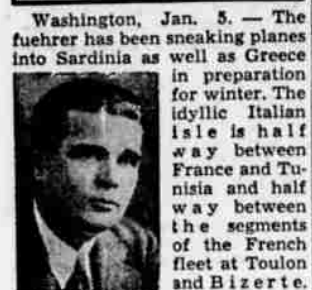


NEW DRAFT REGISTRY SAT FOR FEB. 16

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



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Washington, Jan. 5.—The fuhrer has been sneaking planes into Sardinia as well as Greece in preparation for winter. The idyllic Italian island is half way between France and Tunisia and half way between the segments of the French fleet at Toulon and Bizerte. There, without fuss or disclosure, he has seized a Mediterranean stepping stone to Spain (Gibraltar) or Africa, and bisected the remains of the French empire.

The preparations in Greece have a single apparent purpose. Since Turkish papers leaked the news that Grecian air fields were being strengthened, Nazi infantry has been detected stealing in, although not yet in large quantities. There is only one place for these forces to go—into an attack on the Turkish Dardanelles, if necessary, or across them along the south coast of the Black sea peacefully into the Caucasus oil fields if Turkey allows it.

These are the two main Hitler preparations for a winter campaign, so far reported here.

NOTE: Hitler will find plenty of trouble in Turkey if he goes in fighting. The mountains are high and frosty; the roads worse than in Russia.

THE unexpected recent events on the Russian front are easily explained.

To start with, Hitler was fool enough to announce he was withdrawing to a winter line, the most dangerous of all military operations. He thought he must advertise it publicly in order to

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Sawmill at Roseburg Closed by Union Row

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 5.—(P)—The Roseburg Lumber company's plant here was closed today by a labor dispute, which Kenneth Ford, owner-manager, reported resulted from dismissal of a union employee. Ford expressed confidence that an early settlement of the dispute which affects approximately 100 workmen, soon would be reached. Conferences between the management and mill union heads were in progress this afternoon.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Jan. 5.—(P)—German authorities in Paris announced today that a German bookshop in the Champs Elysees district and a German soldiers' club had been bombed Saturday night in a new series of terrorist incidents.

Radio Highlights

All networks will carry President Roosevelt's message to congress Tuesday, starting at 9:30 a. m. (PST.)

(Time is Pacific Standard) Tonight: The War, 8 MBS, 5:55 CBS, 7 MBS, 7:30 NBC-Blue, 8:30 MBS, 9 NBC CBS, 9:55 NBC CBS.

Tuesday: The War—8 MBS, 8:15 MBS, 9 CBS MBS, 10:45 NBC, 11 MBS, 12:55 p. m. CBS MBS, 1 MBS, 1:45 CBS MBS, 1:55 NBC-Blue, 3 CBS MBS, 3:25 NBC-Red, 3:45 NBC-Blue. MBS—9:30 Archbishop installation ceremonies at Denver.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Tom Bradley and friends making plans to revive the old pony express from Medford to San Francisco after hearing the S. P. intends taking off its two California trains they figuring on using the old Dollarhide toll road exclusively and offering Passenger Agent Rosy Rosenbaum choice of the Medford or Dunsmuir division.

MALES 20 TO 44 WILL BE SUBJECT TO MILITARY CALL

F.D.R. Proclamation Makes No Mention of Registration Men in 45 to 64 Year.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—President Roosevelt today set February 16 for registration of all male citizens and most aliens of the nation between the ages of 20 and 44 who have not registered previously.

Men in this age group will be subject to military service.

The date was fixed in a proclamation. It made no mention of registration of men from 45 through 64, who are to be exempted later on but who will be exempted from service with the armed forces under present legislation.

Required For Victory In his proclamation, the chief executive noted that this and other registrations under the selective service act "will be required to insure victory, final and complete, over the enemies of the United States."

The registration will apply to all male citizens and some non-citizens born on or after February 17, 1897, and on or before December 31, 1921. It is to take place, not only in the United States, but also in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Provisions were made for registration before February 16 and after that date in exceptional cases through arrangements with selective service officials.

Cooperation Urged The president, for the sake of full cooperation with the selective service program, urged all employers and all government agencies to give workers sufficient time off to register.

Recent legislation has made men between 20 and 44 years old liable for military service, and all between 18 and 64 eligible for some type of war duty. About 17,500,000 men already have been enrolled under the selective service act, and local draft boards have speeded up their classification. The local boards, assisted by additional volunteer workers, will be used to enroll the additional 25,000,000 men.

