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PRESIDENT PONDERERS JAPANESE REPLY

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 5.—The British looked bad in Libya but they have the consolation that their troubles contemplated two successes on another front.

It has not diminished the brilliance of the red success in crushing the Rostov salient to report that the Nazis had to get into their air and anti-tank defenses sharply to succor the beleaguered Rommel in Libya.

Five or six Nazi air squadrons flew out of their Crimean bases hurriedly a week ago to slip above the clouds across the Mediterranean into Rommel's Libyan camp. They carried large quantities of anti-tank guns and crews as reinforcements, thus diminishing the power of the Nazi defensive force on the Rostov front over two of the most important lines—anti-tank defense and planes.

THREE silent cheers roused all inter-officialdom at the news of the Russian-Rostov drive. A great military authority of the government called it the very best war news in two years.

This government may not have been as surprised as the Nazis—a tank crushing counter-drive had been expected. Authorities had been led to believe it might develop in the north, which is what the reds wanted Hitler to believe.

The jubilantly expressed official opinion was that the counter-attack ruined Hitler's chances of gaining the Caucasus and the oil fields this winter (a far more important objective than Moscow).

THE war-like movements of the American-Japanese diplomatic corps have been watched

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New York, Dec. 5.—(P)—The German-operated Paris radio, heard by NBC, reported tonight that "Finland has given a negative reply" to a virtual British ultimatum that she cease her fight with Russia.

Radio Highlights

The University of Oregon-University of Texas football game in Austin Saturday will be broadcast by Station KUIN (1340 kcys.), Grants Pass, with the play-by-play account slated to start at 1 p. m., PST.

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
With national attention on rising prices, "Keep 'Em Rolling" (MBS Sunday at 7:30 p. m.) has arranged for a visit from Price Administrator Leon Henderson. He will be interviewed—and kidded—by Clifton Fadiman, master of ceremonies.

MBS is the only major network that will broadcast football games this Saturday. It will take listeners to the Rice-Smu game at 11:45 and the Southern California-UCLA game at 2:30.

Tonight, Talks — CBS 7:30 Senator Connally, chairman of the foreign relations committee, on U. S. foreign policy; MBS 6:15 Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. maritime commission, on "What Price Defense?"

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Sebastian Apollo's Roguettes providing sweet accordion music for husky Black Tornado footballers at the Elks party.

The forest service gals wishing Bob Mercer would practice his bagpipe lessons in their office so they could work to rhythm.

Maury Spatz making a lot of extra work for Clyde Chamberland by signing his name to an important piece of paper.

NATURE OF NOTE WITHHELD WHILE STUDY IS MADE

Document Rushed Immediately to Chief Executive On Delivery By 2 Envoys.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—President Roosevelt promptly gave his personal attention today to a document presenting Japan's reply to his request for an explanation of Japanese troop movements into French Indo-China, a crucial factor in current far eastern tension.

Tokyo's two envoys required 25 minutes to give Secretary of State Hull their government's answer and after their departure it was rushed immediately to Mr. Roosevelt's desk. The president also arranged a luncheon with Hull for a personal discussion of the document.

Any public word as to the nature of the reply was withheld. The state department referred all inquiries to the White House. But in diplomatic quarters there was speculation that the Tokyo government had chosen to make a statement of policy which from the American point of view could not be considered conclusive or decisive.

A conclusion drawn by experienced observers was that the Japanese reply declared that their troops in Indo-China were there under an agreement with the Vichy French government and their number did not exceed that approved by the French.

It was also said the Japanese answer emphasized that Japanese troops were in Indo-China to protect Japanese interests against Chinese forces in Yunnan, just across the border, and were not a menace to Thailand.

Tokyo, Dec. 5.—(Delayed)—(P) A Japanese government spokesman expressed the opinion today that both the United States and Japan would "continue with sincerity to try to find a common formula for a peaceful situation in the Pacific."

Then he added:

"If there is no sincerity then there is no need to continue the conversations."

He declared that Washington had "misunderstood our fundamental policy" and that Secretary Hull's recent statement "seems to allege that we are following a policy of force and conquest in establishing a military despotism."

SPECIAL SESSION IS OPPOSED BY SPRAGUE

Heppner, Dec. 5.—(P)—Eastern Oregon Wheat league delegates heard Governor Sprague say yesterday he opposed a special legislative session to consider tax reforms.

