

Weather
Full U. S. Weather
Bureau report
inside
Forecast: Partly cloudy and
cooler with occasional thunder
showers tonight and Friday.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 89
Lowest this morning 61
Precipitation past 24 hrs. trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Full Associated Press

United Press

The Quickest Way
It is interesting to note the
number of real estate deals be-
ing made these days. Homes
and business buildings are
changing hands. The quickest
way to find a buyer for any-
thing is the Want Ad Way.

Thirty sixth Year

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NAZIS SAY CLIMAX NEAR IN BATTLE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 17.—The little-known White House machine through which Mr. Roosevelt runs OPM, OEM, and all the other alphabetical defense units, has been hiding its workings in a passion for anonymity. But those who are in it claim that it satisfies the popular demand for single-headed control and coordinated management. Their untold viewpoint may explain why Mr. Roosevelt has so long resisted the almost unanimous outside clamor for a change.

The way the president's personal defense unit works, they say, is this:

Harry Hopkins, FDR's right hand man, is actually presiding over all defense, although he is nominally in charge only of the \$7,000,000,000 British lend-lease part of it. In effect Mr. Hopkins gives Mr. Knudsen the program for OPM and all Mr. Knudsen does is to work it out that way.

UNDER Hopkins is Philip Young, son of Owen Young, whom Hopkins has borrowed from the treasury department. The actual desk work of coordination is in his hands. Under him is General Burns, whose official title gives him only control of the "office of defense aid reports." Through this office, however, Burns is supposed to be handling the war department procurement end of the program.

Also working under Young is Wayne Coy, who has been unostentatiously edged into control of the office of emergency management. He is Paul Mc-

Radio Highlights

Friday night band concerts of the Grants Pass municipal band in Riverside park, Grants Pass, will be broadcast by radio station KUIN from 8:15 to 9:15 p. m. Medford bandmen engaged for the season by the Grants Pass band are Stephen Whipple, Berle Thornton, Fred Strang and Chester Baker. Ward Croft of Ashland is conducting.

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: The War—4:35 CBS; 5:30 NBC-Blue; 6:30 NBC-Blue; 6:45 CBS; 8 NBC CBS; 8:30 MBS; 8:55 NBC CBS.

Drawing for 21-year-old selectees—7:15
Talks—MBS 6 Wendell Wilkie from labor rally, New York.

Friday: The War—4:35 NBC-Blue; 5 NBC-Red CBS; 6 NBC-Blue MBS; 7 MBS; 8 MBS; 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CS; 12:55 p. m. NBC-Blue; 2:25 NBC-Red; 2:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

Dallas, Ore., July 17.—(P)—Ernest Hinshaw, 22, Falls City, died early today in a local hospital of injuries suffered when he was struck by a falling tree in a logging camp near Rickreall creek.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Electric service failing just as the army dinner was to start at Hotel Medford and Honor Guest Glenn Kilowatt Jackson not wanting his hosts to know that gas would have to be substituted to broil the steaks.

And Frank Ray and his party having a gay time in candle light during the blackout at their Hotel Holland dinner.

Ray Frisbie wondering how so much misinformation could be given to him to broadcast at the bb park.

Joe and Anne Earley driving three air corps lads to Crater lake and gaining free entrance to the park because of their uniform-clad guests.

INVADERS MAKE 90-MILE BREAK IN STALIN LINE

Nine Million Men Locked in
Desperate Combat; Reds
Throw in Last Reserves

By the Associated Press
A "tremendous struggle for a decision" between 9,000,000 German and Russian troops was reported by Adolf Hitler's high command today, and Nazi dispatches claimed what appeared to be a complete 90-mile break through the center of the Stalin line.

Jubilantly hinting at a climactic turn in the 26-day-old campaign, the German high command asserted that the Russians now were throwing their last reserves into the conflict in a desperate attempt to stem the Nazi blitzkrieg.

Claim Smolensk
DNE, the official German news agency, said Hitler's invasion columns, storming through the vital central front guarding Moscow, had captured Smolensk, 230 miles west of the Soviet capital.

DNE also reported that Pototsk, detoured by onrushing panzer spearheads, had been taken later by enveloping tactics.

A Reuters (British) news agency dispatch from Moscow late today said Smolensk was still in Russian hands this morning. The German claim of its capture was made at that time.

Precise limits of the 1,100-mile Stalin line are unknown, but presumably Smolensk is near the rear or behind the line.

