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News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 19.—The public may be thinking about everything except 1944, but not the politicians. Only off-season for them is the 30 days immediately after an election. In the seven months that have passed since the last vacation period closed, general lines have been laid for coming events. From these now you can get a fairly clear slant on how things are likely to go.

NEAREST the rail in the Republican race is the distinct figure of Dewey. The New York district attorney and racketeer eradicator is making himself something more than that for next time. He will run for the same spring-seated governor's chair which catapulted Mr. Roosevelt into the White House, and produced such earlier candidates as Al Smith and Charles Evans Hughes. The election will come a year from November and Dewey is conceded an excellent chance of winning, even if LaGuardia or Jim Farley gets into it against him.

Dewey, meanwhile, is keeping himself in the movies by nationwide leadership of the fund raising for the USO, a job which incidentally is taking him to all sections of the country to make speeches, and has even brought him to Fred Allen's radio program.

The more experienced leaders of the party are no closer to Dewey now than at the Philadelphia convention last year when they declined to take him after his few spectacular primary victories. But they seem more mellow about it, probably because their objections about his lack of experience will be satisfied if the planned developments work out. They are now in the mood to say: "I don't like him, but if he wins the New York governorship, I think he should get it."

WENDELL Willkie is making himself eminently eligible in case the country is still at war and the Roosevelt foreign policy is still popular in 1944. But his stand with or ahead of Roosevelt has nettled so many

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War Bulletins

New York, July 19.—(P)—German radio report, heard here by NBC, said tonight that General Peter Makarov and a number of "higher staff officers" of the Russian army were captured by German infantry in a forest near Kiev.

The Germans were said to have surprised a Soviet division headquarters.

Moscow, Sunday, July 20.—(P)—The Soviet harvest is being completed nearly twice as quickly as last year, it was announced officially today, with thousands of women replacing tractor-combine drivers who have gone into the army.

Berlin, July 19.—(P)—German press dispatches reported tonight that one British bomber and four fighter planes were shot down over Nazi-occupied northern France and Belgium during the day.

Reports from The Netherlands said two more British planes were downed there by anti-aircraft fire.

Singapore, July 19.—(P)—New contingents of the Royal Air Force arrived here from England today, continuing a bolstering of Britain's Far Eastern defenses. The number was not disclosed, but RAF headquarters described the units as "large reinforcements."

ROAD TO MOSCOW OPEN, WILL PRESS ADVANTAGE LATER

No Early Smash At Red Capital, Berlin Says—Soviet Claims Gains.

By the Associated Press
Berlin, July 19.—Germans declared tonight that the western "gate to Moscow" had been opened by the thrust of a Nazi spearhead past Smolensk and implied that the advantage would be pressed at a time to be chosen by Adolf Hitler's high command.

There was no indication that the reichswehr units which led the advance across the land bridge between the Dvina and Dnieper (Dnepr) rivers proposed another full-fledged drive eastward immediately along the 230-mile motor road to the Russian capital.

The chief purpose of the German leadership, military commentators said, remains the destruction on the largest possible portion of the Russian army as a fighting force. They attached less importance to getting up specific plans than to the pinching off and mopping up of as many Red army divisions as possible.

This theme was enlarged by the authoritative commentary, Dienst Aus Deutschland, even while the high command listed Russian losses to July 10 at 6,233 planes, 406,000 prisoners, 4,400 cannon and 7,615 tanks.

"It might be false to assume there will be an immediate smash at Moscow just because there seems to be a good chance," said the Dienst. "Thoughts of the German leadership are not centered on the big-name cities (such as Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad), but rather on the possibilities of destroying the enemy."

(By the Associated Press)
Moscow, Sunday, July 20.—Great continuing battles in the Polotsk-Nevel and Smolensk sectors were reported by the Soviet information bureau today, implying that the German eastward thrust had been held up, since these were areas in which fighting had been reported in progress Saturday.

Both north and south of this central front zone defending Moscow, however, fresh activity was announced.

Fighting flamed again in the region of Pskov, 160 miles southwest of Leningrad, and at Novograd Volynski, Ukrainian city far to the south which has long been a scene of fighting in the war now entering its fifth week.

