He was held without recourse to bail.

11 COAL MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS

Acmor, Ala., July 11.—(P)—The death toll in an explosion wrecked wing of Acmor Coal mine No. 6 mounted to 11 today.

Volunteers working all night by lamplight succeeded in extracting nine bodies before day-break. Two were still buried. The dead miners, nine Negroes and two white men, were trapped more than a mile underground, some time yesterday afternoon by a "gas explosion."

Lakeview, Ore., July 11.—(P)—Lloyd Lethhead was elected commander of Lakeview post No. 53, American Legion, recently.

BASEBALL

American
St. Louis, July 1.—(P)—For the second successive game Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees singled in the first inning today, off Bob Harris of the St. Louis Browns, to run his hitting streak through 50 consecutive games.

Score: R. H. E.
Washington 1 6 1
Chicago 3 7 1
Hudson and Evans; Smith and Tresh.

Score: R. H. E.
Boston 0 6 0
Detroit 2 6 1
Grove and Peacock; Newsom and Tebbets.

National
Chicago 2 5 5
Boston 7 10 0
French, Presnell, Page, and McCullough; Tobin.

R. H. E.
Cincinnati 2 10 0
Brooklyn 12 16 2
Derringer, Thompson, Turner, Beggs, and J. Riddle, West; Davis and Owen.

BRITAIN REVEALS 'SOME' AMERICANS BUSY IN IRELAND

London, July 11.—(P)—The foreign office said today "some technicians and laborers from the United States are engaged in connection with certain works that are proceeding in northern Ireland."

"All these, however, are direct employees of the British government," the statement added.

"They had entered into employment in exercise of their perfectly legal right to accept such occupation, and it is equally open to any other United States citizens who may desire to aid the British cause to engage themselves in Britain."

The foreign office also asserted that what it called reports current in New York that the United States is establishing an air base in northern Ireland "are not borne out by information available in London."

AIR CADET MAKES UNIQUE LANDING

East St. Louis, Ill., July 11.—(P)—The man on the flying trapeze had nothing on Victor Woodruff, 23-year-old flying cadet from Three Oaks, Mich., who went up in the seat of a plane, did a complete twisting flip in the air and rode to a landing on the tail of his aerial steed.

Of course, if Civilian Instructor or David J. Mattis, 26, had not been along yesterday Woodruff's feat might have had a tragic ending.

They were coming in for a landing at Park's Air college with Woodruff at the controls of their two-seater training ship. Mattis noted that his pupil was too high and took over the controls, nosing the ship sharply to the ground.

Woodruff, his safety belt having become unfastened, flew into the air, executed a complete flip and landed astride the rear of the plane facing the tail section.

Mattis made a perfect landing. Woodruff's only injury was a torn sock.

CHINESE TROOPS TO BURMA AND MALAY

Tokyo, July 11.—(P)—Domei, Japanese news agency, said today the Chinese central government at Chungking had sent 60,000 troops to Burma and Malay under an agreement with Britain and the United States for joint defense of the peninsula.

Another Domei report from Bangkok said 35,000 Chungking troops already had arrived at Burma and Malay and declared this was a move to draw Japanese troops southward.

KNOX AND STARK DENY NAVY USED IN SHOOTING WAR

Secretary and Chief of Operations Make Categorical Denial of Accusations

Washington, July 11.—(P)—Secretary Knox and Admiral Harold R. Stark voiced what were termed by committeemen "categorical denials" before the senate naval committee today of published charges that the American navy had engaged in combat with Nazi naval units.

In a closed session lasting more than three hours, the secretary of the navy and the navy's chief of operations were reported to have denied "line by line" demands made in a resolution introduced by Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.) to know whether the navy had engaged in a "shooting war."

British Given Aid
Shortly before Knox left the committee room, President Roosevelt said that he would not be surprised if American steel had gone into 50 British bases and if American workmen all over the world were being paid by the British government.