The governor, commenting on a request by Multnomah county interests, said it was doubtful that any satisfactory solution could be worked out in a special session of limited duration.

McNary to Ask Action Delay In Anti-Strike Legislation

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, said today he would propose in the senate Monday that the chamber delay action on all the pending anti-strike legislation until adequate hearings could be held on the stringent house-approved Smith bill.

McNary said he had received scores of communications asking that the senate give further study to the Smith bill.

"Inasmuch as all sides are asking for hearings," he told reporters, "we ought to delay action on all bills until adequate study has been given to this measure."

Appraised of McNary's stand, Senator Connally (D-Tex.) said he nevertheless would press for action Monday on his bill, which would permit the government to seize struck defense plants and

Die



Vesta Kelling (Top), 40, a feature writer for Wide World, a news service of the Associated Press was killed in an accidental gas explosion in her New York apartment. By coincidence, her former husband, Lieut. Col. Charles M. Cummings (below), an air corps attaché at the U. S. embassy in London, died in Lisbon a few hours before his former wife, Miss Kelling's parents live in Berkeley, Calif. A sister, Mrs. Stanley H. Kirkland of Berkeley said Lieut. Col. Cummings was on his way to New York for a reconciliation with Miss Kelling.

Stimson Denounces Publication of Plan

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson denounced today as "wanting in loyalty and patriotism" the publication of a purported secret army plan for an American expeditionary force to Europe.

Stimson told his press conference that documents published by the Chicago Tribune represented "unfounded studies of our production requirements for national defense which have been carried on by the general staff as part of their duties in this emergency." He added:

"They have never constituted an authorized program of the government."

Crisp Exchange

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, and Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) engaged today in what witnesses described as a crisp exchange over a charge by Pepper that Republicans were lagging in supporting the president's defense program.

The incident occurred at a meeting of the senate commerce committee which is considering two merchant marine measures.

to freeze union conditions in such plants in their present status.

But Senator Maloney (D-Conn.) said he was certain there would be strong Democratic support of McNary's plea for a temporary delay.

Reds Chase Nazis Nearly 100 Miles In Great Ukraine Counter Attack

AMERICANS FACE HEAVY SACRIFICE IS ERB WARNING

University President In Address To Voters League Cites Adjustment Need.

Every person in this nation will have to make extreme sacrifices in the cause of national defense, and might as well be realistic and cheerful about the matter, according to Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, who addressed an open meeting of the Jackson County League of Women Voters last evening at the courthouse.

"We might as well realize right now that we can't have our cake and eat it too," Dr. Erb said, adding that everyone should prepare himself for economic adjustments and a different standard of living. The complacent attitude about this war is dangerous, he said.

"Now that we are in the war economically and politically, we must prepare ourselves for the all-out effort it will take for our side to win. We are at present devoting less than one-third of our national production to defense needs and we may have to devote two-thirds in order to accomplish our aim," Dr. Erb said. He added that in his opinion the present administration's foreign policy had not been responsible for getting the nation into this "fix"—that the United States would have been forced to follow the same course regardless of who had been president.

Standards Upset
Dr. Erb asserted European nations have shown, during the first world war and during the present conflict, that it is possible to turn more than half of a nation's productive activity to entirely destructive ends without seriously upsetting its economic standards. For at least a year both Germany and Great Britain has been devoting two-thirds of the nation's production to war needs without the people's efficiency seriously suffering.

Discussing the problem of how money can be raised for these gigantic war needs, the speaker said that this is done by producing more, consuming less, through quotas and rationing, and by using up accumulated goods and capital. Britain's productive capacity has been raised between 20 and 25 percent, he said; quotas of food, clothing and fuel have been sufficient to maintain a decent standard of living and only the luxury industries have been shut down. Dr. Erb added that morale preserving industries, such as movies, theatres, breweries and the tobacco industry, have not been seriously curtailed in England.

Penalty of Democracy
"We should never forget that we have this financial problem only because we are a democracy," the speaker said. "Under other forms the government would merely seize what it needed."

Great Britain has raised about half the cost of the present war

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NAVY NEEDS MEN

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—In a new move to increase naval enlistments which recently have been running substantially below desired levels, the navy cut in half today the four year period for enlistment of naval reserves. Recruiting officers over the country were advised of the new policy immediately in order to bring their quotas up to the highest possible levels.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—(P)—Turkey and Germany signed an agreement today looking toward the re-establishment of rail communications from Europe to Turkey. DNB reported in a dispatch from Ankara.