No Important Changes
The Sunday communique reported no important changes on other sectors of the 2,000-mile front, but said the Soviet air force destroyed German motorized units and aircraft, and air and naval units destructively raided German convoys in the Baltic sea.

"As a result of an attack by our air force, motor torpedo boats and destroyers," it said, "eleven enemy transports and one tanker were sunk. One enemy fighter was brought down."

"Our losses in this combat were one airplane and one motor torpedo-boat. The crew was saved."

Germans Claim New Gains



A Soviet communique said severe fighting was going on in the area of Pskov in a drive (1), aimed at Leningrad. A German drive in the central sector (2) was said by the Germans to have captured Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow. The Russians claimed they still held Smolensk. The Russians also reported a successful counter-attack (3) across the Dnieper river. The German drive (4) for Kiev continued, with Moscow reporting heavy fighting in the vicinity of Novograd-Volynski.

HITLER'S CRUSADE IN RUSSIA ENDS INVASION FEARS
NAZI PUTSCH IN BOLIVIA NIPPED; SIEGE DECLARED

Worry Over Nazi Peace Move Now—British Gain On All Fronts.

By Kirke L. Simpson
Whatever Hitler's hopes of "decisive" victories in Russia as the fourth week of the Nazi-Soviet battle ends, it is now clear that so far he has lost rather than gained ground against Britain because of his anti-Red "crusade."

London military spokesmen say now that an attempted Nazi invasion of England this year is "almost" impossible, the "almost" added only for caution's sake.

England's greatest dread has been removed, for many months if not finally. It is apparent that there is today more official concern in London over a possible Nazi peace move in the wake of a possible great German victory in Russia than over Hitler's ability to threaten England again with invasion. This is reflected in the insistent reiteration by British war leaders, from Prime Minister Churchill down, that there will be no peace on any terms with Hitler.

Elsewhere on the axis-British battle fronts, east or west, the effect of Hitler's Russian venture is no less obvious. In the Atlantic his sea attack is waning instead of gaining. In the Mediterranean British defense lines have been tremendously reinforced by French surrender in Syria lacking any hope of effective German help.

It seems more possible that Britain is busy mapping plans for a new blow at her axis foes in the east to match the steadily rising tempo of the British air attack on Germany and German-occupied lands in the west. German pre-occupation with Russia has rendered Hitler's axis partner, Mussolini, again vulnerable. The air attack on communication lines of the axis army in Libya is expanding to include axis bases in Greece, on Crete and in Italy itself.

With Syria firmly in British-free French hands and with Ethiopia and Italian East Africa swept clear of important fascist resistance, there seems no good reason why the British might not definitely take the offensive. Land operations to sweep Libya of axis forces are a possibility.

Sacramento, July 19.—(P)—Butter: first grade 39 1/2c; second grade 37 1/2c.

CHURCHILL URGES CONQUERED LANDS TO JOIN 'V' DRIVE

Continent Expected To Arise Today In Britain's First Propaganda Drive.

London, Sunday, July 20.—(P) A post-midnight broadcast with a message from Prime Minister Churchill opened "V for victory" day on the German-occupied continent today, urging the conquered peoples to go out under cover of darkness and smear "millions of new V's on walls and doors and pavements all over Europe" as a symbol of resistance to Nazism.

Today was set aside as a special day for manifestation of resistance after a campaign started almost as a joke had swept through the occupied territories and assumed major proportions in the last few days, capped by the participation now of the prime minister himself.

It was Britain's first major propaganda offensive in the occupied nations, a call for organization throughout these lands of "an invisible army of many millions" to launch a "fear of offensive" against German troops and authorities and to refuse all collaboration with them.

Churchill's message, read by "Colonel Brittain," radio commander of the campaign, said: "The V sign is the symbol of the unconquerable will of the occupied territories and a portent of the fate awaiting the Nazi tyrannical. So long as the peoples of Europe continue to refuse all collaboration with the invader, it is sure that his cause will perish and that Europe will be liberated."

After reading this message "Colonel Brittain" urged his listeners to "wait for the word," and he promised that "when the moment comes" the action would be such that the Germans would be powerless to halt it.

This was interpreted as an indication that Britain would call on the occupied nations to rise in arms against the Germans when and if the British army again gets a foothold on the continent.

