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# M'ARTHUR PREPARES COUNTER BLOW

## News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



Washington, March 20.—Australia, whose forces General MacArthur has been invited to command, has no standing army. Therein lies the explanation for such a unique invitation.

The United States would not think of asking a Britisher to command its defense of the Pacific coast, but Australia had to choose either an American or Britisher, because it never organized a professional peacetime army and hence has not developed a large professional officer class.

In the World Almanac under armies, you will not find Australia listed. Its peacetime force in January, 1939, numbered only 42,895, including technicians, etc. That is natural. While it is about as large as the United States, it has about the same number of inhabitants as New York City, around 7,000,000.

Australia has had some compulsory military training in the past and early in the war organized its defense forces, so it now has a formidable fighting personnel, without experienced top generals. All the Aussies fighting with the British in Libya and Malaya were volunteers.

THE Jap propaganda threats of Australian invasion suggested the Aussies surrender in the name—strangely enough—of providence. (Where did they hear of him?)

Only reaction here was a fear the Japs would not attempt to carry out their threat. Australia is not Malaya or Java. Five of its seven millions live in the southeast corner nearly two thousand miles away from the northern tip. In between is nice desert and jungle where the Japs will receive a hearty welcome far from their home bases, while the Aussies have railroads to the factories running back from the front.

The great barrier reef runs down the northeast coast to pre-

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## Twin Sons Born 75 Hours Apart

Haverhill, Mass., March 20.—(P)—Twin sons were born more than three days apart this week to Mrs. Ralph C. Simonds, Jr. The first, weighing six pounds, was born Monday at 2:27 a. m.; the second, weighing seven pounds, was born at 4:52 a. m. yesterday—a difference of almost 75 hours.

Names for the boys have not yet been chosen. The mother is 21 years old and the children are her first.

## Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time)

The networks, pending approval by the war department, are seeking a broadcast by Gen. Douglas MacArthur from Australia.

Tonight: 7 Fight, Ray Robinson vs. Norman Rubio.  
Saturday: The War—8 CBS MBS; 10:45 NBC Blue; 11 CBS 1:30 p. m. CBS; 2:45 NBC; 3 CBS; 3:25 NBC Blue; 3:30 MBS; 3:45 CBS Blue.

NBC—1:45 p. m., Tropical Park race, CBS—10:20 a. m., Fashion Academy awards, Blue—9:30 a. m., National Grange.

## SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

City firemen having a good time wetting down the street by the station yesterday.

Manager George Frey having to get out of bed at 2:20 a. m. when the burglar alarm system in the United States National bank building went hay-wire.

## PHILIPPINE RELIEF MAIN PURPOSE IN STRATEGY CHANGE

Great Offensive Ordered By Roosevelt—No Intimation On Time Of Kick-Off.

By Roger D. Greene

Associated Press War Editor  
With the dramatic pledge "I came through and I will return," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in Australia today that he had been instructed by President Roosevelt to prepare a great American counter-offensive against Japan for the primary purpose of relieving the Philippines.

Gen. MacArthur, whose escape in a speedboat through the Japanese blockade of Bataan peninsula provided one of the most thrilling exploits of the war, gave no intimation when the allied offensive would be launched.

Port Moresby War On

Dispatches from Port Moresby said the opening shots were fired in the battle for lower New Guinea island, where Japanese invasion columns are seeking bases from which to make a direct assault on Australia 300 miles across the Timor sea.

Dispatches from the embattled island said Australian forces had begun sniping at Japanese invasion columns driving down toward Port Moresby, only 300 miles from the Australian mainland.

Japanese warplanes twice raided Port Moresby again today, but were driven off after strafing the airfield.

In his first interview since his spectacular dash from siege-bound Bataan peninsula, Gen. MacArthur declared:

"The president of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organizing an American offensive against Japan."

"The primary purpose of this is the relief of the Philippines. I came through and I will return."

Notice On Japan

Thus, in crisp terms, Gen. MacArthur served notice on Japan that the long weeks of allied defensive fighting—the disheartening retreats in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies—may soon be ended.

High-ranking United States and Australian army officers conferred with Australian army minister, Francis Forde, paying the way for an allied war council which will assume basic control of all military operations.

