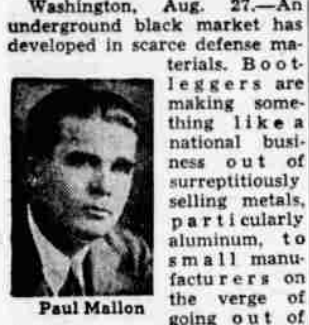


LAVAL, VICHY TOOL OF NAZIS, SHOT

News Behind The News

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Washington, Aug. 27.—An underground black market has developed in scarce defense materials. Bootleggers are making something like a national business out of surreptitiously selling metals, particularly aluminum, to small manufacturers on the verge of going out of business for want of raw materials. Fancy prices, usually double the fixed limit, are being exacted. The business has already developed the dark inventive scheming aspects of prohibition law violations—blind offices in large city buildings, actual melting down of aluminum in small stills known as alley pots, and home smelting.

Many instances have come up for investigation to the compliance section at defense headquarters here in the priorities division of OPM. An official exposure to try to break it up is in the making.

MOST of the reported cases center around the metals manufacturing areas, particularly Cleveland, Toledo, New York.

One small central states manufacturer received a letter advising that he could obtain aluminum for his business by going to a business address in New York City. There he was told he could not be helped but might try a nearby address. Proceeding to the designated place, he found an unlisted office in a large building. Inside, behind a desk, was a man who did not identify himself. The man either had, or pretended to have, copies of letters in which the manufacturer had sought to get aluminum allowances from a government department. The manufacturer backed out, reported to his counsel, decided not to bite.

Another complaint suggests an aluminum bootlegger had some access to the files of a large aluminum manufacturer.

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NO WEDDING FOR 'BABS' AND CARY

Mexico City, Aug. 27.—(P)—Cary Grant and Barbara Hutton, who arrived here separately a few days ago, said today they were "vacationing in Mexico with friends," and emphasized that they had no marriage plans.

"Rumors that we will marry are untrue," said Miss Hutton. Woolworth's heiress whose divorce from Count Court Haugwitz-Reventlow of Denmark became final last March 1. "I plan to be here about three weeks, but no longer as I am already anxious to return to New York to see my baby."

JAIL TERM GIVEN ARMY ABSENTEE

Assertedly A. W. O. L. from Fort Lewis, Wash., Russell W. Perisho, 20, was sentenced by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman this morning to 30 days in jail on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Meantime army officials at Fort Lewis were notified. The youth came originally from Illinois.

Perisho was arrested by state police yesterday. He was carrying a .32 calibre revolver, not an army weapon, police said. Perisho pleaded guilty to the charge.

WOUNDS SERIOUS; BRITANNY YOUTH HELD FOR ATTACK

Attack At Versailles While Enlisting German Volunteers—Climax To French Disorders—Aide Also Hit.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Thursday, Aug. 28.—(P)—Pierre Laval and his collaborator henchman, Marcel Deat, were reported today in grave condition from gunshot wounds.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Aug. 27.—(P)—Pierre Laval, former vice premier under Marshal Petain and the leading proponent of strong collaboration with Germany, was shot this morning as he attended an anti-communist demonstration at German-occupied Versailles and was reported tonight to have been seriously wounded.

Laval was shot in the chest. Doctors said tonight they believed he would live.

Shot at the same time although less seriously hurt was Marcel Deat, former air minister and rightist journalist and like Laval a leading collaborator.

Laval, swarthy white-tied politician who brought Petain and Hitler together after the armistice, was shot both in the arm and body, while Deat received only a wound in the arm.

The two were sitting beside each other receiving registrations of anti-communists to fight in a volunteer force alongside Germany in the war against Russia when the shooting occurred. The legionnaires were taking oaths of allegiance.

In the midst of the ceremony a young man arose and started firing, wounding both men before he could be overpowered. He was arrested immediately.

Prisoner Identified

The prisoner was identified as a 21-year-old communist, one Paul Collette.

Collette, the young assassin, told authorities he had joined the Legion of Anti-Communist Volunteers simply to have an opportunity to shoot the collaborationist leaders.

He said he was born in Brittany province at Calvados, Aug. 12, 1920, and that he arrived at Versailles this morning as a volunteer for the sole purpose of "shooting down" Laval.

Reports tonight said that doctors had extracted the bullet from the 58-year-old Laval's chest, and that he asked immediately afterward to talk to his wife by telephone. Staying at the Laval estate near Vichy, Mrs. Laval left immediately to be at her husband's bedside.

The shooting occurred on the very day that newly-established anti-communist courts began functioning to handle the cases of many hundreds arrested in both occupied and unoccupied France in growing manifestation of opposition to collaboration with the Germans.

