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DUTCH AND U.S. BLAST NIPPON SHIPS

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 11—Mr. Churchill paraded his production dynamo Lord Beaverbrook so conspicuously here that a new pressure has been generated on the Capitol Hill folk for a complete re-juggling of the defense set-up which would leave one man like the lord on top.

The British prime minister is supposed to have talked closely to FDR about eliminating boards upon boards, commissions upon commissions and authority upon authority, as the existing set-up provides.

The idea of one war control has caught favor in congress where they say that inasmuch as Mr. Roosevelt wants one man to run the price control regime (Mr. Henderson) he should also select one man with authority to cut through the red tape in the defense production department.

Apparently Mr. Roosevelt has not found a production man like Lord Beaverbrook. He allowed the army and navy to slip into their munitions board a few days back a strange, unconcerned civilian for the first time in history. There are rumors that this board will increase its energy and function as a division of supply, which is, in effect, the centralized purchasing control for which the critics have long pined.

Mr. Roosevelt has said nothing. Rumors that his Vice-President Wallace was to take charge (being at least as ill-suited as anyone mentioned for a purely administrative job) or that W. L. Batt, the real business organizer in OPM, or perhaps Donald Nelson, the man who is running it now, might be hit by the magic wand, have all been current for days. Seekers have found no confirmation.

At bottom, unadvertised, is certainly a personnel fever against continuance of the present.

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Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific standard)
New York, Jan. 12.—(Wide World)—Listening tonight: The war, subject to change—5 MBS, 5:55 CBS, 7 MBS, 7:30 Blue; 7:45 CBS-East, 8 CBS, 8:30 MBS, 9 NBC CBS, 9:55 CBS NBC.

Blue—4:30 talk, Brig. Gen. D. N. Williams; 6 Rep. J. W. Martin on "National Unity."

What to expect Tuesday: The war—5 NBC CBS, 5:45 NBC-Red, 5:55 NBC, 6 CBS, 7 MBS, 7:15 Blue-MBS, 8 MBS, 8:15 MBS, 9 CBS MBS, 10:45 NBC, 11 MBS, 12:35 p. m. CBS, 1 MBS, 1:45 CBS MBS, 1:55 NBC-B, 3 CBS MBS, 3:25 NBC-Red, 3:45 CBS-Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

State Cop Sarge O. A. MacKinnon filling up notebook after notebook with facts gleaned at the FBI civilian defense school.

Ashland's Mayor T. S. Wiley and Recorder J. Q. Adams signing a \$2 check for a book from the Medford Printing company, the check coming to the MT office instead of the Oklahoma company of the same name, pop. 1,121, where it belonged.

Dick, Thelma and Billy Isaacs having their Sunday plans disrupted when their canary got out of its cage, they having to spend the rest of the day chasing it through the neighbors.

BATTLESHIP, TWO CRUISERS STRUCK; TRANSPORTS SUNK

British Indicate Loss of
Rubber Capital—Dutch
Counter-attack in Borneo

By the Associated Press
The sinking of two Japanese transports, hits on at least two others, a direct hit which caused fire on a battleship, direct hits on two cruisers and a near miss on a destroyer were marked up against the Japanese in Dutch and United States communiques over the week-end.

The successes were divided as follows:
Sinkings
Two transports in the Gulf of Siam, the recent work of a Netherlands submarine cooperating with the British fleet for east Asia.

Hits
A battleship in Malaga bay, Davao gulf, Philippine islands, directly hit and left afire by a formation of heavy bombers of the United States army.

Also under United States attack, with undetermined results, were a cruiser and two large transports in the Celebes sea.

Two transports, hit by American-built planes of the Dutch off the island of Tarakan, near Dutch Borneo.

A cruiser directly hit twice by Dutch allied planes off Minahassa, Celebes.

A second cruiser hit once by Dutch bombers off Tarakan.

Near Miss
A destroyer, rocked by a nearby blast, off Minahassa.

To New Position
Singapore, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Loss of Kula Lumpur, important rubber center and capital of the Federated Malay States, was indicated by the British today in a communique announcing that their troops had retreated to new positions before Seremban, 35 miles airline southeast of that city, under heavy Japanese assaults.

The Tokyo radio broadcast an official announcement this morning that Japanese troops had entered Kuala Lumpur Sunday.