START RATIONING TIRES AND TUBES

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—Tire and tube rationing—set up in about 25 days and called by some defense officials "the biggest organizing job since the draft"—began functioning today in a majority of the nation's cities.

With the exception of some areas of the south and middle west and other scattered regions most of the local rationing boards were reported ready to begin distribution of January's nation-wide quota of 356,974 tires. This compares with normal January sales of around 2,500,000 tires.

Otis Skinner, Dean of Theater Succumbs to Uremic Poisoning

New York, Jan. 5.—(P)—Otis Skinner, dean of the theater, is dead at 83.

The veteran actor, whose mother once said he would never succeed on the stage because he "could not even talk straight", but whose histrionics during a 55-year span won him international acclaim, died last night of uremic poisoning.

Funeral services will be held at noon tomorrow in the Little Church Around the Corner. Burial will be in Woodstock, Vt.

Skinner was stricken December 7 while attending a benefit performance at the Plymouth Theater. With him when he died was his daughter, Cornelia Otis Skinner, herself a famed actress. His wife, the former Maud Durbin, whom he met on stage, died five years ago.

War Bulletins

Moscow, Tuesday, Jan. 5.—(P)—A number of additional populated places have been captured by Red armies which inflicted new and heavy losses upon the Germans, a soviet communique announced today.

Singapore, Jan. 5.—(P)—Japanese activity is developing in the Kuala Selangor area, on the western approaches to this British naval base, with the apparent object of forcing Singapore's defenders to withdraw from their present position on the Perak front, British headquarters announced tonight.

London, Jan. 5.—(P)—The first German night raiders to appear over Britain for a week were met by a burst of anti-aircraft fire over the Thames Estuary tonight.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE DRIVE OPENS FOR WAR RELIEF FUND

House-to-house solicitation in the Jackson county campaign for Red Cross war relief funds in which \$12,000 is to be raised in this county begins tomorrow. Solicitation in Medford and vicinity is being conducted by the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Toastmasters and Active clubs. The Kiwanis club will be assisted by Kiwanian Dames who will canvass the residential districts in their territory.

B. E. Harder, chairman for the county drive said today that members of these clubs are giving, not only their own contribution, but their time and effort by calling on people in Medford and vicinity. "For their convenience in making their donations, I bespeak for them the public's kind consideration and assistance."

The territory of Jackson county, outside of Medford, has been divided into districts and solicitors from these districts have been appointed to contact residents of the outlying vicinity. Anyone who is overlooked may make their contribution at Red Cross headquarters in the county court house or at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

BERLIN CLAIMS ISLANDS FREED

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(P)—The Berlin radio today broadcast the following dispatch, datelined Vichy:

"The St. Pierre and Miquelon affair has been settled, it was officially announced here (Vichy) Monday."

"It was declared that the United States (Emile) Mawell and his forces evacuated both islands."

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—State department officials declined comment on a Berlin radio broadcast that the St. Pierre-Miquelon affair had been settled. It was indicated, however, there might be an announcement later.

Appeal Board Would Drop Bridges Expulsion

MILL HERE WOULD FURNISH LUMBER FOR CANTONMENT

Representatives to Attend Seattle Bidding on Furnishing of 350 Million Ft.

The Medford Corporation will attempt to obtain some of the business at a lumber auction in Seattle Wednesday when the government will be in the market for some 350,000,000 board feet of lumber, B. L. Nutting, general manager, said today when asked for information by the Mail Tribune.

A bulletin from the West Coast Lumbermen's association, telling of the auction sale, said that to an original planned order of 250,000,000 board feet the government had added another hundred million for cantonments at Medford and Colorado Springs, Colo., Mr. Nutting said. Before war claimed a censorship on army officers, however, it had been explained that earmarking lumber or other materials for the proposed Medford cantonment had no special significance as the government's primary aim was to have sufficient stocks on hand and giving them destination labels was merely a convenience. On the other hand, it was agreed that such earmarking would do the prospects of building a cantonment here no harm. (Since outbreak of the war, comment of army officers here is no longer available.)

