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MOZHAISK RECAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

News Behind

The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 20.—Not the Argentine government officials, not nazi agents, but the rich hacienda owners of Argentina were the real obstacles to unanimity at Rio.

The Argentine delegate, Dr. Ruiz Guinazu, started out talking tough at the Pan American unification gathering (and he can be as tough as foreign ministers go). But all present knew the political-powerful landlords of his nation would have to be appeased by any Argentine official who intended to stay in office very long. Their traditional policy is so strongly for an independent Argentina that it has developed anti-United States intonations. (We do not buy enough of the beef they raise).

Their appeasement one way or another was the only real underlying obstacle to joint severance of diplomatic relations, although Mr. Sumner Welles was also bothered by the fact that our own war necessities will prevent us from delivering all the goods we promised to Latin America before Pearl harbor. This may be offset diplomatically by increasing our purchases of raw materials from them. We also want an all-American pooling of ships (Argentina and Chile have large investments in merchant ships).

If any nazi agents are hanging around the conference, they will find we are also well represented this time in that respect.

THIRTY-ONE nazi submarines were presumed (in some official quarters here) to be off our shores after the tanker Norweg was sunk off Montauk. The nazis apparently intend.

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SEEK FLIERS' BODIES IN MERCED RESERVOIR

Merced, Calif., Jan. 20.—(P)—Deep sea divers traveled 175 miles inland today to recover bodies of naval air men whose plane plunged through a high tension wire into the Eschschuer reservoir.

Sheriff J. J. Castagnetto of Mariposa county reported two men were in the naval plane when it struck a power line carrying 74,000 volts yesterday afternoon. The aviators in the metal ship undoubtedly were electrocuted before the craft hit the lake, he said.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific standard)
Tonight: The war and Pan-American—5:55 CBS; 6:15 MBS; 7 MBS; 7:30 Blue; 7:45 CBS; 8 CBS; 8:20 Blue; 8:30 MBS; 9 NBC CBS Blue; 9:55 NBC CBS Blue.

CBS—7:15 Citizens for Victory.
Blue—7:45 Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney on "Farmer and Inflation."

Wednesday: The war 7 MBS; 7:15 Blue MBS; 8 MBS; 8:15 MBS; 9 CBS MBS; 10:45 NBC and Blue; 11 MBS; 12:55 p. m. CBS MBS; 11 MBS; 1:45 CBS MBS; 1:55 Blue; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Stan Sherwood planning to begin life day after tomorrow when he observes a certain birthday.

MT Carrier Jerry Warren phoning in he feared the mumps had caught up with him, he reporting a pain behind the ear, his pals waiting hopefully for the final diagnosis.

100,000 GERMANS PERILED BY LOSS OF LAST SALIENT

Whole of Present Central Line in Russia Also Seen Threatened By Stalinites.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)
The recapture of Mozhaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow and the base of the last surviving German salient within a 100-mile radius of the Soviet capital, was announced tonight by the Russian command.

The victory, which appeared to directly imperil up to 100,000 nazi troops in that sector and to indirectly threaten the whole of the present German central line in Russia, was one of the most important for Red arms since the great Soviet counter-offensive began.

Russia's armies, executing a gigantic crack-the-whip movement, were reported to have further narrowed the "escape corridor" of 100,000 German troops at Mozhaisk today and smashed Adolf Hitler's winter defense line at two important points.

The battle for Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine, also was reported entering a decisive phase.

Soviet dispatches said Red army troops, supported by the Don Cossack cavalrymen, had scored gain on both flanks of the Mozhaisk hold-out garrison, 57 miles west of Moscow.

Meanwhile, in tones approaching panic, the Berlin press declared that the "on-rushing enemy must be stopped, no matter when, where or how."

Churchill Expresses Growing Confidence in Pacific Triumph

London, Jan. 20.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill, confronting a restive house of commons, informed its members today that he shared their anxiety about operations in the Pacific but told them he had "growing confidence" in eventual victory there. Announcing that a three-day debate would be held soon on the war situation, the prime minister also showed evidence of equal confidence in his personal strength.

