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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



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Washington, March 23.—All during this war, the Jap radio propagandists have totally ignored the Russian situation in the Pacific. Last week, they opened up on the Russians, cuffing them around verbally every hour on the hour for no apparent new reason. In the normal course of axis antics, this means the Japs are scheduled for Jap attention next.

An invasion on the Amur river line to cut off Vladivostok has long been in the Jap military cards. Whether it is to be timed with a Hitler spring offensive on the west Russian front is now the live question. Also some sea action against Pacific shipping into Vladivostok might be taken.

At least, the Jap radio attention to the commies has sounded an alert here concerning coming events in the northwestern Pacific.

CONFUSING conflicts have occurred in published official advice about your chances in the draft. As it stands on the record, government draft policy seems muddled, although actually it is not.

War Secretary Stimson, for instance, said something about taking 10 of the latest registrants for every one from the previous lists, but obviously did not mean this. No one seems to know what he did mean. That arithmetic does not fit into any known draft calculations.

Immediate plan is to raise an army of 3,600,000 by the end of this year. For the past few months the army has been stabilized at about 1,600,000. So the government intends to call 1,900,000 more men in the next nine months.

Half of these are to be taken from the old registration lists, half from the new one for which the lottery was held last week.

The first 950,000, who are to come from the old lists, will be chosen through reclassifications in that list. The reclassification will probably result in calling all from 1-A down to 3-A (married but with wife working.) All

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WOMEN TO WORK AT BOX FACTORY

The Timber Products company announced they would employ women, starting this afternoon, in the wire-bound box department of their plant, starting with 10 or 15 workers. It is light work, easily handled by women and girls, plant officials said.

The company has an order for a considerable amount of wire-bound work on defense contract. The boxes are used for canned goods, and other fairly heavy products, apt to break out the sides of the boxes. The company has been experimenting for several months on them, and has turned out several orders.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

Tonight: The war—Talks, blue 6, Sen. Robert A. Taft on "Taxation," NBC 6:30, Daniel J. Tobin on "Labor and the War," CBS east 7:30, Attorney General Biddle on "Internal Tolerance."

Tuesday: The war—8, MBS; 8:15, MBS; 9, CBS, MBS; 10 blue; 10:45, NBC; 11, MBS; 11:30 blue; 12:15 p. m., CBS; 12:30 blue; 1, MBS; 1:45, CBS; 1:55 blue; 2, MBS; 3, CBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Moore Hamilton saying the state legislature was a poor place for a poor man.

Someone leaving a large sum of money on the Mail Tribune desk—by mistake.

Don Monteith showing an old snapshot of Anita Scripser, much to her dismay.

JAPANESE PLANE LOSSES MOUNT

ALLIES' FIGHTERS AND ACK ACK GET HALF A HUNDRED

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Total of 44 Pushed Up by Today's Toll of 3.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth (Associated Press War Editor)
About half a hundred Japanese planes, stricken from the skies or wrecked aground by bombing and strafing, were marked up late today as the score of the last four days of allied aerial counter-offensive and anti-aircraft defense on the invasion approaches to Australia.

The few planes of this total not nailed by the Australian and American airmen of the MacArthur command were credited to effective anti-aircraft fire in protection of vital allied bases.

The conservative official reports on actions of Friday, Saturday and Sunday provided a total of 44 planes destroyed or damaged. Today's communiqué added at least three to the list.

Two Japanese moresby, caught in the tempest of anti-aircraft fire at Port Moresby today, appeared to have crashed outside that New Guinea city, where damage from the raid was officially declared slight and no casualties were reported in what was described as the heaviest attack of the war there.

The Japanese also attacked Wyndham in western Australia. The Australian communiqué said that a Japanese fighter was shot down during a reconnaissance over Portuguese Timor, about 300 miles off northwestern Australia, and that Japanese positions there and at Dili were bombed. The results of the bombing could not be observed.

Still Have Power
In their raid on Port Moresby the Japanese showed they retained a considerable striking power, despite their week-end losses. The raiding force consisted of 19 bombers and three fighters.

The enemy attacked the New Guinea harbor, forward base for defense of the Australian continent, in two waves. After clearing their bomb racks at high altitude the attackers swooped down to 200 feet to rake Port Moresby with their guns.

This show of air power, with in easy fighter range of Salamaua and Lae, across the jungles and mountainlands north of Port Moresby, followed the severely damaging blow to the air arm of the invaders by the week-end operations of the defense forces.

The counter-offensive resulted in the spirit for attack in Australia as General Douglas MacArthur mapped his Australian strategy.