To Attend Meeting Mr. Nutting said that he himself and the company's sales manager, Harry Dawson, would attend the Seattle auction. He related that he had no information about the delivery time or other specifications the government would make regarding the lumber purchases. It would be difficult for any northwest mill to get logs out of the forests at this time of year, though the Medford Corporation could get out a fair proportion of any order now, Mr. Nutting said. Timber would have to be cut to fill the bulk of any order, he added.

The auction is to open at 9 a. m. Wednesday in Seattle and will last about three days. In all the government plans to order a billion board feet of lumber this week by competitive bidding at auctions in Seattle, San Francisco and the south, the lumbermen's association bulletin said.

AUTO MAKERS TO SWITCH TO ARMS

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—William S. Knudsen called on the automotive industry today to make deliveries this year of five to six billion dollars worth of weapons and war goods.

The director-general of the office of production management told reporters during a recess in a meeting of 200 top-ranking automobile makers with labor leaders and government officials, that "everybody expressed willingness to cooperate in a program for converting virtually the entire industry to war output."

"I told them that before Pearl Harbor they were scheduled to deliver two and one-half billion dollars in military goods by the end of 1942; now I'm asking the industry to make it between five and six billion."

Nation's Railroads Ask Rate Advance

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—(P)—Three members of the interstate commerce commission today began hearing a plea of the nation's railroads for a 10 per cent increase in freight and passenger rates.

The roads said they were needed because of higher wages being paid under a recent arbitration award and because of other increased operating costs which they attributed to the war.

ROOSEVELT GIVES ANNUAL MESSAGE TUESDAY MORNING

Personal Appearance Is Planned Before Joint Meeting of House, Senate.

New York, Jan. 5.—(P)—All networks have made arrangements to carry in full the president's annual message as he delivers it before a joint session of congress beginning at 9:30 a. m. PST. Tuesday.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—President Roosevelt will deliver to congress in person tomorrow (at 9:30 a. m. PST) his annual message on the state of the union.

He will address the senate and house, assembled in joint session in the house chamber, on the basis of plans worked out today with congressional leaders. They conferred with the chief executive shortly before the 77th congress began its second session. Mr. Roosevelt probably would request between \$15,000,000,000 and \$18,000,000,000 in special appropriations for the army and navy.

Budget on Wednesday The budget message, which will disclose the accuracy of these reports and the blueprint for vast government war expenditures in the year beginning next July 1, will be submitted to the legislature on Wednesday.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley told reporters that the president would take up a price control bill on Wednesday and that committees in both senate and house would consider promptly legislation to let the president establish daylight saving time.

The daylight savings bills now pending before committees, Barkley said, contemplate allowing Mr. Roosevelt to order clocks moved forward or backward a maximum of two hours.

If the fifteen to eighteen billions of dollars in special funds for the army and navy are requested in the budget message, they would represent a start toward the president's announced goal of stepping up war spending to a \$50,000,000,000-a-year rate by June 30, 1943.

Citrus Damage Of Small Importance

Pomona, Calif., Jan. 5.—(P)—Weather bureau authorities said today that California citrus crop damage, due to low temperatures of the past few days, probably would be light.

"The percentage of damage to the citrus crop as a whole should be quite small," said Meteorologist Floyd Young.

Seattle, Jan. 5.—(P)—Napoleon Rousseau, 19, of Tacoma, was taken home last night after treatment of stab wounds inflicted by a man who mistook him for an Italian. Rousseau, of French ancestry, was assaulted with a pocketknife by a man in a Seattle cafe where Rousseau worked part time as a busboy.

Harsh Treatment by Japanese For Americans Left in Manila

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—Japanese invaders of the Philippines accorded "especially harsh" treatment to American civilians in Manila and discriminated "against all white residents," the war department reported today.

Immediately speculation arose whether the state department would seek through Swiss diplomatic channels to better the conditions of United States citizens in the islands. Switzerland is looking after United States interests in Japan by agreement with the state department.

General Douglas MacArthur, in a radio message from his headquarters somewhere north of Manila, advised the war department he had received reports from the Philippine capi-

Japanese Beaten Off By MacArthur Force; At Least 700 Killed

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—The war department announced today that General Douglas MacArthur's Philippine army repulsed a Japanese attack with heavy losses, estimating that at least 700 of the enemy were killed.

American-Filipino losses were described in a communique as relatively small.

The war department said "this was one of the most serious reverses suffered by the Japanese invaders since the war began."

