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7 SHIPS OF JAP INVASION FLEET SMASHED BY AUSSIE AIR FORCE

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, March 11.—A sub-regional director of the CIO Steel Workers organizing committee from Pittsburgh appeared the past week at a plant of the American Locomotive works which has large defense orders—mostly army.

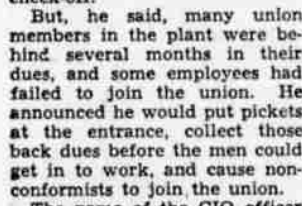
He told the management their contract with CIO was satisfactory. He had no objections. He was not demanding the closed shop or check-off.

But, he said, many union members in the plant were behind several months in their dues, and some employees had failed to join the union. He announced he would picket at the entrance, collect those back dues before the men could get in to work, and cause non-conformists to join the union.

The name of the CIO officer was Curtis (initials unspecified in reports here). The basis for his picketing threat, he said, was Donald Nelson's stirring appeal for greater production, urging creation of labor-management committees for each plant.

Mr. Nelson said nothing about enforcing check-offs and closed shops where none existed, but apparently Mr. Curtis took it to mean the time was ripe for him in all respects. He said he hoped it would not be necessary for him to shut the plant.

This sent the management scurrying to the long distance telephone, seeking advice from its master contractor—the government in Washington. Officials here did not hesitate. They told the management to inform Mr. Curtis they would send troops in to see that the workers got a chance to turn out the precious war materials so vitally needed. Even the president's labor adviser, Sidney Hillman got in touch with Curtis and



Paul Mallon

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COORDINATOR MOVES TO C. OF C. BUILDING

Frank J. Van Dyke, executive secretary of the cantonment civilian coordinating board, today moved his office from AAA headquarters to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to be more centrally situated and allow more room for the homes registration bureau which will remain at the AAA place, North Riverside avenue and Fifth street.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight—Blue 7, boxing, Gus Lesnevich vs. Jimmy Bevins; MBS 7:15, united nations speak, Leighton McCarthy, Canadian minister.
Thursday—The war, 8, MBS; 8:15, MBS; 9, NBC, CBS, MBS; 10, blue; 10:45, NBC; 11, MBS; 12:15 p. m., CBS; 1, MBS; 1:45, CBS; 3, CBS, MBS; 3:25, NBC; 3:45, CBS blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ed Lampert telling how he got lost in the middle of the cantonment area while trying to reach the new gun club grounds on a one-way road.

Marcia Stanley being unable to wait the arrival of summer, she going barefooted after school.

Eve and Moore Hamilton's home harboring a lone cricket which makes the rounds of the radiators and chirps contentedly.

LOSSES FAIL TO HALT ONCOMING NIPPONESE HOST

Battle For Approaches To Mainland Raging In Full Fury Observers Believe.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
American bombers smashing off the northeastern New Guinea coast above the Australian mainland have destroyed seven enemy ships, the war department announced late today.

These successes—which left four of the enemy ships on fire, two sinking and one beached—appeared to have been those previously announced by the Royal Australian air force, whose communiques had used the expression "our bombers," thus leaving the inference that it was an Australian action.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)
Australian bombers struck smashing blows at Japanese warships today and claimed to have sunk or damaged at least seven, but unofficial reports said the enemy's great invasion convoys continued moving toward their eventual jumping-off bases in New Guinea.

It seemed clear that the battle for the approaches to Australia was now raging in full fury.

Hitting their hardest blows of the war on the gathering Japanese invasion armada, Australian airmen were reported to have sunk at least two ships and left five others beached, battered and burned.

Attacks Continue
Three waves of RAF bombers pounded the Japanese fleet yesterday and the aerial counter-blows were continuing today.

British dispatches from Canberra said Japanese invasion fleets were reported moving toward Port Moresby, on the south coast of New Guinea, 300 miles from the Australian mainland.

A bulletin from royal Australian air force headquarters said waves of Australian bombers inflicted havoc on the Japanese seaborne forces in yesterday's raids.

"When the aircraft left the target area (from the final attack), one ship was burned out and three others were on fire, two were sinking and one was being beached," the account said.

Other hits were believed to have raised the toll still higher.