Another development was the report from Chungking that 10,000,000 men from Japan, Formosa, Korea and occupied China were being mustered by the Japanese for attack on Russian Siberia as soon as conditions are favorable. This force would be in addition to the huge Japanese army already deployed in Manchukuo and inner Mongolia, the Chinese said.

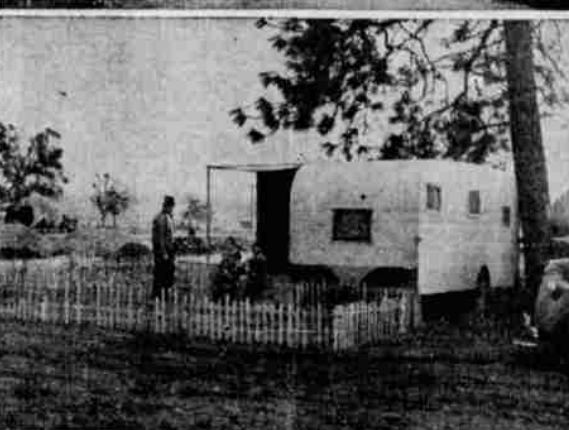
Significantly, this assertion appeared in the Chinese Communist newspaper, China Daily News, which added that with Russia turning her major strength to the battle with Germany in the west the international situation was becoming ideal for a Japanese attack on Russia in the east.

Heavy Submarine Toll Off Atlantic Shore

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—(P)—The toll of vessels officially announced as sunk or damaged by axis submarines off the Atlantic coast in slightly more than two months stood at 66 today after week-end disclosures by the navy that six more ships had been attacked.

Three medium-sized American merchantmen were announced by the navy yesterday as the latest to fall prey to marauding undersea craft, with 18 seamen reported killed or missing.

All the Comforts of Home



At Top: Portion of the south section of the Jackson County Trailer Camp on Crater Lake highway, now completed with all facilities installed. Laundry and shower bath house at left. Below: Trailer belonging to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Callahan of Los Angeles who have arranged their own little yard. Camp Manager Hobart Price is shown conversing with Floyd and Victor Calburn, whose parents also live at the camp.

Labor Must Suspend Double Pay — Nelson

Washington, March 23.—(P)—Donald M. Nelson told CIO leaders today that labor must suspend for the duration of the war the "privilege" of receiving double pay for Sunday and holiday work.

"We are moving as fast as we can toward seven-day, three-shift operation of our basic war industries," the war production director said. "The principle that a man should regularly have the seventh day off, and should receive over time pay if an emergency forces him to work on that seventh day is perfectly sound; but where that seventh day does not fall on a Sunday or holiday I do not think that work on Sundays and holidays, in war time, deserves extra pay."

The leaders of CIO unions from throughout the country were called together by President Philip Murray to organize a campaign against adoption by congress of pending legislation suspending the 40-hour work week and eliminating overtime payments for the duration.

As Nelson talked to the unionists, the senate appeared near a showdown on a strongly-supported movement to force some of the pending legislation out of committee to the floor for debate. It was reported that administration leaders, guided by indications that President Roosevelt was not prepared to recommend enactment of restrictive measures, were battling an incipient rebellion in their own ranks.

Senator Bilbo (D., Miss.) offered legislation to require registration of all persons 18 years of age or older for war work, to permit the president to order them to work and fix their rate of pay. He told the senate it would "put practically all of the labor racketeers in the front line" and "sound the death knell for a luxury-softened era of playboys and glamour girls."

GOLD IN PHILIPPINES MOVED TO MAINLAND

Washington, March 23.—(P)—Francis B. Sayre, high commissioner to the Philippines, disclosed today that all the gold—amounting to six and one-half tons—and securities in the islands had been removed before the Japanese occupation and were now in this country.

Sayre declined to disclose the value of the gold and securities or the means by which they had been removed.

Papier-mache was probably the first plastic, chemists say.

TRAILER CAMP IS FAST BECOMING GOOD-SIZED CITY

First Section Completed—All Facilities in Operation—1000 Possible Capacity

The Jackson County Trailer Camp on the Crater Lake highway is rapidly becoming a teeming little city as workers for the cantonment arrive in increasing numbers. The first section of the camp was completed during the past week and all facilities installed and operating.

The camp, installed by the county with the assistance of Medford business men and the WPA, is being built in units as the need arises. If the housing shortage becomes acute the tract can be expanded to accommodate 1,000 trailers and tent houses, thereby relieving the crowded confusion which has occurred in many areas during construction of army cantonments and other defense projects.