"Col. Brittain" proclaimed confidently that "in a few minutes there will be millions of new V's on walls and doors and pavements all over Europe."

"Darkness is your chance," he said. "Put your V up as a member of this army."

SECY. SNELL WILL OPPOSE SPRAGUE

Portland, July 19.—(P)—Secretary of State Earl Snell will oppose Governor Sprague for the Republican nomination as governor next year, the Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, predicted today.

The newspaper said Snell would announce his candidacy in September.

The secretary of state would pass up the gubernatorial race only if Rep. Walter M. Pierce of Oregon's second district or Senator McNary decided to retire, in which case Snell would seek a congressional seat, the newspaper added. It predicted, however, that McNary and Pierce again would be candidates.

In a Snell-Sprague contest, the state republican committee would support Sprague, the Oregonian said.

PHONE COMPANY EXPANSION HERE TO COST \$140,000

Addition To Building Starts Next Week—Will Expand Local, Long Distance.

Construction of an addition to the Medford telephone building was announced Saturday by R. B. Hammond, manager for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Work is expected to get under way next week, with completion scheduled for fall.

The new space is needed, Mr. Hammond said, to provide additional local and long distance central office equipment.

The addition will extend approximately 30 feet on the rear of the present telephone building, and will be 90 feet wide. It will be of steel and brick construction and will be one-story, with basement.

Major Repeater Point
Medford long has been a major repeater point on the company's north and south long distance lines, and the long distance equipment is to be expanded, Mr. Hammond said, to take care of the large increase in business the company is experiencing up and down the coast.

At the same time, he said, additional dial equipment will be installed to provide facilities for local telephone growth.

Installation of the equipment will be started as soon as the building addition is completed. Total gross cost of the building and equipment, as given by the company, will be in the neighborhood of \$140,000.

Robertson, Hay and Wallace have been given the contract for the new addition.

F. R. MESSAGE FOR LONGER SERVICE DUE ON TUESDAY

Washington, July 19.—(P)—President Roosevelt dictated today a tentative draft of his message to congress recommending that the service period of draftees, national guardsmen and reserves be prolonged and set aside the entire week end for the completion of the communication.

A congress already deeply embroiled in controversy over the issue will receive it on Tuesday or later, scarcely 10 days before the August 1 deadline, beyond which Gen. George C. Marshall, the army chief of staff has said enactment of the legislation could not be postponed with safety.

What line of approach the president will take was, of course a closely guarded secret, but some were disposed to think that he might urge the declaration of a state of national emergency by congress, as a basis for retaining the men in the army after the year for which they were inducted originally.

BOARD ASKED TO BOOST MILK COST

Portland, Ore., July 19.—(P)—Milk producers in the Portland area have petitioned the Oregon milk control board for a hearing to show that prices, recently increased, should be boosted again.

C. E. Grelle, board chairman, said he would call an emergency meeting soon to set an early date for hearings.

Hot weather, growth of army cantonments, aid to Great Britain and defense projects were listed by producers as reasons for the increase.

Bootlegger's Mite

Snow Hill, Md., July 19.—(P)—Even bootleggers are being asked to aid in the nationwide aluminum collection campaign.

Sheriff J. William Hall said he had called on several suspected operators of illegal stills and asked them to "dismantle their reported liquor plants of all aluminum parts in order to help national defense."

NORTHWEST HEAT WAVE MOVES EAST, FIRE FEARS EBB

Cooler Weather Predicted—Many Fires In Mountains—One In Oregon.

Seattle, July 19.—(P)—The low pressure area which brought record heat to the Pacific northwest the past week, moved inland over the Rockies and Great Plains tonight, leaving miles of fire-blackened wheat and rangelands and seared and smoking forests behind it.

The forest service said the week's lightning-set forest fires in Oregon and Washington totaled 1,550 of which 950 were in national forests and 600 on state and private lands.

Temperatures in the northwest generally were in the 90's today. In Oregon, the mercury went to 97 at Pendleton; 93 at Roseburg; 92 at Baker; 89 at Eugene and 85 at Portland.