Next Move Revealed
In Tokyo, apparently unmasking Japan's next move, a government spokesman warned Australia to yield without a fight or suffer "the same fate that has befallen Singapore and Java."

On other fronts in the far Pacific:
1. With signs pointing toward an early Japanese attack on India, Premier Winston Churchill held out to India's 400,000,000 a promise of dominion status in full as soon after the war as possible.

It was also announced that Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's energetic lord privy seal and government spokesman in the house of commons, would go to India for consultation with leaders there who have been clamoring for immediate independence as the price for India's support in the war.

2. In the dying battle of Java, a Dome dispatch said the Dutch commander, Lieut.-Gen. Hein Ter Poorten, had ordered all Netherlands troops on the island to lay down their arms.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted that the Japanese had captured 93,000 troops, including 2,000 commissioned officers, in the Indies' invasion—

New Jap Foothold Menaces Australia



Landing on New Guinea (1), and previous landings on Timor (2), promise Japanese pincer action on Australia. Meanwhile in Java (3), the Japs claimed all Java forces had surrendered.

Medford Team Wins First Aid Title in State Safety Meet

Portland, March 11.—(AP)—A Medford team won the governor's cup in the first aid finals of the Oregon junior safety congress here last night.

On the winning team were Bob Hollenbeck, Morris Wickham, Jim Peyton, John Lang and Wayne Giles.

The Salem cooperative team was second and the Salem machine shop team was the third.

A safety poster contest was won by Richard Miller, Salem. Don Clark, Grants Pass, was third.

Don Clark, Grants Pass, was elected president; Charles Dreese of Salem, secretary.

The local team is under the direction of L. A. Mentzer, instructor in vocational education at Medford senior high school and the congress is sponsored by the state department of vocational education. The team is composed of members of Future Craftsmen of America from senior high school. Last year Mentzer's team also placed first in the first aid finals. They planned to return to this city late tonight.

a scaling down of yesterday's claim of 98,000 taken in Java alone.

In Melbourne, Lieut.-Gov. Hubertus J. Van Mook of the Dutch Indies said that about 3,000 Australian troops were probably still fighting in the mountain jungles east and west of Bandoeng, the Japanese-occupied former military capital, and that other defenders were battling in eastern Java.

Van Mook said allied forces carrying on the fight in unoccupied sectors of the 622-mile-long island were under orders not to obey commands from authorities who had fallen into Japanese hands.

3. In London, authoritative quarters acknowledged that the strength of the main Japanese battle fleet had "not been impaired" by Japan's far-flung sweeps of conquest and declared that Japan could now be expected to lash out in three directions—against Ceylon, off the southern tip of India; against Australia, or farther east toward the Fiji Islands.

4. Japanese bombers attacked Port Moresby, on the Gulf of Papua in southeastern New Guinea, for the third day in succession. Port Moresby is only about 40 minutes flight from the Australian mainland.

Japan's warning to Australia to submit without a struggle was sounded by a Tokyo spokesman with the declaration: "They should see the hand-writing on the wall."

CEILING ON TIRES TO HALT GOUGING

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—The government has answered widespread complaints of price gouging with an order setting a ceiling on prices of used tires and tubes on the basis of prices prevailing between October 1 and October 15.

The ceiling becomes effective March 16. On standard four-ply 6.00x16 tires, the type used by most motorists, it varies from \$8.10 to \$15.50, depending on wear. The order prohibits dealers from adding any charges for repairs or service charges which were not made by the seller prior to March 7.

HART SAYS JAPS HAVE PAID DEAR

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Admiral Thomas C. Hart declared today that the Japanese had won the first great campaign of the war in the Pacific because of unfaltering aerial superiority but had paid a cost in ships sunk and damaged which must give them "great future concern."

The former chief of allied naval forces in the western Pacific, just returned to Washington from the theater of operations, discussed the western Pacific conflict in a statement issued at Secretary of Navy Knox's press conference.

FOUR ENEMY ALIENS SOUGHT NEAR BORDER

Spokane, March 11.—(AP)—Although practically every law enforcement officer in northeast Washington is on the lookout for them, no trace has been found this afternoon of an automobile believed to have escaped the border patrol at Republic last night bearing four enemy aliens.