Addressing parliament for the first time since his return from the historic conferences in Washington and Ottawa, the prime minister offered to call for a vote of confidence if the debate should disclose any challenge to his government.

3 DIE IN FALL OF M'CHORD BOMBER

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 20.—(P)—A medium army bomber carried three airmen to their deaths in a crash a mile from its McChord field base southwest of here yesterday afternoon. The ship burned after the crash.

Col. A. F. Herold, commander of McChord field, announced the men were:

Second Lieut. J. P. Ottosen, Salt Lake City, pilot.
Second Lieut. C. G. Hopkins, Parsons, Kas., co-pilot.
Sergeant Lee C. Osborn, Los Angeles, engineer.

Immediately after the crash, residents within half a mile of the scene were evacuated under orders of the sheriff's office, which said several bombs had been located in the sparsely settled vicinity.

ALASKA PLANE LOST

Washington, Jan. 20.—(P)—A cargo plane which disappeared while on a flight Saturday from Ladd field, at Fairbanks, Alaska, to White Horse, Yukon territory, is being sought by the army, the war department has announced.

British Arrest Burma Premier



U Saw, picturesque premier of Burma, was arrested by the British for conspiring with the Japanese. Picture was made as U Saw arrived in New York recently after a visit to Britain during which he tried to obtain dominion status for his far eastern country.

Break With Axis in Two Days Seen for American Republics

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 20.—(P)—A unanimous break in relations with the axis powers by the 21 American republics within two days was predicted today by a high functionary of the Pan American conference.

The informant, who declined to be quoted by name, said Argentina's attitude had been "radically modified" after her foreign minister, Dr. Enrique

Americans Captured On Wake Isle Heard In Tokyo Broadcast

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—(P)—Voices interpreted by the NBC listening post as those of Americans captured on Wake Island, were heard over the Tokyo radio last night.

The broadcast, in which there were long pauses, appeared to have been recorded aboard ship while the prisoners were en route from Wake to Japan.

A man who identified himself as Hudson T. Sutherland of Portland, Ore., and foreman of a Wake Island civilian defense project, sent his best wishes to his wife and daughter, who he said, were at Salinas, Calif.

The pauses in his talk were believed by NBC to indicate that some of his remarks had been censored.

"So far we have been treated fine—I think," Sutherland said.

Critical Colonel Gets Trial Break

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 20.—(P)—All testimony by the fifth corps area's chief of staff, Col. John M. Eager, relating to the arrest of Col. H. C. Kress Muhlberg on charges of violating two articles of war was ordered stricken from the record at Muhlberg's general court martial today.

Muhlberg, former commandant at Hickam field, Hawaii, is accused of violating articles of war by criticizing America's pre-war policy in a public speech.

Heavy Penalty For Salem Jaywalkers

Salem, Jan. 20.—(P)—The Salem city council passed an ordinance last night providing penalties of \$50 fine and 60 days in jail for any person who walks across a street against a red light, or who crosses a street between intersections.

New \$2,000 Safeway Market To Rise at Main and Oakdale

SEA-BORNE JAPS. NEW THREAT TO SINGAPORE BASE

Invading Forces Cut Below Main Battle Line—Pressure Heavy in Malaya.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)
Japanese invasion troops, attacking only 60 miles north of Singapore island, were officially reported exerting "heavy pressure on the entire front" in western Malaya today, and a crisis in the defense of Britain's \$400,000,000 stronghold was apparently imminent as sea-borne Japanese forces cut in below the main battle line.

Domei, official Japanese news agency, said Japanese vanguards late yesterday had advanced within 18 miles of the causeway across Johore strait to Singapore island.

The war department said three Japanese bombers were shot down in renewed attacks on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's valiant American-Filipino defense forces battling on Batan peninsula, northwest of Manila.

The communiqué also disclosed the first word in days that American forces were still resisting the Japanese on Mindanao island, 600 miles south of Manila.