Lower temperatures and increased cloudiness with probably recurrent thunderstorms in the mountains were forecast for the north coast states and British Columbia, where hundreds of forest fires blazed, mostly in isolated and almost inaccessible mountain regions. Fires in Washington alone were estimated at more than 900, most of them under control.

Oregon State Forester N. S. Rogers said the only fire in his state not yet controlled was a 700-acre blaze in the Crabtree district of Linn county. He warned that a high wind would prove disastrous.

GRATERS HUMBLER BY BEND 8 TO 3

The Bend Elks exploded a 12-hit batting attack against young Bill Smith last night to defeat the Medford Craters, 8 to 3, in an exhibition game at the fairgrounds park. The two clubs will clash in a regular Oregon State league tussle at 2:30 this afternoon, with Dutch Lieber hurling for Medford and Lyle Turpin or Bill Hatch for the visitors.

It was fairly close for six innings, with the Elks holding a 4 to 2 lead, but in the seventh the visitors hammered out five hits and four runs to clinch the affair. Jack Brown relieved Smith in this inning and yielded two hits and two runs the rest of the way.

Tom Hawkins, former Crater manager, led the Bend attack with three blows, while Joe Gray hit two triples and a single for the Craters.

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Bend 8 14 3
Medford 3 7 1
Farmer and Hawkins; Smith, Brown and Roelandt.

Berkeley, Calif., July 19.—(P)—Judge Warren V. Tryon, 51, Crescent City, who had cleaned up dockets in half of California's superior courts, died here Friday of a heart attack.

A Patriarch Speaks
Burlington, Vt., July 19.—(P)—Ninety-six years old, Tildon Young has registered for civil defense in Vermont with this comment: "There's been too much hot air in this war. I'm ready for action."

Lane Fair Queen
Cottage Grove, July 19.—(P)—Lillian Geer has been selected queen of the South Lane County Fair August 22-23.

PRESIDENT LEANS ON 'MOTLEY CREW' WHEELER CLAIMS

Foreign Policy Advisors Flayed—Hopkins' Statement To British Rapped.

Washington, July 19.—(P)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) contended today that President Roosevelt was basing foreign policy on the advice of "a motley crew" consisting of Secretaries Knox, Stimson and Ickes, Lease-Lend Coordinator Harry Hopkins and Felix Frankfurter, an associate justice of the supreme court.

Renewing the running verbal exchange between himself and the chief executive, Wheeler asserted that the great bulk of American public opinion was not reflected in the president's actions.

Referring to those he said were the president's chief advisers, Wheeler told a press conference: "Knox, Stimson, Ickes, Hopkins and Frankfurter—what a motley crew to determine foreign policy for 130,000,000 people in the United States."

"The president today seems to be wholly dependent for his information on a little handful of men surrounding him who couldn't be elected to the office of dog catcher in their own home towns. And yet they, along with Winston Churchill (British prime minister) and the royal refugees in the United States, are determining foreign policy."

The Montana senator declared that if such a group "keeps on flouting public opinion, the main issue will be, not whether we can save democracy in Europe and Asia, but whether we can save it here in this country."

Wheeler took particular exception to Hopkins' statement in London that the United States would see to it that American goods were delivered to Great Britain "and every theater in the world where democracies are fighting Hitler."

"Mr. Hopkins apparently is completely out of touch with sentiment in the United States," the Montanan asserted.

Both the United States and Great Britain are in a pretty bad way if we have to rely on Harry Hopkins to tell us what to do."

M'NARY SEES NO REASON FOR U.S. ENTRY INTO WAR

Washington, July 19.—(P)—Senator McNary, preparing to leave for his home near Salem, Ore., Sunday, said today he saw no justification for United States participation in the European wars.

He said he believed the pressing problems of the present were domestic.

"We are giving the democracies substantial and ever-increasing aid," he said, "and the problems which are pressing at this time are domestic in nature and must receive very careful consideration because of the huge debt created because of our national defense program."

"We must be ever mindful of the strain that will fall upon our social and economic structure at the conclusion of the war and the national emergency under which this country is operating."

McNary said he hoped to be away from Washington about three weeks but that he would return if major legislation appeared before the senate. While in the west he expected to investigate federal activities on the Pacific coast at the request of administration officials.