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BRITISH TAKE OFFENSIVE IN MALAY

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 22.—Advance thinking about the kind of world we should have after the war is circulating through lofty realms these days—unanswered and almost unnoticed.

Vice President Henry Wallace went up into the chandelier with an Atlantic Monthly article (reprinted in the Congressional Record) saying "If we can afford tremendous sums of money to win the war, we can afford to invest whatever amount it takes to win the peace." He told how he wanted to spend the money for this peace rebuilding.

HE wants to industrialize non-industrial nations, use wheat to feed and cotton to clothe the under-nourished and ill-clad around the world—and even establish "certain minimum standards of food, clothing and shelter" and arrange that no nation shall fall below those standards.

He also wants a world "ever-normal granary" for the future, world stabilization of production and prices, no tariff barriers, equal access to raw materials and a lot of other things which many people agree the new world should have.

But the detail and scope of Mr. Wallace's vision goes far beyond common acceptance into gold-glittered labyrinths in which the United States would undertake to finance a new world order apparently to a

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CANADA MAY LIFT ARMY RESTRICTION

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A Canadian plebiscite on raising troops by conscription for overseas service was announced today at the opening of parliament.

The plebiscite was announced in the speech from the throne read by the Earl of Athlone, governor general of Canada, who said the government would ask to be released "from any obligations arising out of past commitments restricting the raising of men for military service."

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: Talks—Blue 6, America's Town Meeting, from New York and Rio de Janeiro, "Unity Among the Americas," Blue 7:45, W. P. Withrow on "Industry in War."
CBS 8:15, Opening Freedom House, Wendell Willkie.
MBS—5, Salute to infantile paralysis drive.

Friday: the war—8 MBS, 8:15 MBS, 9 CBS, MBS, 10:45 NBC and Blue; 11 MBS, 12:35 p. m., CBS, 1:45 CBS, MBS, 1:55 Blue, 3 CBS, MBS, 3:25 NBC, 3:45 CBS Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

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Joe Earley being a mighty fine pinch-hitting cashier during a noon rush period.

Newt DePrez being exceedingly brave by betting two in a row on the Beavers in the coming OSC-VO basketball games.

Gerry Wilkinson looking perky in a black ensemble while taking in downtown Medford yesterday.

Bus Chamberlain holding up traffic on a green light in K. Falls on a supposedly special reason.

JUNGLE TROOPS SMASH AT MAIN JAPANESE FORCE

Full-Scale Counter Blow
Launched 70 Miles North
Singapore; Air Arm Aids.

Chungking, Jan. 22.—(AP)—China's air force carried the war into French Indo-China for the first time today by blasting an unidentified air base in the Japanese-occupied French colony, the official Central News agency reported tonight.

It was the first attack of any kind made by the Chinese against French Indo-China and some observers regarded it as possibly a prelude to land invasion from China's southwestern province of Yunnan.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor

British jungle troops, seizing the initiative for the first time in the Malayan campaign, were reported smashing at Japan's main invasion armies in a full-scale counteroffensive 70 miles north of Singapore today while reinforcements of 350-mile-an-hour Hurricane fighters swung into action over Singapore itself.

The newly-arrived Hurricanes, single seaters with the greatest fire-power punch of any plane of its type, are equipped either with 12 machine guns or four light cannon and machine guns.

Another major development in the flaming Pacific conflict apparently bore out fears that an invasion of Australia may be imminent.

A broadcast from Rabaul, oft-bombed capital of Australian-mandated New Britain, flashed word that a flotilla of eleven Japanese ships had been sighted off nearby Watom Island, and immediately after this report communications with Rabaul ceased.

Observers in Melbourne said it was presumed that military forces had already evacuated New Britain, which lies only 800 miles northeast of Australia, in anticipation of a Japanese landing.

The Japanese flotilla was sighted 30 to 40 miles off Watom Island, which is 15 miles northeast of Rabaul, half an hour before the Rabaul radio sent its last message at 4 p. m. (1 a. m., EST).