Sharp fighting was reported in progress 35 miles north of Davao, at the southern end of Mindanao, which the Japanese have been using as a base for attacks on the Dutch East Indies.

Japs Renew Attack
"The enemy has renewed the attack on American and Philippine troops on Batan peninsula," Gen. MacArthur's report said.

"Japanese pressure is particularly heavy at the center of the line. The attack is supported by aircraft."

Official dispatches said Japanese patrols and landing parties were swarming along a 30-mile coastal belt in western Malaya—from the Muar river, 90 miles north of Singapore, to Batu Pahat, barely 60 miles away.

On the Malayan east coast, Japanese forces were reported to have reached the Endau area—75 miles north of Johore strait.

British headquarters said RAF fighters machine-gunned enemy barges at the mouth of the Muar river, in the Malacca Straits settlement, where British, Australian and Indian troops were striving to stabilize the front.

Advance Costly
Chinese intelligence reports said 5,000 wounded Japanese were crowding the hospitals in Saigon, French Indo-China, and that urns containing the ashes of another 5,000 dead were awaiting shipment to Japan—attesting the high cost of Japanese conquest on the road to Singapore.

Dispatches from the Malayan jungle front credited Australian troops with smashing 10 Japanese tanks and holding out all day after they had been surrounded, until British troops fought their way through to the relief.

'SCUSE PLEASE

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—(P)—F. A. Wilhoit, visiting Yavas, Ariz., motorist, decided the best way to reach downtown Los Angeles was to follow the street car just ahead. He did—and wound up in a subway station, a mile and a half from daylight.

DAYLIGHT SAVING MEASURE SIGNED; EFFECTIVE FEB. 9

Saving of 500,000 Kilowatt Hours of Electricity Is Expected Through Year.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(P)—President Roosevelt signed the daylight-saving bill today and it becomes effective at 2 a. m. on the morning of February 9, for all interstate commerce and federal government activities.

During congressional debate it was said that it was assumed the observance of daylight time, by moving all clocks ahead one hour, would become general throughout the nation.

The measure will become operative six months after the war ends, unless congress votes to terminate it before then.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary said that it had the same objectives as the daylight-saving act of the last World War—"greater efficiency in our industrial war effort."

In a report to the president while he was still director general of the office of production management, William S. Knudsen had estimated that there would be a saving of 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year through adoption of the daylight-saving measure.

Congressional action was necessary, Early pointed out, so that there would be a uniform daylight saving system throughout all the states.

Salem, Jan. 20.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said today he would issue a statement regarding congressional passage of the daylight saving bill, signed today by President Roosevelt.

The governor did not indicate what the statement would contain, nor did he hint when the statement would be issued.

Although the daylight-saving measure has been pending for some time and is considered a defense move to conserve electric energy and avoid hazardous blackout circumstances, it apparently has been given little thought here.

County Judge J. B. Coleman said that the question of putting county offices on the daylight-saving schedule would have to be considered by the whole county court, probably after consultation with department heads. Mayor H. S. Duell said the matter would be brought before the city council at its meeting tonight. Managers of the two branch banks asserted they felt sure their institutions would cooperate fully.

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War Bulletins

An East Coast Canadian Port, Jan. 20.—(P)—The fact that a number of men of the United States army were among the latest contingent of Canadian troops embarking for Britain was released for publication today, after word was received from London of the convoy's safe arrival in a British port. Small numbers of United States soldiers, going as observers, have sailed in previous Canadian troops convoys.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 20.—(P)—A full-scale air attack on Rabaul in Australian-mandated New Britain, north of Australia, was launched today by Japanese bombers escorted by fighters, an official announcement said today.

London, Jan. 20.—(P)—Reuters said tonight that the Indian radio at Madras reported another enemy penetration of southern Burma, this time by Thai forces fighting for Japan.

14 CREMATED AS ROOMING HOUSE BURNS IN NIGHT

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 20.—(P)—Flames swept through a five-story apartment and rooming house here today, sending fire from basement to roof as it it was a huge brick furnace and leaving 14 dead and 21 in hospitals while firemen worked through smoking embers in search of eight persons still missing.