A number of persons described as Jews and communists were arrested today in the fourth ward of German-occupied Paris in a continuation of roundups which have netted about 10,000 prisoners in the past 10 days.

For weeks Laval has said that "the war will be finished this year with a German victory."

Moreover, his friends in Paris have considered seriously the possibility of his return to power in the Vichy government as the only way France could negotiate a positive arrangement with Germany for collaboration.

Actually without official status since his ouster as vice premier, December 13, Laval has continued political contacts with many rightists who visited his dingy office on the fourth floor of a Champs Elysees building in Paris.

Laval has been in French politics since 1914, when he became a socialist deputy. In parliament he specialized in foreign affairs. He was foreign minister in several Briand cabinets, and was prime minister in 1931-32 and again in 1935-36.

He was the most outspoken member of the faction attempting to appease Germany and Italy before the war. And it was he who arranged the post-armistice meeting between Hitler and Petain at which collaboration between France and Germany was decided upon.

Assassin's Target



Pierre Laval, ex-premier of France, and aide of Hitler, seriously wounded by young communist today.

FREEDOM OF SEAS POLICY IN FORCE, TOKYO INFORMED

U. S. Answers Japan Protest On War Supplies To Russia—Moscow Firm.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(P)—Secretary of State Hull made plain today that the United States stood on a freedom-of-seas policy in connection with shipments of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

He was asked at his press conference whether the United States would insist on freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections.

His reply was that until this policy was revoked, it could be assumed that it was in effect.

As to whether Japan had made formal representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Hull said he would leave any statement on this at the moment to the foreign office in Tokyo.

The Japanese news agency, Domei, had reported from Tokyo earlier, however, that the Japanese government had made representations to the United States and Russia against shipment of American aviation gasoline to the Russian port of Vladivostok.

The Soviet government also had let it be known that it had informed Japan that it would regard as "an unfriendly act" any attempt by Japan to interfere with "normal trade relations between the Soviet Union and the United States via far eastern Soviet ports."

Nomura's appointment was made while Hull was conferring with the Soviet ambassador, Constantine Oumansky.

Oumansky refused to indicate in any way the subject of his conference with Hull.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, the Japanese ambassador, appeared at the state department for a conference he had requested with Hull and told newspapermen he was not bringing formal representations.

Nomura did say that shipments to Vladivostok constituted one of the problems for which he still hoped there would be an amicable settlement.

He requested the meeting today, Nomura said, to discuss a number of questions but he would not say whether the Russian shipments were involved.

Rainy Spell Over

Portland, Aug. 27.—(P)—Oregon's rainy weather of the last two days neared an end today, the federal weather bureau announced.

Partly cloudy conditions will continue tonight, with Thursday fair and slightly warmer inland.

SHAH MAKES PLEA THAT WAR CEASE; TABRIZ CAPTURED

Invasers Advance Swiftly—Armistice Predicted Soon With Nazis Ousted.

Teheran, Iran, Aug. 26 (Tuesday)—(Delayed)—(P)—The British and Soviet ministers, after an audience with the Shah, have transmitted to their governments an Iranian plea that the war cease and a guarantee that virtually all Germans would be expelled from the country within a week, it was reported reliably today.

A few Germans in "indispensable technical posts" would be kept for a while until substitutes could be trained to take their places, under the reported offer.

London, Aug. 27.—(P)—Collapse of Iranian resistance within the next three days was predicted by informal neutral diplomatic sources today as Russian forces smashing southward into Iran were reported to have captured the country's second city, Tabriz, and British armies striking northward advanced 40 miles.

Shah Reza Khan Pahlavi, these sources believed, realizes that Iran's position is hopeless, and British and Soviet representatives in his capital of Teheran have convinced him he ought to come to terms.

A British dispatch from Simla, India, headquarters for the British command, reported that Iran's small navy had been virtually wiped out by British vessels, with Iranian Admiral Bay Endor killed.

Occupied Oil Area

The British were declared to be in complete occupation now of the Bandar Shapur and Kohramshahr area in southwestern Iran. At Shapur, the head of an oil pipeline 100 miles north of Bandar the British landed troops by air to protect employees of the British oil company operating there.

So far there has been no indication diplomatic sources said, that the Iranian defense has been anything more than of "token" variety.

An armistice to be followed by a convention was predicted, with the agreement possibly allowing the Shah to retain power and definitely permitting British and Russian forces to police Iran for the duration of the war.

German technicians would be replaced with British or Russians, and the Allies would have a right of way from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian sea and the Russian Caucasus for shipment of British and American war supplies for the Soviet army.