It was believed that the radio and telegraph stations had been destroyed by British forces before evacuation in line with a "scorched earth" policy.

More Japs To Luzon
On the Philippine battlefield, a war department bulletin said that Japanese troops on Luzon Island—already estimated to number 200,000—were being reinforced and that the invaders were again heavily attacking Gen. Douglas MacArthur's fiery defenders.

The communique reported sea-borne Japanese troops were being landed in Lingayen Gulf, 110 miles north of Japanese-held Manila, and in Subic Bay, near the approaches to Batan peninsula.

As evidence of the toughness of Gen. MacArthur's little band, the entire Japanese 14th army and a number of other units were officially reported now operating on Luzon Island.

In the Dutch East Indies, where Japan's far-flung invasion hordes are striking in heavy force, the Dutch announced they had completely destroyed the great oil wells and oil plants at Balikpapan, on the east coast of Dutch Borneo.

Balikpapan is about 175 miles below Tarakan Island, off the northeast coast of Borneo, where the Japanese gained their first foothold in the Indies.

Oil Seen Objective
Destruction of the oil field was carried out "in view of the clearly distinguished Japanese intention to attack Balikpapan with superior forces in order to get hold of the important oil wells," it was announced.

Ship Torpedoed



Victim of a Japanese submarine attack off Sumatra, Frank E. Noel, veteran Associated Press photographer, told of how 28 of the ship's company of 77, suffering from thirst and the blistering tropical sun, reached Padang, Sumatra, Netherlands East Indies. Most of his photographic equipment was lost.

CITY EMPLOYEES OF DETROIT SET 4 A.M. DEADLINE

Detroit, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A labor crisis, the first in five months, was at hand again today for the city of Detroit, vital producer of the tools of war.

Only hours distant was a final verdict by a union of city employees whether or not to go out on its announced strike at 4 a. m. tomorrow, a move which might cripple the productive capacities of this great factory center.

Faced with the city council's flat rejection of its wage increase demand, the city employees union (AFL) intended to meet tonight to frame its answer. On the decision may rest the opportunity for thousands of defense workers to go to their jobs.

Leaders of the union, which demands a 15 per cent flat wage increase, claimed that a strike would pull out 15,000 of the city's 37,000 employees and a tieup of the city's transportation system was feared.

NAB SABOTAGE SUSPECT ON SEATTLE DOCKFRONT

Seattle, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A 49-year-old butcher, who was carrying a can of inflammable fluid and matches in his pocket, was arrested on an oil dock on the waterfront by the waterfront patrol at 1030 p. m. last night. He had no identification papers and refused to explain his activities.

Vast Sum for Shipbuilding Features New Supply Bill

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A \$2,096,138,875 supply bill for independent agencies of the government in the next fiscal year carrying \$984,410,800 for the shipbuilding program, of the maritime commission went to the house today from its appropriations committee.

The total was about \$5,000,000 less than President Roosevelt's budget recommendations and \$1,257,899,349 under comparable appropriations for this fiscal year. But the committee said that subsequent supplemental funds probably would offset that apparent reduction.

The committee reported that on January 1, the maritime commission had contracted for construction of 968 vessels and had made other awards for which contracts had not actually been let. Chairman Land of the com-

Red Snow Troops Slash Nazi Flanks; British Admit First Setback in Desert

GASOLINE SLEDS SPEED ATTACKS IN BITTER COLD

By the Associated Press

Russian snow troops advancing on propeller-driven sledges were reported late today to have hurled Adolf Hitler's retreating armies beyond Bredino, 12 miles west of fallen Moshaisk, amid the bitterest cold of the Soviet winter so far.

Racing over waist-deep snow, the Red army forces were slashing fiercely at the flanks of the Nazi withdrawal toward Vyazma, where the Germans are expected to attempt their next stand against the Russian counter-offensive.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—(Official broadcast recorded by AP)—The German high command reported today that German forces on the Crimean peninsula repulsed Russian attempts to break through the Nazi encirclement of Sevastopol, main Russian naval base on the Black sea.