The fire started in the basement and swept upward so quickly that dozens of tenants, many of them aged and infirm, were trapped on the top floors of the structure, Melvin Hall, in the center of the city.

Firemen found many clinging to high ledges as flames enveloped the building. Others had jumped and lay moaning and screaming on the ground.

"I saw a number of persons come to the windows on the top floor and then fall back," said Police Sergeant William Gillespie.

The fire was one of the most costly in loss of life in the history of Lynn, and one of the worst in New England since the early 1900's.

Harry Anderson, janitor of the building, discovered the fire at 1:45 a. m. in a coal bin in the cellar. A half hour later a general alarm was turned in and apparatus was summoned from all nearby cities.

Mayor Albert T. Cole of Lynn said he would demand a state investigation to determine why fire escapes were not available for the tenants. There were no visible outside fire escapes on the building.

No Rationing of Used Cars, No Commandeering Planned

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(P)—Leon Henderson, federal price administrator, told representatives of 42,000 automobile dealers today "as far as the office of price administration is concerned, there is not now any prospect either of rationing used cars or of commandeering private cars."

His address was read to the National Automobile Dealers association by Cyrus McCormick, chief of the OPA automobile and truck section, because Henderson said that in his judgment any need for considering any rationing plan for used cars might be dissipated by a decline in the use of cars due to shortage of tires.

Henderson predicted failure for some automobile dealers, and loss of jobs for many employees, but said he anticipated there would be work in automobile production for every unemployed man before long.

AIR CRASH KILLS TRIO

Boundary Bay, B. C., Jan. 20.—(P)—Two student pilots and an instructor were killed near the No. 18 elementary flying training school here yesterday when a Royal Canadian air force training plane collided with another.

CRASH KILLS TWO

Tacoma, Jan. 20.—(P)—Two women from Astoria, Ore., were killed today when their automobile was in collision with an army truck nine miles south of here on the Pacific highway. The dead were: Grace Kasin, 39, and Edith Jensen, 25.

RAZE OLD CHURCH TO CLEAR GROUND FOR CONSTRUCTION

Work To Start Immediately On Completion Removal Of Methodist Structure.

Dismantling of the old South Methodist church building at West Main street and Oakdale avenue, a landmark in Medford, was started yesterday to make way for the \$20,000 food market to be constructed by Safeway Stores, Inc. Ladd and Jones, local contractors, are demolishing the church.

According to Mark A. Goldy, who handled the transfer of the property from the First Methodist church to Safeway Stores, Inc., several months ago, the grocery concern will start construction of its new building immediately upon completion of the church dismantling. The work will be done by A. D. Ford and Sons, Portland contractors. The structure will be completed and open for business in 60 to 90 days, Goldy said.

The new market, designed by Robert J. Keeney, local architect, will have a 50-foot frontage at 502-510 West Main street, will be 140 feet in depth along the alley intersecting Main and Sixth streets and will be 172 feet in depth on the east side toward Oakdale avenue.

It will be constructed of reinforced concrete, with a concrete floor and a composition roof, and will be modern in every respect.

The spacious parking lot will be located at the corner of Main street and Oakdale avenue and continue along Oakdale avenue the entire depth of the lot, whose dimensions are 100 by 165 by 235 feet.

It was not known whether Safeway Stores, Inc., which already operates two stores in Medford, would discontinue one of them when the new market is completed.

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U. S. Contributing to War on Many Fronts Roosevelt Declares

Washington, Jan. 20.—(P)—President Roosevelt issued a press conference today that the United States was contributing to the war against the axis in almost every part of the globe.

He said he could not be specific. But he told reporters to look at a map of the world and they could assume that we were doing something there. Staff talks, he said, cover offense, defense, all the continents, every one of the seven seas, war supplies and the movement of things, ships and human beings from one part of the world to another.

The chief executive's remarks were of a type to give reassurance to China and Australia, where some uneasiness has been reported over the possibility that American supplies might go more into the battle against Hitler than into the fight against Japan.

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