The Spokane office of the state patrol said it was in contact with sheriff's offices and police over the entire area but had found no trace of the car, presumably a Ford convertible coupe carrying two Japanese and two Germans.

WILL H. BENNETT
Portland, March 11.—(AP)—Will H. Bennett, 62, former state bank superintendent, died here today after a long illness. He became a state bank examiner in 1908, after serving as cashier of the Heppner bank. Later he was associated with Klamath Falls bank but returned to Salem to join the state banking board in 1918.

Entire U. S. Strength Will Be Required, Is Roosevelt's Warning

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt informed congress today in a message analyzing the first year's operations of the lend-lease program that the offensive the united nations "must and will drive in to the heart of the axis" would take "the entire strength that we possess."

"The war can only be won by contact with the enemies, and by attack upon them," he asserted in a letter transmitting the lend-lease report. "That takes time, for the united nations need more and still more equipment and transportation. Success will come dearly, at the price of defeats and losses."

Mr. Roosevelt said lend-lease was a prime mechanism through which the united nations were pooling their entire resources.

The report, covering operations since the original lend-lease law was signed a year ago today, showed that the total value of aid was \$2,570,452,441.

HUNGARY, RUMANIA HATE NEW ORDER

Istanbul, Turkey, March 10.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A state of near-mutiny against Adolf Hitler's "new order" is developing in Hungary and Rumania, according to information just received here by well-informed circles.

Hitler was reported calling on these nations for large new military sacrifices to aid his spring offensive in Russia, but each was said to be refusing steadfastly to make any further donations until she has received from Germany effective guarantees against the other.

(London sources reported that Germany had called on Hungary to furnish 1,500,000 troops, but that Rumania's contribution of 1,000,000 men was regarded as exempting her from further levies.)

BUS SERVICE OK FOR CORVALLIS CANTONMENT

Salem, March 11.—(AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said he would grant an application today to K. N. Wood for permission to operate bus service between Salem and the Corvallis cantonment.

TRANSFER AIR CLASSES

Corvallis, March 11.—(AP)—Oregon State college today announced that flight training courses would be transferred to Madras for spring term. The shift was necessitated by the military ban on private flying in coast areas.

Medford Wins 31-28 From Mac High Five

SHIP TORPEDOINGS PUSH BRAZIL NEAR WAR DECLARATION

President Vargas Clears Way For Action—Seizure Of Axis Property Looms.

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, March 11.—(AP)—President Getulio Vargas issued a decree today giving himself the authority to declare a state of war or a state of emergency throughout the country in case of foreign menace, imminence of internal disturbance or existence of a plan of conspiracy.

Promptly answering the torpedoing of the fourth Brazilian ship off the United States coast in three weeks, the decree cleared the way for imprisonment of axis subjects and seizure of axis property.

Action Near
Orders for seizure of axis property were expected within 48 hours.

The decree, issued as Brazil was experiencing increasing shipping losses as a result of axis submarine activity off the United States Atlantic coast, declared that "from the time the use of the armed forces for the defense of the state becomes necessary, the president will declare a state of war in all national territory or in part of it."

Any endangering of the country's institutions or the safety of its citizens or territory is sufficient cause for the president to declare a state of emergency in the whole country or any part of it, the decree provided.

All constitutional guarantees relating to the life and property of citizens of foreign states which may have "practiced acts of aggression harmful to the Brazilian state" would thereby be suspended, the decree said.

At the same time the government shipping line, Lloyd Brasileiro, announced that suspension of all sailings of Brazilian ships to the United States had been ordered by the government and all such ships en route to United States ports ordered to speed for home or the nearest port.

This followed upon the loss of four Brazilian ships totaling 22,231 tons by submarine attacks off the north American coast.

(Brazil's shipping losses in the World War led her to declare war against Germany.)

Escaped White Woman Tells Hongkong Horror

By Spencer Moosa

Chungking, March 11.—(AP)—Phyllis Harrop, first foreign woman to escape from Japanese-occupied Hongkong, gave an eyewitness account today of the atrocities committed by the invaders, in complete confirmation of the report before Britain's house of commons yesterday by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Miss Harrop, whose anti-vice crusades won her the name of "Hongkong's District Attorney Dewey" said both Chinese and Europeans were victims of the invaders.