No License Required

Salem, Aug. 27.—(P)—Employees of persons engaged in manufacture of bedding or renovation of upholstered furniture do not have to obtain licenses, the attorney general ruled yesterday for the state board of health.

War Bulletins

Blackpool, England, Aug. 27.—(P)—An air collision of two planes over Blackpool today resulted in the death of six persons. Including the crews of both planes, the hospitalization of 16 and minor injuries for scores of others.

(Presumably both the craft were British. Ramming of opposing planes, however, has come to be an accepted practice in aerial combat and it might be that one was a raiding craft.)

Tokyo, Aug. 27.—(P)—The Tokyo stock market dropped drastically today because of the Anglo-Soviet invasion of Iran. Japan has been getting oil from Iran.

Iran Invaded by British and Russians



The British and Russians moved into Iran. Russians from the north and British from the west and south. British were reported to have landed troops at Bandar Shapur and there was a possibility they would land forces at Bushire and Bandar Abbas on the Persian Gulf. A thrust from Baluchistan, on the east, also was a possibility.

ESCAPE EPIDEMIC AT SALEM PRISON EYED BY SPRAGUE

Salem, Aug. 27.—(P)—Conditions at the state penitentiary, from which 10 convicts have escaped since last spring, were discussed today at a conference between Governor Charles A. Sprague and Deputy Prison Warden E. C. Halley.

The governor said after the conference that his action was not a formal inquiry, and that it is not to be construed as a criticism of the prison administration, headed by Warden George Alexander, who now is vacationing in the south.

"All I am trying to do is get at the real cause of the escapes and ask the warden and his deputy in remedying them," said the governor. "I realize that they have been operating under extreme difficulties this summer, with an unusually large crop to handle in the flax plant at the same time harvesting operations were being carried on at the prison farms."

"All of this has required the use of an abnormally large number of inmates outside the walls, many of whom would not ordinarily be so employed. There also has been a shortage of guards experienced in handling these crews."

The governor said he was considering a plan, used by the late Warden James Lewis, to dismiss any guard who has a prisoner escape. But the governor said the defect in the plan is the scarcity of guards.

TURKEY ALARMED OVER NAZI MOVE

London, Aug. 27.—(P)—Turkish leaders, with a German army encamped along the Thracian frontier, were reported tonight to be concerned over rumors that Berlin would ask them to eject all Russian and British engineers and technicians as a counter-move to the British-Russian invasion of Iran.

Turks here were reported to fear that if Turkey should fail to reply to the demand, the Germans might seize the opportunity to march into their country from Thrace and take over control of the Dardanelles strait, entrance to the Black sea, and also Turkey's long Black sea coast.

Neutral diplomats reflected this view, although they expect Germany to await success or failure of the German campaign in Russia's Ukraine.

London, Aug. 27.—(P)—Pilot Officer William Robert Dunn of the American Eagle squadron, former airline flier from Houston, Tex., shot down two German fighters today and is suffering from a bullet wound in his foot, the air ministry reported.

BAN ON DEFENSE STRIKES FAVORED; HELD A 'DISGRACE'

Army Ordnance Group Deplores Lack Of 1-Man Head For Armaments.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(P)—The Army Ordnance association, a semi-official body, today condemned strikes for a "disgraceful blot" on the record of defense progress and listed as a companion debit the lack of a single administrative head for armaments production.

On the subject of defense strikes, the association asserted flatly: "They should be outlawed once and for all in order that the vast majority of willing hands may do their share in defense production."

The Ordnance organization also found reason to deplore the delay in fixing "a ceiling on all prices"—a delay which it said "has added millions to the cost of national defense and points the way to monetary inflation which may defeat the very purpose of the defense effort."

The opinions of the association were set forth in an editorial analysis of the accomplishments and defects of the defense effort which appears in the current issue of the organization's journal, Army Ordnance.

If the association found much to criticize in the defense effort, it also found much to praise, asserting that the "end of M-year (mobilization year) discloses military armament production gaining momentum."

"Soon they will be in high gear," the editorial reported. "After that, God help the transgressor of the American way!"

BASEBALL

National			
(First game):	R	H	E
Chicago	0	5	2
Boston	6	13	0
Pasaeau and McCullough; Salvo and Berres.			
Second game:			
	R	H	E
Chicago	6	8	2
Boston	4	9	1
Raffensberger, Root, and George; Javery, Johnson, and Montgomery, Berres.			
Pittsburgh	12	21	2
Philadelphia	2	10	2
Lanning and Lopez, Baker; Blanton, Johnson, Grissom and Warren.			
American			
	R	H	E
Philadelphia	4	11	2
Cleveland	11	18	0
Ferrick and Hayes; Gromek and Desautels.			
Washington	11	18	0
Chicago	3	7	4
Chase and Early; Rigney, Hallett, and Tresh, Turner.			
Boston	3	8	3
Detroit	6	5	1
Grove, Wilson and Peacock; Newhouse, Gorsica and Tebbett.			