The British withdrawal dropped the battle lines to little more than 150 miles north of Johore Strait, the narrow channel over which a causeway connects Singapore island with the Malayan mainland.

More than two-thirds of Malaya thus were left in Japanese hands and the invaders were reported continuing their attack on the land and in the air.

"Our withdrawal was closely followed up by enemy infantry, with continued attacks from enemy aircraft," said a terse communique announcing the British retreat.

While intimating the loss of Kuala Lumpur, the communique indicated that Selangor state, in which the city is situated, had not been entirely surrendered to the Japanese.

Batavia, N.E.I., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Hard-hitting forces of the Netherlands Indies' allies (presumably bomber and fighter squadrons from the United States and Australia) were declared officially today to be taking part in vigorous counter action in which the fighting Dutch battled strong Japanese invasions of Borneo and Celebes.

Japanese paratroopers and sea borne forces were battling doggedly in an effort to improve the positions they won early yesterday at the oil center island of Tarakan, off northeastern Borneo and on the northern arm of Celebes.

"The fight at both invasion points continues stubbornly," a special NEI armed forces statement declared.

Of the NEI and allied aerial blows at the shipping which carried and supported the invasion, the special statement said:

"Our allies are energetically taking part in the fight against the invaders."

Brazil is the world's greatest potential producer of vegetable oils and vegetable products.

Senator Broadcasts In Japanese



Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), a former Mormon missionary to Japan, works in Washington on the translation of a script for a short wave broadcast in Japanese beamed from the Pacific coast to Japan. Before him on the desk is an English-Japanese dictionary and some reference books.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHURCH WORKER IN MILLS GET HUGE ORDER FOR LUMBER OUT TO BE CROOK

Part of 20 Million Feet Ear-
marked for Colorado and
Local Camps.

Five principal mills and several small concerns of southern Oregon came away from the lumber auction in Seattle Saturday with combined orders for 18 to 20 million board feet of lumber for the government's huge task of building cantonments over the nation to accommodate the swiftly-expanding army.

The principal southern Oregon mills receiving orders included the Medford Corporation, Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company, Central Point, Alley Brothers, Prospect, Tiller Mill & Lumber company, and the Ingham Lumber company, Glendale.

Mr. Nutting said these companies took orders primarily for green fir, which means that the lumber can be milled and shipped quickly without drying or seasoning. It was specified that shipments were to begin February 5 and to start with inventories will be utilized to fill the orders, he related. Meantime cutting will be continued, he added.

Before the auction, a bulletin issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association said 100,000,000 board feet of the lumber sought by the government in the Seattle auction would be earmarked for army cantonments at Medford and Colorado Springs, Col. In all the government bought several hundred million board feet.

The police were likewise agitated when the charges were first brought last month, for no one stood higher in the church community.

Emergency Romance

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—An advertisement in the personal column of a newspaper gave evidence today of the effectiveness of the government's ban on sale of new automobile tires. The ad read:

"Gentleman would like to meet attractive young lady with four good tires."

NO SHOWDOWN AT EARLY DATE WITH NIP FLEET SEEN

Battle of Atlantic More Vi-
tal, Secy. Knox Says—
U. S. Warships Not Idle.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that while the American fleet was not idle no early conclusive showdown could be expected with the Japanese fleet and that the battle of the Atlantic was still the war's most important struggle.

The navy's number one job, he said in a speech prepared for the annual United States conference of mayors, is keeping the sea lanes open between America and Britain to bring about the defeat of Hitler's Germany—"our great enemy."

"I would not be frank with you if I led you to believe that you could expect favorable, dramatic developments of triumphant, American, full-scale naval engagements in the Pacific in the near future," Knox said.

"The elements of distance, of time, and the necessarily wide distribution of our naval forces preclude what I know you all wish me to suggest: Early conclusive showdown with the Japanese navy. But you know that by this I do not mean to imply that the Pacific fleet is idle."

Strategy Dictates

"It is not idle and you will hear from it again and again when and where careful strategic considerations dictate."

Pointing out that Germany, by bringing Japan into the war sought to divert the attention of America and Britain from the Atlantic, Secretary Knox told the mayors:

"It might easily have led to action out of the excess of righteous anger but the cool-headed leadership provided by our commander-in-chief, the president, kept us safe from that danger. Under Roosevelt, we have kept our heads and we will make our own plans in our own way and we will strike where and when we are ready, not before."