Some reports have said the great man-made barrier, extending from the Gulf of Finland to the Black sea, was as much as 75 miles deep, with an average depth of about 25 miles. Since the German thrust from Vitebsk, on the west side of the line to Smolensk represented an advance of some 90 miles, it appeared that the Nazis had made a clean break-through.

Claim Corrected
An authorized spokesman in Berlin first declared that German "schnell truppen" (speed troops) had raced far beyond Smolensk to within 110 miles of Moscow itself, but this was later corrected.

The claim was based on a German press report that Nazi troops had captured the town of Gorodische, 110 miles from the Moscow capital. Subsequently, however, the captured town was identified as another by the same name, on the southern front between Zhitomir and Berdichev, facing the Soviet Ukraine.

The Germans said their troops, concealed in artificial fog, had "stormed the last of the underground fortifications near Kiev," the Ukraine capital.

"Great successes are in the making," Hitler's field headquarters proclaimed, casting off its reticent mood of the past week.

A Moscow communique acknowledged violent all-night fighting in which German and Russian troops contended for mastery of the road to Leningrad.

Critical Hour
The battle raged in the Pskov-Prokhorov sector, 150 miles southwest of Leningrad. Details were lacking.

"In other sectors, no major operations took place and no significant changes in the positions of our troops occurred," the Soviet high command declared.

But on the all-important central front, guarding Moscow, a critical hour had struck.

The Russians officially conceded that tank-led Nazi legions had broken through to the vicinity of Smolensk, key railway town, about halfway along the Minsk-to-Moscow motor highway, but they made no mention of the fall of the town.

Radio License Transfer
Washington, July 17.—(P)—The Federal Communications Commission has authorized transfer of the license of radio station KBKR, Baker, Ore., from Louis P. Thornton to Baker Broadcasting company, for consideration of \$12,000.

Consuls Enjoy Airport Party



While awaiting final preparations for their flight to New York, Capt. Fritz Wiedemann (left), and Dr. Hans Borchers, German consuls general of San Francisco and New York respectively, and the members of their party gathered at the San Francisco airport bar for a party. Mrs. Borchers (hand to face) talks to a woman companion while Capt. Wiedemann chats with another member of the group that traveled in three chartered planes. They went to New York to board the naval transport West Point.

CORVALLIS RATED ABOVE EUGENE AS CHOICE FOR CAMP

Washington, July 17.—(P)—Col. W. B. Mallon of the army's general staff notified Senator McNary (R., Ore.) today that Corvallis had a higher priority than Eugene in location of army cantonments if the army was enlarged.

He said that the surveying crew which has been at Eugene would be transferred to Corvallis, but added that Corvallis priority did not eliminate Eugene from the list of probable cantonment sites.

According to those conversant with the situation, the status of the proposed Corvallis cantonment has no bearing on the status of the cantonment planned here in the Beagle-Antelope district.

Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster in charge of advance planning for the proposed army cantonment here, and Frank J. Van Dyke, civilian cantonment coordinator, addressed a group of Eagle Point city officials, Grange members and other interested citizens in the Eagle Point Grange hall last night.

Capt. Bean told in general how the Eagle Point district would be affected by the camp should it be established and Mr. Van Dyke told of plans being made to solve the many problems in advance. Capt. Bean urged all to plan for the camp now so that everything would function smoothly when and if it should be constructed. William Perry, county commissioner and Eagle Point resident, presided.

Conferring here yesterday with Capt. Bean were Col. R. W. Pinger, 9th corps area ordnance officer, San Francisco, R. B. Allen, civilian assistant to the ordnance officer, and B. R. Kleinwalkter, civilian engineer, 9th corps area signal office.

GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM EASTERN TRIP

Salem, July 17.—(P)—Government officials agree that the German-Russian war has relieved the United States of any immediate threat, but this does not mean any let-up in America's defense preparations, Governor Charles A. Sprague said today on his return from a three-weeks' eastern trip.

Axis Holds U. S. Envoys Until Their Own Envoys in Europe

Berlin, July 17.—(P)—United States consular officials and employees now rounded up for ejection from Germany and Europe will not be set free until German consular officials on the American navy transport West Point are set down on European soil, an authorized spokesman declared tonight.

Americans who have been stationed in Germany now are in Frankfurt-on-Main and those in Italy are being assembled at San Remo.

"The plan is to give up the Americans at the moment the Italians and Germans safely return," the spokesman said.