"My own houseboy was killed—bayoneted in the stomach for no apparent reason," she declared. "Fourteen other Chinese in the same house were killed. My own amah (woman servant) was raped by three or four Japanese soldiers and left in a very serious condition."

War Bulletins

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—The navy announced today that the Matson Navigation company's freighter "Malama" is presumed to be lost in the Pacific.

The Malama, a 3,275-ton steam vessel, was built in 1919, at Newark, N. J., by the Submarine Boat corporation. Her home port was San Francisco.

Tokyo (from Japanese broadcasts), March 11.—(AP)—Imperial headquarters declared today that a Japanese cruiser squadron operating in the Indian ocean west of Australia had sunk the United States cruiser Marblehead. The sinking was said to have occurred March 2.

Hitler Demands Cannon Fodder From Satellites
(By the Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler was reported today to have called upon Italy, Hungary and Slovakia for 2,600,000 fresh troops to bolster the heralded nazi spring offensive and fill the gaps left by nine months of slaughter in the war with Russia.

Advices reaching London said Hitler, desperately needing manpower to replace the nazi losses in dead, wounded and missing, had demanded 1,000,000 troops from Italy, 1,500,000 from Hungary and 100,000 from Slovakia.

Soviet authorities declared on February 22 that Germany had lost 6,000,000 men on the Russian front.

With pre-spring thaws already melting snow on the long battle-line, dispatches indicated that the Russians were smashing with ever increasing fury to demoralize the Germans and keep them reeling backwards instead of organizing a spring counter-drive.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged that the red armies were striking in mass attacks on the southern (Ukraine) front and holding the initiative on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts.

"Heavy and bloody losses were inflicted upon the enemy," the German high command said, in a communique which also noted "uninterrupted heavy defense fighting" by German troops.

TIGERS CHALK UP SLENDER LEAD IN EVERY QUARTER

Niedermeyer Leads Scoring With 7—Magruder, Mac-Hi, Tosses In 15 Points.

Salem, March 11.—(AP)—The Medford Tigers battled their way into the second round of the Oregon State high school basketball tournament today by upsetting McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater 31 to 28.

Medford led at the end of each quarter, leading 15 to 12 at the half, but the Tigers never were more than three points ahead at any stage.

Magruder, Mac-Hi forward, scored 14 points in the second half, or all but two of his team's 16 points in that half.

Summary:
Medford (31) (28) Mac-Hi
Niedermeyer 7, F. 15 Magruder
Monteith 4, F. 15 Monahan
Herman 6, C. 6 Heidenrich
Fawcett 6, G. 3 Yantis
Reynolds 6, G. 1 George
Substitutes: Medford—Wall 4, Webber 4, Mac-Hi—Rand 1, Metzger, Ellis 2.
Officials: Coleman and Hengles.

MORE BASKETBALL ON SPORT PAGE

BRITISH PLANES ATTACK TIRPITZ

London, March 11.—(AP)—Germany's newest and mightiest battleship, the 35,000-ton Tirpitz, made its first known contact with British forces Monday when it was attacked by torpedo planes off the Norwegian west coast, the admiralty announced today.

The damage, if any, could not be determined, for the Tirpitz, sister ship of the ill-fated Bismarck, was last seen retiring under cover of a heavy smoke-screen.

British warships which steamed toward the scene of action, near Trondheim, some 800 miles from the German coast, were unable to locate the huge German battleship.

In London it has been suggested that the Germans were organizing strong battle forces at Trondheim perhaps for raiding the Russian supply lines from Britain and the United States.

Soldiers to Start Highway to Alaska

Edmonton, Alberta, March 11.—(AP)—Civilian workers will not be used this year in the construction of the Alaska highway, the Edmonton Journal said yesterday it has learned from its correspondent at Dawson Creek, B. C., where a number of U. S. army engineers are already at work.

The Journal said it has "become apparent" the work will be done solely by the United States army.

HONOR MACARTHUR

Portland, March 11.—(AP)—Douglas MacArthur Smith, born March 1, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Smith, Portland, was christened today.

Astoria, Ore., March 11.—(AP)—Packers boosted crab prices from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a dozen today, giving fishermen their biggest return in several years.