"We know who our great enemy is. The enemy who, before all others must be defeated first. It is not Japan, it is not Italy. It is Hitler and Hitler's nazis. Hitler's Germany. It is Hitler we must destroy."

"That done, the whole axis fabric will collapse."

RUSSIANS BREAK WINTER DEFENSE LINE OF HITLER

Moscow, Jan. 12.—(AP)—On-rushing Russian soldiers have broken the new German winter defense line between Vyazma and Bryansk, on the central front, by capturing the steel-producing center of Lyudinovo, it was reported today.

The midnight Russian communique announced the recapture of Lyudinovo, 40 miles north of Bryansk, and the capture of the important railway junction of Tikhonova Pustyn, a few miles north of Kaluga, which is almost half-way between Moscow and Bryansk.

A mid-day communique reported continued successes, chief of which was "annihilation of 2,700 German officers and men" and destruction of five anti-aircraft batteries and three trench mortar batteries during a two-day battle on the southwestern front.

This communique added that soviet troops had occupied "another populated place" and annihilated a German infantry battalion on the central front and wiped out 240 officers and men and destroyed six enemy tanks in another unidentified sector.

(Adolf Hitler was said Jan. 1 in Stockholm reports to London to have set up headquarters at Smolensk, 110 miles northwest of Lyudinovo and 220 miles west of Moscow, after taking personal charge of the army.)

HEAVY FIRING ON PHILIPPINE LINE

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A heavy artillery battle along the entire front in the Philippines was reported today by the war department, with ground activity increasing as fresh Japanese troops moved up, accompanied by renewed air attacks on American and Philippine defenses.

HEARING LIKELY ON TRAIN SLASH SAYS COMM. BEAN

Salem Receives Protests—
No Word From ICC on
Desist Order.

Salem, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said today he has received many protests from southern Oregon against the Southern Pacific railroad's request to be permitted to discontinue passenger service between Grants Pass and California points.

He said the protests were made by the cities of Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland; the chambers of commerce of those cities; Jackson and Josephine counties; and by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Bean said he probably would grant a hearing, but that the issue is up to the interstate commerce commission.

The Rogue river valley's last remaining passenger and mail railroad link with California was definitely severed today when the Southern Pacific company yanked off the last two trains in this service.

The crawling, puffing, old train from the south did not appear this morning and the south-bound train from Grants Pass made its final run last night.

Passengers arriving from the south this morning came by Greyhound bus from Dunsmuir, Cal., although the local railroad office said that special de luxe busses would be substituted for the two trains, the stages to operate between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir where connections are made with Klamath division trains.

Meantime no word had been received here regarding the protest and petition for a desist order filed by various communities and organizations with the interstate commerce commission. A desist order was sought pending investigation of the company's contention that it was discontinuing the trains because of military necessity. It was pointed out by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, one of the protest signers, that ordinarily the issuance of a desist order is mandatory upon the ICC pending adjudication. Up to this afternoon, however, not even an acknowledgement of the protest and petition had been received here.

At a public meeting here last week, railroad representatives said the trains would be restored when the present "emergency" was over. Community representatives at the meeting, however, expressed the fear that once the trains were taken off, they'd never be restored.

STOCK RECEIPTS AND PRICES HIGH

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Cattle receipts at the north Portland stockyards were at the highest mark today since Oct. 8, 1923, the U. S. department of agriculture reported, with 4,100 head in 176 cars.

Despite the heavy volume, the market was generally steady and steers touched a 10-year top at \$13.25.

Fed lambs also reached a 10-year high at a top of \$12.25. The market reporting service said heavy demand occasioned by light receipts in the past three weeks supported the market, but hogs were off sharply, a local reaction to last week's prices regarded as too high.

BANFIELD, ADVISORY HEAD

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Thomas H. Banfield, Portland, has been appointed chairman of the Oregon advisory committee of the OPM contract distribution division.

HEADS WOOLMEN

La Grande, Jan. 12.—(AP) Mac Hoke, Pendleton, was elected president for the third successive time by the Oregon Woolgrowers' association here Saturday.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Russia's Black sea fleet, operating from the great Sevastopol base which the Nazis failed to destroy or capture, was shelling retreating German columns in the eastern Crimea today, reports reaching here said.