SERIAL NUMBERS FOR 21-YEAR-OLDS WILL BE DRAWN AT 4 P. M.

Washington, July 17.—(P)—Within the space of approximately two hours the government will determine by lot tonight the order in which it will call up for military service the second group of selective service registrants.

After brief preliminaries beginning at 4 p. m., PST, in the departmental auditorium, Navy Secretary Knox, blindfolded, will dip his hand into an historic glass jar used on similar fateful occasions of the past, and the second national selective service lottery will be off.

The lottery, on a much smaller scale than that of October 29, 1940, when 9,000 numbers were drawn, will determine priorities of service for approximately 750,000 young men registered July 1 who had become 21 years old after the first draft registration last year.

Last Veteran Dies

Tacoma, Wash., July 17.—(P)—Tacoma's last Civil War veteran, George Manning, probably the oldest G.A.R. veteran in the United States, died this noon at his home near Tacoma. Mr. Manning lacked three days of being 103 years old, and while in precarious health due to his advanced age, had been well enough that he had planned to attend a club luncheon in his honor at noon Friday.

This season's pack of canned salmon in British Columbia will total approximately 1,700,000 cases.

HANLEY UPHeld BY HIGH COURT IN WIFE'S SUIT

Washington State Opinion
Holds Husband Had Power
to Execute Voting Trust

Olympia, Wash., July 17.—(P)—The supreme court ruled today that E. B. Hanley, Sr., of Seattle, had the requisite authority to execute voting trust agreements with Joe E. Most, in connection with control over the Copper River Packing company of Alaska and Pleasant Creek Mining company of Oregon.

Their (the trust agreements) execution was on behalf of the community, the court said.

The decision is in the case of Elizabeth H. Hanley against Mr. Hanley, Joe E. Most, E. G. Most, the companies and Mrs. A. C. Bevan of Medford, Ore., in which Mrs. Hanley sought to enjoin her husband from giving away any of their community property, and to enjoin the other defendants from inducing her husband to commit any of such acts, to set aside the trust agreements, to compel Joe Most and Mrs. Bevan to account for and return certain personal property and to obtain a receiver for the marital community.

Half Million Fortune

The court's opinion said Hanley had amassed a fortune of well over a half-million dollars. The question of whether Hanley may now cancel or terminate the voting trust agreements must be determined in a suit brought for that purpose, the court held.

In the absence of a showing Hanley will in the future attempt to make substantial gifts to third persons, the court said no basis exists for a restraining order in that respect.

After the case came to supreme court, Hanley, Sr., filed a confession, which placed him on the side of his wife in the case, and in which he repudiated later stock transfers to Most.

A motion by Most to strike the confession brought from the court a decision to remand the cause to the trial court, with direction Hanley be allowed to confess judgment as against himself, "whereupon the decree,"

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BASEBALL

(Cancelled end of sixth rain.)
Score: (Tie) R. H. E.
Chicago 2 6 6
Philadelphia 2 6 2
Page and McCullough; Podgajny and Warren.

Score: R. H. E.
Washington 1 4 0
Detroit 7 14 1
Hudson, Kennedy and Early; Trout and Sullivan.

RENT CONTROL IN DEFENSE REGIONS SEEN NECESSARY

Washington, July 17.—(P)—Leon Henderson, price administrator, said today that rent control laws would be necessary in defense areas where voluntary methods fail to prevent increases.

In many places where the housing shortage is acute rents are "skyrocketing," Henderson told a house committee investigating labor migration.

"In some shipbuilding, ordnance and army cantonment centers as many as one out of every two rented homes have had rent increases ranging from 20 to 100 per cent since October 1939," he testified.

"In Bremerton, Wash.—site of the Pudget sound navy yard—there has been an average increase of 16 per cent on about 50 out of every 100 rented homes."

"Key centers of varied industrial production have been likewise affected; there has been an average 16 per cent increase on 50 out of 100 homes in Pontiac, Mich."

"Communities adjacent to army cantonments have reported some of the most extreme cases of upheavals in the local rental market."

AMERICAN ATTACHES FREED BY GERMANY

Berlin, July 17.—(P)—Frank Nelson and Ivan Jacobsen, former clerks in the American legation at Oslo, who have been held by the German government since last December on charges of possessing documents hostile to the Norwegian government, left Berlin today en route to America. Jacobsen is a former University of Washington student.