ARMY REJECTIONS HELD TOO HEAVY SAYS DRAFT AIDE

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—(P)—The national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was told today by Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, that strikes on defense projects are "the result of bad advice."

The veterans, after hearing the Hines address, adopted a resolution urging that jurisdictional strikes be considered un-American and outlawed.

In another address, Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, deputy director of selective service, said that "something has to be done" about the high percentage of men rejected by the army for physical defects.

"Either they will have to be inducted into the army regardless of physical condition and rehabilitated there, or the states will have to make some arrangement for doing it," he declared.

In one board, Hershey said, 50 per cent were rejected because of physical impairment.

MALONEY URGES MORE TANK CARS

Washington, Aug. 27.—(P)—Senator Maloney (D., Conn.) proposed today that all unused railroad tank cars be set to rolling in an effort to relieve shortages of gasoline, fuel oil and other products.

"I have a feeling that we may press the now unused tank cars, and other tank cars not badly needed otherwise, into immediate service," Maloney said.

To offset added cost, the senator suggested that railroads might "move whole trains of tank cars at one time," and thus reduce costs substantially.

Maloney is chairman of a special committee appointed yesterday to begin a senate investigation of the shortages tomorrow. Meanwhile, a plan of action against gasoline profiteering was drafted in government quarters.

Dahlias Grow Tall

Redmond, Aug. 27.—(P)—Louis Foster, south Redmond, reported today that dahlias eight feet, four inches tall were growing in his yard.

No Harvest Closure

Portland, Aug. 27.—(P)—Portland schools will open September 2, as scheduled, but students may answer Governor Sprague's plea to help in harvesting the bean, hop and prune crops.

COUNTER ATTACKS OF SOVIETS ROUT GERMANS AT 'K'

Heavy Battles Continue At Odessa And Leningrad, As Defenses Stiffen.

Moscow, Aug. 27.—(P)—German lost 80,000 killed and wounded soldiers before the nazis occupied the city of Gomel on the central front, the army newspaper Red Star said today in the first detailed story of that battle.

Moscow, Aug. 27.—(P)—Red army counter-attacks have hurled the Germans back from the approaches to an undisclosed city, Izvestia, the government newspaper, reported tonight as heavy battles continued in front of Odessa and Leningrad.

The city was identified only as "K" and the dispatch to Izvestia said heavily superior numbers of Germans had been thrown into defeat, losing thousands of men, after being held up there for more than a month.

A tremendous aerial battle for mastery of the skies developed over Leningrad as the big city's army and militia defense stiffened for a last-ditch fight, but Izvestia reported industry going at full blast both there and in Odessa.

An early-morning communique said 101 of the 156 German planes listed as destroyed during Sunday and Monday were shot down in fierce dog-fights along the approaches to the old capital of the czars, or smashed in raids on nearby airbases from which the nazis attacks were sprung.

Defenders of the city declared that despite repeated German raids, not a bomb had fallen within the city limits.

A mid-day war bulletin made no mention of specific fighting sectors but declared:

"During the night of August 26-27 our troops continued to fight the enemy on the entire front."

A Soviet submarine commanded by Captain Lieutenant Stekhanovich was officially credited with sinking a 2,000-ton axis transport at the entrance to the Gulf of "S" and making a "successful attack" by torpedo on another transport in an axis port, identified only as "one of the most important enemy harbors."

The Russians reported withdrawing machine-gun fire from camouflaged defense works manned by the Red and people's armies holding the attacking waves in check while Leningrad's civilian reinforcements drilled under arms in sandbagged, barricaded streets.

There was no confirmation in Moscow of German claims last night of the capture of Luga, 20 miles south of Leningrad, on the rail line to Pskov, and of the great hydro-electric power center of Dniepropetrovsk, on the west bank of the Dnieper.

NOTED OREGONIAN TO LAST REWARD

Portland, Ore., Aug. 27.—(P)—Judge Charles Henry Carey, 84, Oregon historian and a close friend of the late President William Howard Taft, died last night.

Chairman of the Oregon war industries board in 1918 and a former state corporation commissioner, he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Samuel Doak Carey, noted slave abolitionist.

He wrote the authoritative "History of Oregon" in 1923 and a "History of the Oregon Constitution" in 1926.

The one-time municipal judge of Portland organized numerous banks, was an officer of several Oregon industrial firms and was active in state politics.

Redmond, Aug. 27.—(P)—Police searched today for a burglar who took \$148 from the till of the Farmer's Hardware store here Monday night.