Medford, Ashland Chambers Support Secession Effort

Ashland, Dec. 5.—(P)—"Moral support" for the southern Oregon-northern California secession movement to form the 49th state of Jefferson was voted today by the Jackson County and Ashland Chambers of Commerce meeting jointly.

The Ashland chamber invited "rebel leaders" to attend a forum here soon.

SHARP UPTURN IN DRAFT INDUCTIONS AFTER HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—A sharp upturn in the rate of selective service inductions was predicted today, because of the army's announced plans to expand land and air strength to some two million officers and men.

Beginning shortly after the holidays, officials expect the draft boards to be called on to provide recruits in larger numbers than at any time in months.

Generally, the prospects are that at least half a million additional recruits must don uniforms by spring, if the army is to carry out the latest expansion proposed to congress and simultaneously get replacements for the soldiers who just now are being returned to civil life in large numbers.

The \$8,109,948,898 defense appropriation measure, which is expected to reach a house vote today, calls for a net increase of about 300,000 officers and men, to be about evenly divided between the air and ground forces. Two more armored divisions, the army's seventh and eighth, are to be created, along with a number of new "tank destroyer" and other special units whose military worth was tested in the recent war games.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(P)—The army announced intention today to train 10,000 bombardier-navigators within a year for the mounting number of long-range bombers rolling off assembly lines.

Secretary Stimson disclosed qualifications for recruits would be lowered to assure an adequate number of skilled crewmen. High school graduates who pass an air corps intelligence test will be accepted for 45 weeks of training.

Stimson announced at his press conference two further moves to strengthen the ground forces: the creation of 52 "tank destroyer" battalions, and the conversion of two additional regular army triangular divisions into fully motorized units.

25 Local Stenogs Taking Exam Here For State Service

Approximately 25 girls will take an examination Saturday for employment as typists and stenographers with the State Unemployment Commission. The exam will start at 9 a. m. in the Medford senior high school, and will be under the direction of Miss Eva Bovolak, commercial instructor at the high school, who will represent Prof. William E. Griffith, supervisor for the board of examiners.

All have qualified for the examination, and have had their applications in since November 10.

The positions vary in salary from \$60 to \$140 a month. Because of many recent changes due to emergency conditions, permanent appointments are expected soon with the central office in Salem or with one of the 23 other state offices.

The exterior of St. Patrick's cathedral in New York is generally modeled after the Cathedral of Cologne.

RED VANGUARD NEAR MARIUPOL IN HEADLONG PURSUIT

4,000 Square Miles Retaken —Long-Range Nazi Guns Claimed Bombing Moscow

By the Associated Press
Soviet Ukraine armies late today were reported approaching Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, in the vanguard of a smashing counter-offensive that has already recaptured 4,000 square miles and wrested "hundreds" of villages from the fleeing Germans.

A British broadcast said the Russians had by-passed Taganrog on the north, leaving troops behind to mop up Nazi forces still holding out there.

Moscow Shelled
On the central front, the Russians admitted that Gen. Fedor von Bock had unleashed a violent new offensive against Moscow from the north.

The Moscow radio reported that German artillery had been shelling the capital, but said the Russians had silenced the German batteries.

Presumably the Nazis were using their long-range "big Berthas," since their closest approach to the red capital so far has been reported at a point 31 miles north of Moscow.

The German push, it was reported, broke through red army defenses just below Klin, 50 miles north of Moscow, and continued eastward toward Dmitrov, 40 miles west of the U.S.S.R. capital.

Try New Stand

On the southern front, the Soviet radio said Marshal Semion Timoshenko's armies, driving west through the Donets river basin and along the sea of Azov, had reached the Mius river "where the Germans are trying to form a new front."

Two red army spearheads were reported racing ahead in an attempt to hem up the Germans retreating toward Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov-on-Don.

A communique from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted in broad general terms that fresh Russian attacks on the southern (Ukraine) front had been "frustrated." It gave no details.

A Berlin spokesman insisted that "the front is somewhere between Rostov and Taganrog."