Lindbergh Asks Roosevelt To Make Ickes Apologize

New York, July 17.—(P)—Charles A. Lindbergh today advised President Roosevelt that he had no connection with any foreign government, that he received a German decoration while serving the American embassy and declared that he had a right to an apology from Secretary of the Interior Ickes for certain "statements and implications."

In a letter to the president, Lindbergh offered to open his files and testify before any committee appointed by the president to answer any charges that may be made against him.

He declared, however, that unless charges were made and proved, he felt he had the right to "expect truth and justice from the members of your cabinet."

Saying that he wrote as an American citizen, Lindbergh, who recently resigned as colonel in the air corps reserve, wrote: "For many months, and on numerous occasions, your secretary of the interior has implied in public meetings that I am connected with the interests of a foreign government, and he has specifically criticized me for accepting a decoration from the German government in 1938."

"Mr. President, it is too much to ask that you inform your secretary of the interior that I was decorated by the German government while I was carrying out the request of your ambassador to that government? Is it unfair of me to ask that you inform your secretary that I received this decoration in the

Lindbergh Should Return Decoration Is Ickes' Retort

Washington, July 17.—(P)—Secretary Ickes declared today he believed that if Charles A. Lindbergh "were an upstanding American" he would have turned back his German decoration "long ago, regardless of how, when or where he got it."

The interior department chief made his statement at a press conference after being informed that Lindbergh had written President Roosevelt suggesting an apology by Ickes for his criticism of Lindbergh's position in the present international situation.

"I've never said at any time that he is connected with the interests of a foreign government," Ickes said. "I have said, however, that he has gone about the country preaching appeasement and disunity which is in the interest of a foreign government—namely Germany."

American embassy, in the presence of your ambassador, and that I was there at his request in order to assist in creating a better relationship between the American embassy and the German government, which your ambassador desired at that time?"

NO PEAR DAMAGE FROM HIGH WIND, FRUITMEN REPORT

Worst Electric Storm and
Gale of Year Cause Forest
Fires; Disrupt Wires

Fruitmen reported today there was no commercial loss from the wind that swept over the valley Wednesday night. Growers said a few pears were blown off, but there were no reports of heavy losses.

County Agent Robert G. Fowler said he had received no reports of any damage to grain or other field crops.

Severest electric and wind storm of the year last night set dozens of forest fires, disrupted light service in a business section of town for an hour and a half, put a number of suburban telephone lines out of commission and uprooted several large trees in the city.

Gusts of wind reached a top velocity from time to time of 55 miles an hour, United Air Lines reported.

Mill Fire

Sparks from the huge burner of the Medford Corporation ignited wood on the conveyor belt to create a serious fire threat when the wind was at its peak. Employees, however, laid hose lines quickly and had the blaze out before the fire department arrived.

A general alarm was started at 7:23 p. m. but at that moment electric service all over town went out temporarily and the alarm could not be finished. Wires were blown together or crossed by blowing branches and several insulators on a power pole at Fifth and Grape streets were burned out. In most parts of town light service was resumed in a few minutes but in the section including the Hotel Medford, Rialto theater, Hotel Holland and Mall Tribune, the service was out from about 7:23 to 8:51.

No Strikes in City
Contrary to what many persons thought, there were no lightning strikes in the city, the California Oregon Power company said.

Telephone service on the suburban lines put out of commission by the wind was resumed this morning, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company said.

The state forest patrol this morning had all its men out on 17 lightning-caused fires in Josephine county and 16 in Jackson county, it being feared more might show up.

Lightning set a number of fires in the Union Creek district of Rogue River national forest.

A heavy rain and in some instances hail accompanied the storm in some parts of the southern Oregon area.

The electric service went out in the Hotel Holland and Hotel Medford at the peak of the dinner hour when dining rooms were busiest. Candles were quickly rushed into service and guests obligingly simplified their orders to help the kitchen staffs working under difficult circumstances.

The feature picture had just started at the Rialto theater when the light and power went out. Most of the audience waited the hour and a half for the show to go on. At the Rialto theater the lights were out for about 25 minutes. The Craterian theater was closed for installation of new sound equipment.

TOMATOES COOKING ON VINES IN MILTON AREA

Milton-Freewater, Ore., July 17.—(P)—Tomato growers said today that unless a break in the weather occurred soon, they would lose a large part of their crop.

They complained that some of the fruit was literally cooked on the vines by temperatures well over 100 degrees for several days.