One object of the Nazi drive into the Crimea was to restrict the Black sea fleet. Failure of that aim was apparent when the red navy took a large and successful part in Soviet landings on the Kerch peninsula December 26.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Destruction by fire of the army transport Cliveden in Alaskan waters was reported today by the war department.

The ship, a combination passenger and freight vessel of 7,315 tons was said to be a total loss, but all personnel were saved.

The cause of the fire is being investigated, the war department said, without indicating whether it was believed to have resulted from enemy action.

The loss was reported in a late day communique which failed to mention developments in the Philippines.

The communique said the Hawaiian department commander had advised that of 387 soldiers wounded in the December 7 bombing of Pearl Harbor, 55 had returned to duty and the early recovery of most of the others was expected.

CRAWFORD NAMED CITY TREASURER EFFECTIVE JAN. 15

Appointment of Oris Crawford as city treasurer to succeed the late Gus Samuels was announced today by Mayor H. S. Deuel. Mr. Crawford is assistant manager of the Medford office

of the First National Bank of Portland. The appointment becomes effective Jan. 15.

In announcing the appointment, made with the advice and consent of the city council, Mayor Deuel said: "We feel Mr. Crawford will fill the position with honor and efficiency. He has lived here most of his life, he is thoroughly trained for the position and he is held in high esteem. We feel that we are indeed fortunate in procuring the services of one so eminently qualified to fill this important position."

Mr. Crawford, who resides at 914 West Main street, completed 35 years of faithful service with the bank on January 1. The bank, then the First National of Medford, was only a year and a half old when he joined the staff. He rose through the various positions to assistant cashier and then to cashier, a position he held for many years. When the local bank was purchased by the Portland institution a few years ago, Mr. Crawford was made assistant manager.

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NAZI DISSENSION SPREADS TO NAVY; ADMIRALS ROILED

U-Boat Chief Charges Superior With False Reports
About Sea Successes.

(By the Associated Press)
Disease, disunity and military disaster stalked the once conquering legions of Adolf Hitler today and, barring surprises, seemed to be hastening the day of Hitlerism's ultimate defeat.

Hundreds of additional doctors and nurses were reported by the Berlin correspondent of a Swiss newspaper to have been rushed recently to the eastern front to combat a wave of vermin-spread typhus, both among the wavering troops in Russia and behind the lines in conquered countries.

Berlin added a footnote to the chapter of European unrest with an announcement all former officers of the Norwegian air force and navy had been ordered arrested because some 100 of their number had escaped to England to fight for liberation of Norway.

London, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Growing dissension in the Nazi high command was reliably reported to have spread to the navy today with a sharp disagreement between Grand Admiral Erich Raeder and his submarine chief, Vice Admiral Karl Doenitz.

Earlier the London Star quoted a Moscow broadcast that Field Marshal General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the Nazi high command, suddenly had been taken ill.

A foreign source, whose information about Germany has almost invariably proved accurate, said Doenitz had accused his superior of misleading him about successes of submarine raiders and the availability of replacements. He flatly charged Raeder with "being responsible for the miscarriage of submarine warfare."

This source said the Doenitz phrase, which he described as a direct quotation, "bears out indications that things are not going so well for the Germans in the battle of the Atlantic."

Doenitz, this source said, is an admiral and friend of Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, whose retirement from his command in Russia has been reported to have resulted from his insistence that Hitler break off the campaign before winter set in and retire to lines behind Kholm, Smolensk and Kharkov.

The submarine chief has been responsible for the main activities of Germany's navy in raiding commerce and transports. He was said to have occupied a high place in the regard of naval experts.

This source said that Doenitz charged that Raeder deliberately permitted false reports to spread indicating the rate of sinkings of British and allied ships was much higher than it actually was. He also was said to have charged that the rate of new submarine construction was much lower than the Germans reported.

Seven perish in
truck-car crash

Fairfield, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Seven persons were killed today in an automobile accident and subsequent fire.

Highway Patrolman Leo Boyle said military buttons and pieces of clothing indicated some of the victims, possibly five, were members of the U. S. marine corps at Mare Island navy yard.

Hours elapsed before the victims could be identified.

Six of those killed were in the Kennedy car. The seventh was the driver of a truck, killed as the two machines met head-on.

CALIFORNIA SOLONS MEET
Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—After a 20-day "think it over" recess, the California state legislature met for the second part of a wartime special session today.