The high command's communique said defensive actions in the Donets basin and on the central and northern fronts continued.

Repeated Russian attempts to break out of Leningrad were frustrated, the communique added.

Argument on Oregon 2-Cent Cigaret Tax Due Friday Morning

Salem, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Arguments in the State Retail Grocers association's suit to force Secretary of State Earl Snell to place the two-cent cigarette tax law on the ballot next November will be heard by the state supreme court at 10 a. m. Friday, with arguments to total one hour, the court said today.

The association will contend that the legislature has no authority to restrict the referendum by passing a law requiring filing of expense statements, that the association's expense statement complied with the law, and that it has not been proved that the association willfully disregarded the law.

The 1941 legislature passed the cigarette tax law, but the association delayed enforcement of it by completing referendum petitions. Snell then ordered the tax commission to collect the tax, Snell's action being based on an attorney general's opinion that the expense statement was not adequate.

The state tax commission began collecting the tax two weeks ago, and the association then filed the suit to force Snell to put the measure on the ballot.

Blow Against Continent First Aim of England Declares Air Minister

London, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The British army's main task is to organize a continental offensive, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told the house of commons today in opening debate on the adequacy of British airfield defense against invasion of the British Isles.

He said that the RAF's new, airmobile defense regiment would be "second to none." In British usage the regiment is not a fixed number of men but includes a variable number of battalions. The new airmobile defense units are spoken of as a regiment.

Sinclair, as government spokesman in the debate, said that the army's chief job now was to organize "the greatest possible striking force for offensive operations on the (European) continent."

Explaining that the RAF had formed its new airmobile defense units to relieve the army of that "onerous" protection

"The main task of the army is not defense but to organize from its strictly limited manpower resources the greatest possible striking force for offensive operations on the continent."

Responding to criticism over repeated losses of landing fields in Greece, Crete and now Malaya, the spokesman denied that efforts to deal with the problem had been "hindered or at all affected by any service jealousies which are being alleged in some quarters to exist."

Hawaii and Coast Now Well-Guarded Is Official Claim

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A high government official reported today that since the Pearl harbor attack the army had been able to fortify Hawaii and the Pacific coast more formidably than ever before, while starting a stream of reinforcements to the southwest Pacific.

(What constituted this stream, in terms of men and material, was not disclosed.)

Within the United States more than 600,000 troops have been shifted to new positions in less than seven weeks with a speed and efficiency which the official said had been termed "miraculous" by a railroad president.

The advantage Japan gained over the navy by the December 7 surprise attack was declared to have been largely offset by the mounting flow of American long range bombers.

SHOP OWNERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND

All plant and shop owners of Jackson and Josephine counties were urged today by Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, to attend the luncheon-conference on defense production at the Hotel Medford at noon tomorrow.

Mr. Hull said it was an important conference that will help in lining up all of Oregon's productive capacity in the national defense effort. Attending from Portland will be John G. Barnett, acting director of the division of contract distribution, OPM, F. H. Farnsworth, chief engineer, J. E. Yates, guest engineer, and Robert R. McKean, Columbia Empire Industries.

War Bulletins

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A Singapore news broadcast recorded here by the CBS listening post said "an American flying fortress scored an outstanding success today off the Dutch East Indies archipelago when a 10,000-ton Japanese freighter was bombed and sunk."

ROMMEL FORCES PUSH TEN MILES IN BOLD STROKE

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Lashing out from the El Aghella area with most of the tanks still remaining to him, the axis commander, General Erwin Rommel, has struck about 10 miles into British imperial positions, the middle east command acknowledged today, but an informed source held that this was probably little more than a feeler stroke.

Besides testing the strength of the advanced columns facing him in the last axis foothold in Cirenaica, it was said, Rommel might also have been seeking to relieve the pressure on his El Aghella positions and thus gain time to consolidate them for a real stand.

The latest, though unofficial, reports from the Libyan desert front said that the day-long axis thrust was turned back last night and it was believed that Rommel found stiffer opposition from the imperial forces than he had expected.