The Japanese attack took place northwest of Manila. At the same time the garrison of Corregidor fortress shot down four more Japanese bombers in beating off the fourth successive air attack on the fortress.

This raised officially reported enemy plane losses over Corregidor to 15.

The communique said four additional Japanese planes were destroyed by their destruction was not confirmed.

Both the land battle on Luzon island and the latest air raid on Corregidor took place Sunday.

CHINESE FORCES MAY BE ON WAY TO MALAY FRONT

(By the Associated Press)

A Chinese expeditionary force, drawn from a reservoir of manpower that has been fighting a give and take war with the Japanese for four and one-half years, may be on its way today to the British Malayan front to help save Singapore.

British sources in London expressed belief veterans of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's army were being transferred to bolster the Malayan line until Britain and the United States could put reinforcements there.

The Japanese could be struck as easily overland from Burma at their flank and rear, as they could be by reinforcement of the front against them on the Malayan peninsula.

Some sharp offensive action by the new supreme commander for the united nations in the Pacific war zone, General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, seems to be in prospect.

Lack of Tires Will Bring "Hell to Pay"

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—Representative Hinshaw (R-Cal.) told the house today there would be "hell to pay in my district" if defense workers were unable to obtain tires for their automobiles.

These workers, Hinshaw declared, needed their automobiles to get to and from work and under present rationing regulations would be unable to obtain tires.

With the Russian offensive in full swing against the entire German front, the Finns may have concluded it would be better to strike a bargain with Russia before the full force of the Russian drive hits them.

Perhaps Russia has counted on just such an overture, for while the Finns have been under counter-attack along with other allies in the Hitlerian "crusade," there has been nothing to indicate that the offensive in their direction equals it in others.

As the Russians published detailed claims to mountains of captured war booty and new thousands of German dead a Soviet aviation authority asserted Russia would soon hurl a new and mightier-than-ever air force at the Germans.

Having captured Bardia and rounded up 7,500 German and Italian prisoners there, "our attention has now been turned to the last remaining pocket of enemy resistance in eastern Cire-

BIDDLE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON AUSTRALIAN

Labor Agitator Not Member of Communists is Finding in Unanimous Report.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—(P)—Harry Bridges, waterfront labor leader, will seek American citizenship immediately, his office said today, after the board of immigration appeals in Washington had recommended cancellation of deportation proceedings against him.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—The board of immigration appeals recommended today cancellation of deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader.

The decision was reached unanimously by the four board members who heard the case.

It reversed the recommendation of Judge Charles B. Sears, who heard testimony for three months at San Francisco early last year.

The final decision rests with Attorney General Francis Biddle.

Not Communist The board found that Bridges, since coming to the United States, was not a member of nor affiliated with the communist party.

The maritime union leader of the Congress of Industrial Organizations is an Australian. He first came to the United States in 1920.

The board, in a one-sentence conclusion, said simply:

"We find, therefore, that the evidence in this record does not establish that Harry Bridges was at any time a member of or affiliated with any organization proscribed by statute."

Members of the appeals board are Chairman Joseph F. Fanelli, Robert M. Charles, Thomas G. Finucane, and Thomas M. Cooley, 3rd, former Senator Henry F. Ashurst is a member of the board but did not participate in the case.

Warrant Issued Action against Bridges was taken under a statute prohibiting aliens from being members of or affiliating with organizations which advocate overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence.

A deportation warrant was issued against him March 1938 by Secretary Perkins when the immigration and naturalization service was part of the labor department. Secretary Perkins designated James M. Landis to hear the case in July 1939. Landis found that Bridges was not a communist and should not be deported.

The house approved legislation for deportation of Bridges but it did not pass the senate.

INNOCENT PLEAS BY SPY SUSPECTS

New York, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Four men, including Kuri Frederick Ludwig, 38-year-old American-born son of German parents, and one woman pleaded innocent in federal court today to an indictment charging conspiracy to violate the espionage law and were held in bail totaling \$115,000 for trial Jan. 14.

Ludwig, reputed head of the spy ring; Rene C. Froelich, 31; Hans Helms Page, 20, and F. derick Edward Schlosser, 19, were each held in \$25,000 bail, and Mrs. Helen Pauline Mayer's former bail of \$10,000 was increased to \$15,000.

sics," said the Cairo communique.

"In the Agedabia area our forces maintained their pressure on the enemy, especially against his communications to the west."