45 DRAFTEES TO LEAVE IN JANUARY

Jackson county will send its largest quota of selective service men to the Portland induction center in January.

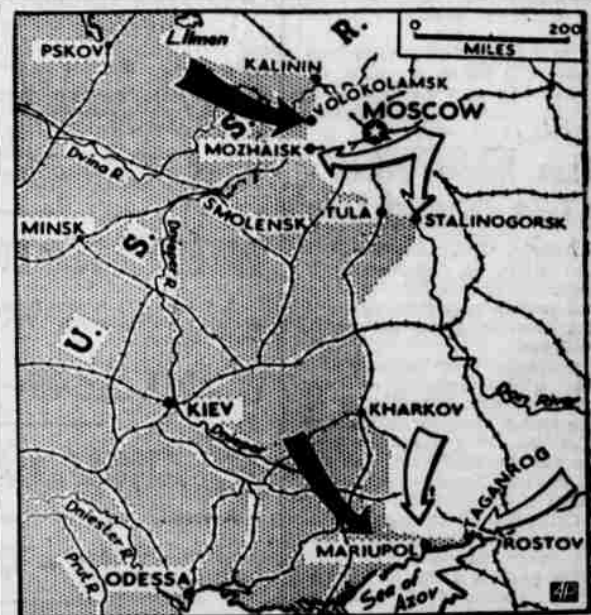
Local board No. 1, for Medford only, received official notice today to provide 15 selectees in January and local board No. 2, for the rest of Jackson county, 30 selectees, a total of 45 for the whole county. Previous largest quota was 28 selectees for both boards.

The January total for the state is the largest to date, between 1250 and 1500 selectees. The number has been increased because of the policy of releasing men who present evidence of hardship or dependency based on changed home conditions and because the navy might begin requisitioning men from selective service.

The local boards here had not yet received notice of the exact date in January the men will be called from Jackson county.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—(P)—The Rumanian government tonight rejected what was described as an ultimatum from Britain to stop fighting Russia by midnight or face a declaration of war.

Both Sides Claim Gains



Black arrows show how Germans are continuing pressure toward Moscow in the Volokolamsk area, where Russians admit a "serious situation" exists and how, according to London reports, German reinforcements were moving into the Mariupol area to stem the Russian southern drive. White arrows show where Russians claim to have made gains near Moscow and in the direction of the reported Russian thrusts in the Rostov attack.

British Forces Beat Off Axis Attacks on Ed Duda

By the Associated Press
Britain's north African armies were credited today with beating off two heavy axis attacks on Ed Duda, in the bloody battle zone south of Tobruk, but a new setback was acknowledged in the loss of the Gambut supply base 40 miles east of Tobruk.

Authoritative London quarters conceded that axis troops had recaptured Gambut, which the British captured on the second day of Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham's 18-day-old offensive into Libya.

British middle east headquarters said axis troops attacked Ed Duda in three waves, suffering heavy casualties in the first two assaults and gaining slightly in the third.

Imperial counter-attacks were declared to have regained most of the lost ground, however, with the axis forces again suffering heavily in killed and wounded.

Weather conditions have immobilized the ground forces except for scouting operations and repair work.

A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from "somewhere in Europe" said Vichy had agreed to give Germany all the naval and air bases she required in French North Africa if Germany could occupy them without the assistance of the French fleet.

Chief McCredie immediately dispatched a telegram to Sacramento inquiring whether the youth would waive extradition. A warrant charging burglary has been issued for Goodrich.

The police chief said that, so far as could be determined, Goodrich was not a local boy. No other details of his arrest were known at this time.

Another burglary occurred last night, when a prowler entered the Medford School of Beauty Culture, 235 East Main street, and stole a small amount of change from a drawer, police said. The burglar left behind him a flashlight and jimmy. Police said there were no visible means of entry.

ROSE SNYDER FUNERAL AT 2:30 P.M. SATURDAY

Funeral services for Rose M. Snyder, 70, who died at her home, 406 Beatty street, last night after a six weeks' illness, will be held at the Perl chapel at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. Interment will be in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery. An obituary will be published Sunday.

Sulking Son Found Hanging in Cellar

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—(P) Mrs. Minnie Tease sneaked into the basement last night with grapes for her sulking 13-year-old son, Edmund, who had been scolded by his father for being late to dinner. She found his body hanging by a rope from a rafter.