The council was expected to include Gen. MacArthur, the new united nations supreme commander in the southwest Pacific; Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, U. S. A., deputy supreme commander; Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary, chief of allied naval forces in the Australia-New Zealand theater; and leaders of Australia's fighting forces.

Other cheering news came in a promise of allied offensive action against Japan herself by Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, U. S. A., who declared in Chungking:

"The United States means business, and we won't be satisfied until we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together."

Stilwell, recently appointed chief of staff to Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, allied supreme commander in the China theater, said he had been placed in command of all U. S. forces in China, India and Burma.

## Where Japanese Stopped Bombs



"A" indicates the Salamaua-Lae area on the east coast of New Guinea where, the navy announced, 23 Jap ships, including 12 warships, had been sunk or damaged by American and Australian air forces.

## SOTO EXECUTED FOR SLAYING OF HERMISTON TRIO

Salem, Ore., March 20.—(P)—John Anthony Soto, 17, confessed slayer of a Hermiston farm family of three last September 25, died in the state's lethal gas chamber today.

The youth, fugitive from a California institution for the feeble minded, entered the octagonal execution room at 8:29 a. m., and was pronounced dead at 8:32.

Soto remained indifferent to the very end although Chaplains Rev. Robert N. Hutchinson and Father Daniel O'Connell said he prayed as he was being strapped in the death chair.

He smoked a cigar up to the moment he entered the death chamber, and showed no fear at any time. Rev. Hutchinson said "He kidded us all the time—treated it all as a huge joke. He talked incessantly, occasionally breaking off and going into a song."

Soto was convicted at Pendleton of the murder last September 25 of Kenneth L. Gorsuch on the latter's farm at Hermiston, but Soto also confessed slaying Gorsuch's mother, Mrs. Cora Tobin, and her nephew, Marvin Adams.

The eldest of seven children, Soto was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Soto, Porto Ricans of Niles, Cal. His parents are on relief.

He was in continuous trouble from the age of 14, stealing many times and finally being sent to a reformatory for sending a letter threatening to kill a man unless he paid him \$5.

Soto was transferred from the reformatory to the Sonoma state home for feeble-minded. Doctors there found he was of borderline intelligence, one doctor predicting at that time that Soto would commit murder if turned loose.

## CONTINUE STUDY ACCESS ROAD BIDS

Portland, March 20.—(P)—The state highway commission today continued study of bids submitted yesterday on improvements of the Crater Lake highway to serve a cantonment in the Medford area.

They were higher than engineers' estimates.

Bids referred to the engineer with power to award included: Josephine county—Grave creek-Jumpoff Joe creek section of Pacific highway over Sexton mountain, 6.01 miles of surfacing and bituminous macadam, McNutt Bros., Eugene, \$147,818.

## Roosevelt Cites Map For Pacific Answers

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt reiterated today that we are doing everything we possibly can in the phase of the war in the southwest Pacific, but he called attention anew to what he termed a little, old lesson in geography.

That lesson teaches, he observed, that to get anything to the southwest Pacific area takes an awful long time. Furthermore, he said, there is a world shortage of shipping.

He repeated previous declarations that all possible was being done when reporters asked whether he could elaborate, without going beyond the limits of military secrecy and strategy, on stories from Australia that General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander of united nations forces, was considering plans for an eventual offensive and for relief of American and Filipino forces in the Philippines.

Incidentally, Mr. Roosevelt declared with an amused twinkle in his eye that he had told a charming lady who had supper at the White House recently that MacArthur had left the Philippines by rowboat, disguised as a Filipino fisherman, passed directly by a lot of Japanese submarines and warships and rowed 2,500 miles to Australia.

And some people at the table, he thought, actually believed him.

The president chuckled when his press secretary, Stephen Early, remarked that he had shown the way in which a rumor factory operates.

## INCOMING STENOS CAN'T FIND ROOMS

An appeal for local residents, willing to aid in solving a serious housing problem, to register their accommodations with Mrs. Stella Henderson, manager of the Girls' Community club, 229 North Bartlett (phone 3980) was made today by Mrs. Dolph Phipps, president of the board of directors of the club.

"The situation," said Mrs. Phipps, "is becoming serious, particularly from the standpoint of the single girls usually seeking clerical employment, which frequently cannot be secured until after several days solicitation. There are no more accommodations at the Community club, none listed there that haven't been taken up, and yet we can't turn these girls out on the street. Practically all of them come with enough funds to pay for a room for a week or so, but the rooms just can't be found, and a serious problem is immediately created. Local residents with rooms for rent, will render a genuine public service, if they will call the Community club (phone 3980) and list their accommodations there at once."