Many Conveniences
Individual shower baths, a complete laundry room with washing machines and ironing boards and a hot water system with a 1,000-gallon hot water storage tank are among facilities completed during the past week. Thirty full clotheslines adjacent to the new laundry building gave evidence of the popularity of the new additions over the week end.

Many favorable comments are voiced by the inhabitants of the camp as to the quality and coldness of the Medford water which is piped direct to the camp from the main line a mile away. The camp is so arranged that water is available within a distance of 50 feet to every trailer and tent house. Streets have been constructed in front of each row of trailers so that ingress and egress to each trailer is available without disturbing neighbors.

Demand For Tents
There has been a surprising demand for tent houses and spaces. Many workers have purchased or brought their own tents and built their own platforms. Rentals are determined in accordance with what facilities the tents require. Spaces are also available for those who may wish to build other types of quarters. Individual electric services separately fused have been built for each tent and trailer.

A playground area for the children of the camp is the next project planned and if necessary a supervisor for the recreation area will be secured. Citizens of Medford and vicinity are invited to drive out and inspect the facilities of the camp.

SHERIFF BROWN WILL RUN AGAIN

Sheriff Syd I. Brown said today he would file within the next two days for renomination on the Democratic ticket in the May primary. He has served two terms and seeks a third one. There is no opposition in sight in his own party, nor the Republican wing.

Paul B. Rynning expects to file for county surveyor on the Republican ticket within the week. He has held the office for many years, also serving as county engineer which is an appointive office, named by the county court.

Benton A. Boyce, Rt. 1, Central Point, has filed for precinct committeeman on the Republican ticket from the Willow Spring precinct, and Marguerite Brown, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, has filed for Republican precinct committeewoman from the Union (Ruch) precinct.

Filings for the primary end Monday, March 30, at the close of the business day.

ALLEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Roland, Route 3, March 22, a boy, 7½ lbs., at Stanley nursing home.

Reds Say 12,000 Slaughtered; Both Sides Claim Heavy Blows Landed in Mediterranean Area

GIRL SECRETARY FINDS EASY COIN IN WAR FACTORY

\$39,356 In Salary, Bonuses Last Year Revealed Before House Committee.

Washington, March 23.—(P)—Miss Adelaide Bowman of Cleveland, acknowledged to the house naval committee today that she received \$39,356 in salary and bonuses during 1941 for her services as secretary to the president of Jack and Heintz, Inc., Bedford, O., manufacturers of airplane motor starters for the government.

Miss Bowman identified checks, which she had endorsed, showing she received \$18,295 from the company in the first 10 weeks of 1942, and told Edmund Toland, committee counsel, her actual salary was \$23,000 yearly.

Asked the nature of her work the witness replied:

"I just work."

"Did anyone else ever pay you \$39,000 a year?" asked Toland. "Did you ever get \$5,000 a year?"

"\$13,000 This Month
At this point Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) asked Miss Bowman about a record of a \$13,000 bonus this month.

She said she could not recall the details, but said she worked hard, "14 hours a day."

The \$13,000, she said, was deposited in her bank account, she paid income taxes on it, and never returned any of the money to officials of the company, which has been awarded \$58,000,000 in contracts, mostly for the army air corps.

"Did you do anything in March to justify a bonus of \$13,000?" asked Vinson.

"I guess I took some worries off Mr. Jack's mind," replied Miss Bowman.

"He's generous and is the most wonderful man in the world," she added.

"Well," Vinson said, "any man who will throw the government's money away like that ought to be defended."

MISS WATSON HIT BY ACCIDENT SHOT

Miss Beverly Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, Route 1, is confined in the Community hospital with a painful arm injury resulting from the accidental discharge of a .22 caliber target rifle, Friday.

The girl, believing the gun unloaded, was putting it away when the accident happened. The bullet pierced her right arm near the shoulder and broke the bone, her mother said today.

Miss Watson was home alone at the time and Hugh Powers, Mail Tribune carrier brought her to Medford.

She is resting comfortably and will return home within several days, according to her physician. Miss Watson is a junior at Central Point high school.

Round Up Italians In Weed Territory

Yreka, Calif., March 23.—(P)—Flying squadrons of FBI agents and local officers rounded up a score of Italian aliens and seized quantities of contraband in Weed today.

N. J. L. Pieper, special agent in charge of the FBI office in San Francisco directed the raids in an area which he said was suspected of being "a fascist hotbed."

War Bulletins

Chungking, China, March 23.—(P)—Heavy fighting has been raging on the Burma front along the Pyu river, 35 miles south of Toungoo, since last Friday when Chinese forces smashed a Japanese attack. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's military headquarters announced today.