And this, he said, was perfectly legal.
One member of the naval committee, who asked that he not be quoted by name, said these denials were "categorical." He said the whole subject of American naval operations, as related to the European war, was discussed at length, but declined to reveal what was said.

**AIRPLANES AND MEN
OF PURSUIT GROUP
HERE FOR PRACTICE**

About 80 officers, mostly pilots, and 350 men of the 20th pursuit group of Hamilton Field, Cal., arrived this afternoon by car and truck convoy to encamp for two weeks at the Elks picnic grounds on Rogue river. The camp had been set up by an advance echelon of three officers and 75 men who several days ago established a distributing point at the Prescott CCC camp.

A number of planes, which will join in air and land maneuvers, arrived this afternoon at Medford municipal airport where they will be based. Col. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the 20th pursuit group, who stopped in Stockton, Cal., to address a school ceremony, was expected to arrive late this afternoon. Col. Eaker will be remembered as one of the pilots of the Question Mark, the army plane that set an endurance record more than a decade ago.

BRITAIN WAIVES RIGHTS TO SHIPS

Washington, July 11.—(P)—The British government announced today that it had waived its belligerent rights concerning Italian and German ships seized by the United States.

The announcement, made by the British embassy, will enable the United States to operate 28 Italian and two German vessels seized by the United States in ports here last March after their crews had wrecked much of the machinery in attempts to disable the ships for service.

Aleppo Reinforced
Ankara, Turkey, July 10.—(Delayed)—(P)—German air transports were reported today to have landed Vichy reinforcements in Aleppo in an attempt to prolong French resistance in Syria.

MONEY FOR NAVY AND CARGO SHIPS SOUGHT BY F.D.R.

\$3,323,000,000 More Added to Soaring Figures in Country's Defense Drive

Washington, July 11.—(P)—President Roosevelt asked congress today for \$3,323,000,000 more for the navy and maritime commission, thus pushing the projected cost of defense and lease-lend spending past \$52,000,000,000.

The soaring figure included \$4,770,000,000 Mr. Roosevelt asked for the army only yesterday but did not embrace the \$7,000,000,000 which authoritative sources said was in the mill for additional lend-lease funds for nations fighting aggression.

To Dizzy Height
That \$7,000,000,000 would push the overall figure since July 1, 1941—when the fall of France stirred the United States to concerned action—to \$59,300,000,000.

Cash expenditures, so far, total \$8,300,000,000. In the fiscal year which began this month, the cash outlay is expected to be \$15,300,000,000.

Included in the \$1,625,000,000 which Mr. Roosevelt sought for the navy in cash was \$400,000,000 for maintenance and repair of defense installations in government or privately owned merchant ships.

Correspondents at once asked whether this meant that merchant vessels would be armed. Mr. Roosevelt assured his press conference that this was not contemplated and that the bulk of the sum undoubtedly would be used for naval ships. He suggested it would be applied to such things as fitting vessels with equipment to combat magnetic mines. He added he supposed conversion of some private vessels to navy use was contemplated also.

Many New Ships
Mr. Roosevelt sought \$698,000,000 in cash and \$1,000,000,000 in additional contract authorizations for the maritime commission. He said the money would be used for a great many new ships, but did not disclose the exact number.

Both of the requested items today, the chief executive explained, were necessary because of the defense program and shipbuilding program are ahead of schedule, so far as certain navy activity and cargo shipbuilding are concerned.

VICHY BALKS AT ARMISTICE TERMS

Vichy, Unoccupied France, July 11.—(P)—The Vichy government, after studying British terms for an armistice in Syria, announced today it had found them unacceptable and indications were that the fight with the British and de Gaulle's would go on.

"The English text (of armistice conditions) is in basis and in form unacceptable for the French government," said the announcement.

It added that the terms "seemed to have been edited precisely to prevent all possibility of eventual agreement on the points in question."