## EX-S.O.C.E. PUPIL AMONG MISSING IN ARMY PLANES

Bakersfield, Calif., March 20.—(P)—Two air corps cadets crashed to their deaths and three others still are missing on a routine flight which left Minter field here Wednesday.

The field commander said bodies of Don Carne, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carne, San Francisco, and Paul A. Davis, 23 son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davis, Denver, were recovered.

The three missing men were: Paul S. Day, 21, Walnut Ridge, Ark.  
Paul R. Everett, 21, Camden Point, Mo.  
Eugene Crites, 26, Roseburg, Ore.

The cadets were to have graduated tomorrow. The trip they were making was their last training flight.

Roseburg, Ore., March 20.—(P)—Born in Denver, Colo., Oct. 29, 1915, Eugene Crites was graduated from high school at Bend, Ore., in 1935 and came to Roseburg the following year.

Young Crites spent three terms in a CCC camp near Medford and attended Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland where he was graduated with the class of 1941. He also obtained flight training in the civilian pilot training program while attending school there. He enlisted in the army air corps Nov. 1, 1941, and was trained at Oxnard and Minter fields in California.

His mother, Mrs. Alameda Gerkin, and three sisters, Pauline, Ruth and Marilyn, reside at Woodburn, Ore.

## NAZIS IN UKRAINE DESTROY SUPPLIES ON EVE OF FLIGHT

Military Stores, Oil Blasted At Kharkov—30,000 Civilians Slain Is Claim.

By the Associated Press

Adolf Hitler's Ukraine armies were reported in Stockholm dispatches today to be making hasty preparations for a retreat from Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh," with the city in flames as Nazi demolition squads blasted military stores and oil supplies.

Against this picture of a major new reverse for German arms, Hitler's field headquarters asserted that Russian troops driving into the Donets basin east of Kharkov had been "thrown back after a new attack and suffered heavy casualties."

Soviet dispatches yesterday said the Germans had slain 30,000 civilians in Kharkov, but there was no direct word from Moscow on the progress of military operations against the big steel center of 833,000 population, which the Germans captured last Oct. 24. Unofficial reports on Wednesday said red army shock troops were fighting in Kharkov's suburbs.

Stockholm advices said great fires were burning in the city and that it was obvious the Germans' "whole upper Donets line is sagging to the point of collapse."

London reports said 500,000 German troops were believed based in the Kharkov area.

## PEACH ORCHARDS LIGHT OIL POTS

Smudge pots were lighted this morning and yesterday morning in the peach orchards of the valley, Frost Observer Roy J. Rogers reported. There was no firing in peach orchards.

The temperature yesterday morning dropped to 28 degrees in some city and to 24 degrees in some of the orchards. No low temperature was announced for this morning, due to the weather bureau's war time regulations that no temperatures can be revealed until 24 hours later.

Observer Rogers said it was not cold enough to smudge in peach orchards though it came close to it.

Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy said there were approximately 800 acres of peaches in the valley. Not all orchards smudged. The peach acreage has shown an increase the past two or three years here.

Orchardists are bringing in their thermometers to the county agent's office for testing.

## Rebekah Leader Is Claimed By Death

Oregon City, March 20.—(P)—Lizzie C. Howell, 81, past president of the Oregon Rebekah assembly, died here yesterday.

She had made her home here for 73 years. She is survived by her widower, William H. Howell, and a son, William B. Howell, assistant postmaster here.

## U. S. Waging War of Hatred Is Bitter Jap Accusation

By Associated Press

Reacting to the sting of allied counter blows—some of which may not have been mentioned for reasons of military secrecy—the Japanese navy bitterly accused the United States and Britain of waging "extreme warfare based on retaliation and hatred," and declared that Japan would reciprocate.

A Tokyo broadcast said that the allies were employing tactics in disregard of international law and that consequently the Japanese navy was "revising" its warfare regulations. No details were given.

While Japan thus showed she

## Need Volunteers To Man Posts In Aircraft Warning

Pressing need of volunteer help in manning aircraft warning posts in Medford vicinity is stressed by 1st Lt. J. T. Runyan of the 4th interceptor command at Roseburg, in the following announcement:

This announcement is to Americans. The security of America depends upon you.