On the Southeast Coast of England, March 23.—(AP)—RAF fighters roared swiftly out across the English channel toward occupied France today in a series of offensive patrols after sunshine dispelled fogs which had grounded the British for several days. German aircraft approached southeast England twice during the afternoon, but none was reported to have crossed the coast.

DWIGHT PHIPPS IS PROMOTED IN FOREST SERVICE

Dwight Phipps, district warden for the State Forestry Department in the southwest Oregon protective unit since 1927, will leave Tuesday for Salem where he will succeed J. C. Moran as assistant state forester in charge of protection. Moran is to become technical assistant in the northwest district.

Mr. Phipps will be succeeded here by Austin McReynolds, who has been assistant to Mr. Phipps for the past year. Before coming here Mr. McReynolds was assistant district warden in Curry county.

In announcing the promotions, State Forester N. S. Rogers cited Phipps' fine record and outstanding qualities as an organizer in fire control work. Mr. Phipps graduated from Medford high school, attended University of Oregon and has been in the forest service for 18 years.

Mrs. Phipps and their children, Philip, junior high school student, and Judith, aged 6, will accompany him to Salem. They have made their home at the patrol headquarters on the Midway road.

CRIPPS IN INDIA TO UNIFY FORCES AGAINST HITLER

New Delhi, India, March 23.—(P)—Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's emissary, arrived here by plane today to begin the formal task of pacifying India's politically disgruntled millions so a united fight may be made against the axis.

He was reported to be the bearer of a British government plan to raise India to dominion status after the war and grant her people considerable powers of self-government during the transitory stage.

"There is no time to lose and no time for long discussions," Sir Stafford told a press conference.

He said he intended to stay in the Indian capital only two weeks because there were many urgent and important matters to be cleaned up in England.

He added that he believed that in time, with energy and good will, the essentials of success could be achieved in solving the Indian problem.

Portland, March 23.—(AP)—The liberty freighter Robert G. Harper was launched at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation yards yesterday. It is named for a Maryland senator of the early 19th century.

VAST QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIEL FALL TO RUSSIANS

Wild Tangle of Planes, Submarines, Surface Craft Marks Spring Effort.

Moscow, March 23.—(P)—The slaughter of 12,000 German officers and soldiers on the Kalinin sector alone was reported today by the Russians as the war on the entire front rushed into a faster tempo and both the Russians and Germans sought advantage for crucial spring engagements.

A special Soviet announcement said the 12,000 Germans were killed between March 11 and 21 and detailed the capture or destruction of a vast quantity of planes, guns and other war material in the area northwest of Moscow.

Use U. S. Aircraft
The Russian army newspaper Red Star disclosed that United States-built aircraft fighter planes would be used in spring combats with the Germans. These planes have been assembled and tested at a training center and Red Star said a few days ago an air regiment arrived at the center to be equipped with the machines.

By the Associated Press
A tangled war of planes, submarines and surface craft on intersecting supply lines of the British, Germans and Italians marked springtime maneuvering for strategic positions in the Mediterranean basin.

Broadly this battle of sealanes complemented the battle of Russia, as well as Libya, for the possibility of a tangent stroke by the axis through southeastern Europe toward Caucasian oil has been evident with the arrival of spring.

The claims in the Mediterranean fighting today were: British—Two Italian submarines, two supply ships, six large schooners and a troop-laden motorship have been sunk by British submarines in shell and torpedo attacks, some of them within sight of watchers on the coasts of Italy and her Albanian puppet state.

Shore batteries on Albania's lower Adriatic coast engaged one of the British submarines while another was made the target of machine-gun fire from Salo Point, Calabria, in southern Italy, as it sought to pick up survivors. There was no mention of British losses, nor the period covered by the admiral's report.

Axis—Repeated hits were scored by Italian torpedo planes on transports and warships of a Malta-bound British convoy with the battle still going on in the Gulf of Sirte, southeast of Malta. The Rome high command said that Italian warships overtook the convoy there today, inflicting "further heavy damage." The Italians promised more details later.

The Berlin communiqué, indicating that German fliers also were engaged in that battle or had started one of their own, said bombers had sunk a 6,000-ton merchant ship out of a British convoy off North Africa and hit two other vessels.

In the Libyan land fighting, while major movements awaited the hotter but better weather just ahead, the British eighth army and allied forces have struck deep into the axis lines in a forceful reconnaissance by tanks, armored cars, infantry and artillery.

Portland, March 23.—(P)—The heaviest smelt run in many years drew thousands of amateur and commercial fishermen to the Sandy river yesterday.