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ALLIES PLAN SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 18.—Navy Secretary Knox only hinted at what this government has discovered about Japanese fifth columning when he said it was more efficient than the worm burrowing of the Nazis.

A Pacific-wide system of underground communications by short wave radio has been detected as the basis of Jap spy operations.

Small sending sets, some especially adapted to use in cellars or ground shelters, are in daily operation over that half of the world, especially along our coast and in our island possessions.

Cases upon which our agents are working are not yet ready for disclosure, but a sample is furnished by the experiences of the Chinese in two instances known to our authorities.

DAIRYMEN SEEK DELAY IN RULE ON BOTTLE CAP

Salem, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A delegation of dairymen asked the state board of agriculture yesterday to postpone the state department of agriculture's order requiring grade A dairies which are inspected by the department to have the new sanitary cap, which covers the pouring lip of the bottle.

The board, however, has no authority in the matter, since it merely acts in an advisory capacity to the state director of agriculture. The board refused to express any opinion on the new cap.

Dairymen speaking against the regulation said that because of the war, it would be difficult to obtain materials for the caps. The regulation goes into effect January 1. Dairymen protesting the regulation included Frank Moser of Corvallis, and D. M. Lay of Eugene.

The board set Labor Day as the opening date for the 1942 state fair, the customary date.

COPPER DRILL Silvertown, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Silvertown Junior Legion Auxiliary girls decided last night to hold a "copper drill" at each meeting. This consists of emptying their purses of pennies to be used to buy defense stamps.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS Arnel Butler challenging the big snow story by recalling the storm of eight or 10 years ago when 18 inches of powdered snow covered his front lawn.

TALK WASHINGTON AS HEADQUARTERS FOR STRATEGISTS

Capitals of U. S., Britain, China And Russia In General Agreement on Plan.

Axis Won't Quit Berlin, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels said today that Germany, Italy and Japan are "going the whole way" in the war.

Writing in the weekly Das Reich, he said the axis powers were forced to defend their lives and "they will do it in a manner which knows no sentimental considerations."

He called the three-power alliance a natural one and said all three were conducting the war in constant offensives.

London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Discussions are under way for establishment of a supreme allied war authority to direct high strategy against the axis, the authoritative British press association said tonight, and some quarters here believe that Washington should be its headquarters.

Informed opinion in London was divided on the desirability of Washington or London as the seat of the prospective allied grand council.

Keynoting comment of British news organizations, the press association said: "In capitals of each of the four great allied powers (the United States, Britain, China and Russia) leaders and spokesmen have already indicated their agreement to the general principle of a supreme authority for direction of the war."

"Discussions which now are proceeding between service and political experts are designed to bring the necessary machinery into being."

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall appealed to the senate today to notify all men between 19 and 44 years, inclusive, that they were liable for active military service.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson announced today the war department was planning to expand the army to the greatest strength needed and would depend for the increase entirely on the selective service system.

All voluntary enlistments are to be halted as soon as "the present rush subsides," Stimson told a press conference. An immediate increase of more than 150,000 men already has been recommended in a bill which Stimson said was on President Roosevelt's desk.

Axis Defeat on Two Fronts May Be Turning Point; Japanese Drive on Singapore Develops Dire Threat

RETREATING MEN FIGHT EACH OTHER IS RUSSIAN CLAIM

By the Associated Press A great, perhaps decisive turning-point marked Europe's war on two fronts today as Britain announced officially that the axis front in north Africa has been completely shattered and Russia declared that Adolf Hitler's invasion armies were fleeing in chaos.

A Soviet broadcast reported bitter hatred flaring among the axis forces, asserting that Russian cavalry in the Donets basin had captured retreating German, Italian and Rumanian troops when they fell to fighting one another.

Gang Up On Nazis The broadcast said Rumanian soldiers joined with the Italians against the Germans. Nearly one month to the day after Britain's desert armies struck back into Libya in their second north African offensive, British middle east headquarters announced:

"Axis forces in eastern Cirenaica (Libya) are now in full retreat. . . . The enemy front has everywhere been broken. . . . Yesterday our troops relentlessly pursued the enemy for a distance of nearly 30 miles. . . ."

Thus, in staccato sentences, the British command foretold the apparent beginning of the end of the African campaign, while on the Russian front, the story of axis disaster was even greater.

Premier Joseph Stalin was quoted as describing the ill-clad, fleeing Germans as "resembling the forces of Napoleon in the bloody retreat from Moscow in 1812."

Havas (French news agency) dispatches said the German withdrawal in the Ukraine had brought the great industrial city of Kharkov, the "Russian Pittsburgh," into the battle zone once more, and on the central front, Russian cavalrymen were reported to have chased German troops to within 19 miles of Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow.

Everywhere along the 1,200-mile front from Leningrad to the southernmost Ukraine, the Germans were declared to be falling back in a retreat unparalleled since Hitler sent his armies smashing through Belgium, Holland and France more than 18 months ago.

Scharnhorst Given Regular Bombing London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The RAF bombed the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in daylight today with a powerful force of its heaviest bombers, the British announced.

An air ministry communique said "the ships are believed to have been hit."

Husbands of Working Wives and Men Recently Married Face Call Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The government will become hard-boiled about drafting husbands whose wives are self-supporting, the senate was told today, as military leaders made known their view that this country must have an army much larger than 4,000,000 men.

Results of Japanese Surprise Attack



Blazing from Japanese bombing attacks on the army's Hickam field near Honolulu, are B-17 bombers seen (at top) behind two motors of one of the bombers which escaped damage. Below: The Japanese surprise attack left this wreckage in a thriving business district of Honolulu. Incendiary bombs started a fire which destroyed 20 buildings.

NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER GOES THE WHOLE WAY Hay Springs, Neb., Dec. 18.—(AP)—When Harvey Benschulte, 23, a ranch employee, decided his country needed his help, he went the whole way. He sold his car, horse and personal property for \$500, invested the money in defense bonds and then set out for Denver to enlist in the cavalry.

Australian Planes Bombard Greenwich Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Australian planes have successfully bombed Japanese installations on Greenwich Island, a communique announced tonight.

AIR FORCE CHIEF IN MISSING PLANE Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The war department announced today an army plane carrying Major General Herbert A. Dargue, commander of the 1st air force, had been missing since December 12 on a trans-continental flight.

Husbands of Working Wives and Men Recently Married Face Call (Continued) attitude of draft boards toward dependency and hardship cases must "inevitably" become tighter.

Those listed as missing with Dargue were: Col. Charles W. Bundy, war department general staff. Lieut. Col. George W. Ricker, war department general staff. Major Hugh F. McCaffery, Mitchell field, New York. Captain J. G. Leavitt, March field, Calif.

London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A son was born today to the Duchess of Gloucester, consort of King George's younger brother. This was the Gloucester's first child.

FATE OF PENANG, STRAITS STATE, FEARED SEALED

Singapore, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Japan's offensive by land, sea and air, smashing at many points along a vast arc from Burma and the Malay peninsula to the jagged coast of Dutch New Guinea, developed its direst threat today on the road to Singapore.

That threat in northwestern British Malaya seemed to have all but sealed the fate of the island state and port of Penang. Penang and another Straits settlement state, Province Wellesley have been cut off from direct connection with the rest of Malaya by a British withdrawal in Kedah province.

Official concessions indicated that all of the 115-mile-long state of Kedah had been yielded. This meant that the Japanese were able to advance the full length of Kedah, on the northwestern side of Malaya, along the coastal railway terminating at Singapore, bastion of British naval and air power in the far east.

Within the curve of the Japanese arc of offensive lie the Philippine islands and to their northwest the important but isolated contest for Hongkong, where Britain's chief power was a reportedly growing Chinese offensive at the rear and on the flank of the Japanese besiegers.

The latest direct word from Hongkong was that of Governor Sir Mark Young, who telegraphed London, "we are going to hold on."

Manila, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Japanese invaders have been shoved back many miles in the Vigan area of northwestern Luzon, the United States far eastern command announced today.

An indefinite number of Japanese dead and wounded were left on the field of battle, south of Vigan, in that action on Monday afternoon, it was said. There was no further word on what had developed since then.

Manila had its first air raid alarm in three days at 1:55 p. m., today (11:55 p. m., Wednesday) and before the all clear came 35 minutes later Japanese bombers, preceded by a small number of fighters, flew across the city.

"Enemy activity today has been confined to the air," said the afternoon U.S. communique. The communique also announced amalgamation of the entire Philippine army with the United States army in the far east.

It also was announced that Lieut. Gen. MacArthur had given President Manuel Quezon a check for \$10,000,000 for public relief and civilian defense.

In Washington Philippines sources said the \$10,000,000 came from President Roosevelt's emergency fund, having been sent to the islands yesterday, at the same time it was announced that a similar allotment had been made to Hawaii.

LAURA INGALLS, NOTED AVIATRIX, HELD AS AGENT

Alleged Activities in Behalf of Germany—'Overreached Herself,' She Says

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Laura Ingalls, noted woman flier, was arraigned today on a charge of failure to register as a foreign agent in connection with alleged activities on behalf of the German government.

Needham Turnage, United States commissioner, fixed Miss Ingalls' bonds at \$7,500 and postponed the arraignment hearing until December 26 after she asked for time to consult an attorney.

Without Funds The flier said she had no money and a government official said she would be taken to the District of Columbia jail.

Miss Ingalls told the commissioner that she had been arrested yesterday by federal bureau of investigation agents and held in a small room without sleep. She said that they had declined to answer her questions, or let her speak to any one and had taken away her money.

The government's complaint charged that since August 1 Miss Ingalls had "acted, engaged to act, and agreed to act as an agent and representative for, and received compensation from and was under the direction of, the government of the German reich" and therefore was required to register as a foreign agent with the state department.

Took No Orders Asked by Turnage how she wished to plead, Miss Ingalls asked question after question and then said that she wished to telephone a lawyer in New York. FBI agents said that this call would be arranged.

One question Miss Ingalls asked was whether being an agent meant "taking an oath and swearing allegiance, which I never did."

"I was a free agent and took no orders," she said. "I followed no orders other than my own. I was doing something which I knew might be questioned if it were found out. I undertook something that I thought I could handle alone and I guess I overreached myself."

War Bulletins Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP) The navy department reported today that United States submarines active in the far east had sunk an enemy transport and probably sunk a destroyer as well.

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar summoned the Portuguese national assembly for an extraordinary meeting tomorrow afternoon. The premier said he would "make an important statement."

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Official Radio received by AP:—The Berlin radio said today German planes have scored two torpedo hits on a heavy British cruiser, one in a formation of ships attacked in the Mediterranean off eastern Libya.

Radio Highlights (Time is Pacific standard) Tonight: NBC-Blue—3:30 Ft. Indiantown Gay variety; 7:15 light heavyweight fight, Billy Soose vs. Jimmy Reeves.

Roosevelt Signs TEN BILLION BILL

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed into law the bill carrying \$10,077,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority to expand the already huge production program for the army and navy.

The measure, providing funds for huge increases in ordnance equipment, essential supplies for an army of 2,000,000 men, and funds and contract authority for 800 naval patrol vessels, reached the White House only late yesterday.