MATSUOKA ILL, UNABLE TO MEET WITH CABINET

New York, July 11.—(P)—Domei, the Japanese news agency, reported in a Tokyo broadcast today that Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka was unable to attend today's cabinet meeting on account of illness.

Bitter Battles in East



Helsinki, capital of Finland (1), underwent an intensive aerial bombing and Finnish guns hammered the Russian-leased naval base of Hango. The Russians claimed they had halted a thrust past Ostrov, toward Leningrad, and action in the central sector (2) was generally severe in the Polotsk area. Another center of battle was at Novogrod Volynski (3). Claims on the Bessarabian area fighting conflicted, but the Russians claimed a victory at Balti (4).

New York Commies Call on F. D. R. To Implement Assistance Pledge

New York, July 11.—(P)—In the communist party's first mass meeting since the beginning of the Russo-German war, a capacity crowd at Madison Square Garden last night adopted a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt "fully and completely to implement" his pledge of assistance to the U.S.S.R.

Robert Minor, acting secretary of the party during the imprisonment of Earl Browder, told the crowd, estimated by police at 19,000, that it is "the sacred obligation" of American workers to produce every tank, gun, plane and ship at greatest possible speed for war on all fronts against Hitler.

The resolution held that "the criminal aggression against the peoples of the Soviet Union and all progressive humanity clearly demonstrates that the peace, freedom and security of our people demands the crushing military defeat of Hitler."

The resolution called also for "the defeat of his friends in the United States, the Lindberghs, Hoovers, Wheelers, Norman Thomases and all other appeasing Munich-men."

REGISTRY TOTALS READY NEXT WEEK

Complete returns on yesterday's voluntary civilian defense registration will not be available until Monday, Frank Hull, coordinator of the Jackson County Council of Defense, stated today.

Meantime registration will continue for 10 days at the chamber of commerce, Mr. Hull announced. More than 300 registered at the chamber of commerce office yesterday.

In the nine Ashland precincts and the West Ashland precinct 625 persons registered, 114 others registering in the precincts immediately around Ashland.

ZAM ZAM AMBULANCE DRIVERS TO BE FREED

New York, July 11.—(P)—William V. C. Ruxton, president of the British American ambulance corps, announced today that 21 American men who survived the sinking of the Egyptian steamer ZamZam were being released by German authorities for return to the United States.

Ruxton said the German government had informed the U. S. state department that the men, volunteer members of ambulance corps units, were being sent to Lisbon for removal to the United States.

OFFER MEDFORD MEN OPPORTUNITY TO FLY FOR CANADA, ENGLAND

R. D. Metcalfe of Oakland, Cal., a field agent of the Clayton Knight committee, will be in Medford until noon tomorrow to interview men interested in entering Canadian aviation service. He may be contacted at the Hotel Medford.

The Knight committee is working to procure pilots for civilian flying in Canada and England. Mr. Metcalfe explained. Once the pilot has been accepted for civilian flying, he may transfer to the royal Canadian air force with the rank of first lieutenant, he said. Mr. Metcalfe cited lenient qualifications and high pay as inducements.

Novices with a minimum of 80 logged hours of flying are being accepted for further, intensified training at American schools and pilots with 300 hours or more are being accepted for service in Canada. After their training, the less experienced pilots will be sent to England to ferry airplanes from factory to base, Metcalfe said.

HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACK LE TRAIT

By the Associated Press
London, July 11.—RAF heavy bombers, with a fighter escort, attacked the shipyard at Le Trait, west of Rouen on the German-occupied French coast, this morning, it was authoritatively reported. One German fighter was destroyed, it was said, but all the British planes returned.

Late this afternoon, after a brief lull, strong forces of British planes flew again across the channel almost without let-up.

18 Miners Die In Blast
London, July 11.—(P)—Fifteen coal miners were killed last night in an explosion at the Rhigos colliery near Neath, in Glamorganshire. The blast collapsed several workings.