Aluminum Plant Loss Not Understandable To Portland Leaders

Portland, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Portland civic leaders, learning that an aluminum fabrication plant had been transferred from Fairview to Spokane, said today that the government owed the city an explanation.

An order from Washington halted preliminary work Jan. 1, presumably because the government wanted to build new war industries farther from the coast.

Mayor Earl Riley said the move would delay construction at a time when greater aluminum production was essential, and would boost production costs.

K. C. Conyers, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, said, "this removal is not in the nation's interests and we will not take it lying down until we have a satisfactory explanation from the national government."

ASHLAND DISCOVERS LONG LOST CITIZEN

Ashland, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Ashland chamber of commerce's practice of sending greeting letters to newcomers in town—names taken from the new light-water customer lists—backfired today.

A recipient of such a letter replied: "Thanks for your belated welcome. Ashland has been my home-town since 1918."

Brave Stand on Steppes Told By Mortally Wounded Russian

By Eddy Gilmore

Moscow, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A dispatch from the central front told today of 28 red army soldiers, crying "Moscow is behind us—there is no retreat," battling against 50 German tanks before losing their lives.

The story was related to a correspondent of the soviet army newspaper Red Star by Private Natarov, one of the 28 who dragged himself to a field hospital, where he died shortly afterward.

This drama was set in the Volokolamsk sector, where 29 soldiers—to begin with—were in a trench, armed with anti-tank guns and bottle bombs. This is Natarov's story:

Twenty Nazi tanks charged their positions. One of the Russian soldiers was afraid. He stood up, raising

ELECTRICITY NEED MEANS RATIONING, MAYBE THIS YEAR

Power Officials Warn Congress Cut in Domestic Use Will Be Required.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Congress received from government power officials today a blunt warning that the nation faces a rationing of electricity—possibly this year—that may even dim private homes to conserve power for the defense program.

That possibility was voiced by Leland Olds, chairman of the federal power commission, and G. O. Wessenaer, acting power manager for the Tennessee Valley authority, in testimony during house appropriations committee hearings on the independent offices supply bill approved today.

The rationing of electricity for homes, offices, night clubs and other civilian purposes, Olds told the committee, "is going to be necessary and is going to be done," and a survey to determine the power supply of the various areas is being made "to determine just what loads can be cut off without materially interfering with normal life of the community."

Olds said he believed the emergency would call for power rationing in many regions "by the end of this year."

While it is hoped and planned, he added, that curtailment can be effected "without serious dislocation of the normal life of the people," it may mean "a great deal more than simply the elimination of Neon signs, ornamental street lighting, the use of radio in homes, or other essential luxury uses."

Defense Areas First

The more serious shortages of power naturally will occur in the heaviest defense production areas, Olds explained, and the population of those areas may face a serious reduction of their normal activities requiring the use of electricity.

At present, Olds told the committee, there is not sufficient power available or projected to meet the defense load of 1942, 1943 or 1944 without either additional capacity or a "material curtailment."

Free Gas Masks for Oregonians Provided By Defense Measure

Salem, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Gas masks will be supplied free of charge to nearly every Oregon resident, State Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen said today in explaining the \$100,000,000 civilian defense bill which has been passed by congress.

The bill provides for 50,000,000 masks, to be supplied throughout target areas, which include all coastal areas to a point 300 miles inland. This would include most of the state of Oregon.

Owen said he believed every resident of those areas would be required to carry a gas mask at all times.

He said cities would be loaned fire-fighting equipment by the federal government under terms of the bill.

The bill also provides for free arm bands for civilian defense workers.

MUNICIPAL SAND PILE IS McMINNVILLE PLAN

McMinnville, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A 50-truck caravan with a "convoy" of private cars will leave McMinnville Sunday for the coast to carry sufficient sand back to take care of any incendiary bombs that may fall on this community. The caravan was suggested by Fire Chief Ivan Pearson. A municipal sand pile will be established from which air raid wardens can supply their districts and homes.