If you have normal hearing and sight you are needed for service on your closest aircraft warning service post.

Do your part in the service of your country as so many of America's young men are now doing theirs.

Apply for assignment to duty at your county office of civilian defense at the Medford Chamber of Commerce building.

Uncle Sam needs you. There must be no more surprise attacks. Volunteer to do your part today.

## VAN DYKE SEEKING G.O.P. NOMINATION FOR LOWER HOUSE

Frank J. Van Dyke became a candidate for the Republican nomination for state representative from Jackson county today when he filed his intention with the secretary of state.

Mr. Van Dyke is well known in this district as a lawyer and city attorney of Ashland and more recently as executive secretary of the cantonment coordinating board. He comes from a pioneer family which settled in the Rogue River valley in 1852.

He was reared on the dairy farm still being operated by his parents near Medford, received his education in the Medford schools, and obtained his degree in law at Willamette university in 1931.

He is active in fraternal and civic organizations being a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Elks lodge, Rotary, and a director of the Ashland school board and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

For the past three legislative sessions Van Dyke has been a member of the legislative committee of the League of Oregon Cities and has represented the city of Ashland in legislative matters.

Mr. Van Dyke married Naomi Hohman, formerly an instructor in the Valley School, Medford, in 1934 and they have one son, Johnnie Patrick, recently just four years old.

Earl Newbury, Talent Republican present state representative, will seek the state senate chair long occupied by George Dunn, of Ashland.

A decision was expected today from William McAllister, Medford attorney, on whether he would enter the lists for Republican nomination as congressman from the new fourth district. McAllister, present state representative, has been mentioned as next speaker of the house if he returns to the Oregon legislative hall.

## Importance of Job to Rule Deferment Says Draft Chief

Washington, March 20.—(P)—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey forecast today that the matter of deferment from military service would shift from the question of how many dependents you have to what job you are doing as President Roosevelt suggested there would be labor shortages for war work by fall.

Hershey, director of selective service, spoke to the conference on war demands for trained personnel as the president told his press conference that plans were not yet ready for a systematic allocation of labor to war industry under a manpower mobilization program.

Portland, March 20.—(P)—A training school for women grocery clerks will be opened here March 31 under public school system auspices following approval last night by the Grocers and Merchants association.

Approximately 70 Portland retail grocers approved the plan to replace men entering military service.

## GREEN REQUESTS CONGRESS PROBE 40-HOUR REPEAL

AFL Chieftain And CIO's Murray Tell Senate Group Labor Behind War Effort.

Washington, March 20.—(P)—President William Green of the AFL today asked a congressional investigation of what he termed the campaign in Oklahoma seeking repeal by congress of the 40-hour work law and enactment of special wartime legislative restrictions for labor.

Both Green and President Philip Murray of the CIO told the senate appropriations subcommittee investigating war production that labor was wholeheartedly behind the war effort, and that restrictive legislation now might impede production gains.

Children Used  
Green testified that Oklahoma "school children were asked to surrender lunch money to send telegrams to Senator Lee" (D., Okla.) asking action on anti-labor legislation.

Murray, CIO head, testified that labor already had promised the president to "forego the instrument of strike" during the war period "and now to the congress and the nation we repeat that pledge."

Both labor leaders denied that the 40-hour week provision was impeding production or increasing war costs. Both insisted that strikes had not interfered with war production since Pearl harbor.

"The charge that strikes are impeding the war production is a gross slander upon the patriotism of American workers," Murray said. "We cannot in this country reach a maximum productive effort by the methods of Hitler, by enslaving our working people."

Policy Needed  
But, at almost the same time, Ralph Bard, assistant secretary of the navy, told the house naval committee that congress should establish a national labor policy unless it was done voluntarily at "the earliest possible moment" and said "controversy" over the closed shop had impeded production in some instances. He was testifying on the Smith bill to abrogate closed shop contracts in plants with navy and army contracts, and suspend the maximum hours law in them.

Bard described double pay for Sunday and holidays as "indefensible" and said he hoped that "within 30 days" the question of paying double time would be settled. He said the 40-hour week had not handicapped navy production and that some employees were working 48, 52 and 60 hours a week. He opposed the suspension of the 40-hour week, saying "there must be a ceiling on hours."