

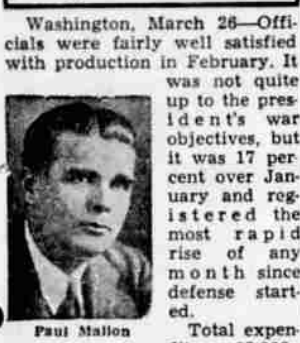
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BRITISH UNLEASH HEAVY AIR ATTACK

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Paul Mallon

Washington, March 26—Officials were fairly well satisfied with production in February. It was not quite up to the president's war objectives, but it was 17 per cent over January and registered the most rapid rise of any month since defense started.

Total expenditure: \$2,300,000,000. Lack of sufficient parts, scrap and some materials kept it from being more.

The first quarter will thus be thrown behind the president's goals, and added speed the next three quarters will be necessary.

SOME army and navy production officials (assistant secretaries Patterson, Bard, etc.) have met with Labor Secretary Perkins to try to start a statement of government labor policy. They are not getting far.

Miss Perkins thought about the only thing she could put in such a statement is that strikes last week involved only one percent of defense workers (something like 35 men). This is true but it so happens these men were making precision parts for bomb and gun sights.

One reason why labor discussion has reached such a high pitch at this time (aside from the few slowdowns and strikes) is because many large war and hour contracts are coming due.

IT is the custom of fulminators now to explode daily with fears about what axis propaganda is doing to us, but a swift analytical look at what is coming out of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo will show it is mostly rat cheese. Lift your nostrils to these following typical excerpts:

Nazis to North America: "The North American continent stands today under the menace of a cataclysm horrendous in its potentialities. The cataclysm is Jewish bolshevism-communism." (Same old stuff).

A character calling himself

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Kearny, N. J., March 26—(P)—The New Jersey mediation board announced late today that a proposed strike at the vast Western Electric Co. plant here had been cancelled as a result of certification of the dispute to the war labor board.

Radio Highlights

London, March 26—(P) King George VI will broadcast to the British empire at 9 p. m. (1 p. m., PWT) Saturday in connection with the national day of prayer to be observed Sunday.

(Pacific war time)

Tonight: BLU—8:30 Veterans of Foreign Wars annual "Hello America."

Friday: March—7:15 BLU MBS; 8 MBS; 8:15 MBS; 8:30 MBS; 9 CBS; 10 BLU; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12:15 p. m. CBS; 12:30 BLU; 1:45 CBS MBS; 1:55 BLU; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS BLU.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Harlow Carpenter and Danny Walland calling on valley friends via horse and buggy and having to borrow string to hold the harness together.

Edith Nichols of the city sup's office saying she'd lost her speed since her high school days on the cinder path.

Royal Clare attending the water meter hearing "just to listen to both sides of the question."

Joe Earley being a little embarrassed upon having to call a garbage man to stop a horn on an auto which he accidentally honked and couldn't get stopped.

RUHR RECEIVES WORST POUNDING AS SKIES CLEAR

Eleven RAF Bombers Fail to Return—Italy Also Given Taste of High Explosives.

By the Associated Press
London, March 26—Hundreds of British bombers pounded at German war industries in the Ruhr valley last night in one of the heaviest attacks yet unleashed by the RAF against Germany while other planes, on reconnaissance, reached into northern Italy.

Many of the bombers were flown by Canadian airmen.

The air ministry said that the Ruhr industrial area was "again very heavily bombed" and—indicating the weight of the assault—admitted that 11 bombers failed to return from this raid and others overnight.

The British had not yet reported on the foray over Italy, leaving it to the Italian high command to classify the action only as reconnaissance.

The overnight operations fitted into a let-up in bad weather which had kept RAF bombers grounded in the southeast since the middle of March.

A large number of RAF fighters flew over London this afternoon, in formations of 12 each, headed toward the south coast.

By the Associated Press
On the Russian front, Soviet dispatches told a story today of mounting German slaughter along the vast battle line, while a bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged a fresh wave of Red army assaults.

The Nazi high command said German night raiders attacked Dover on the southeast English coast, inflicting "great damage" to military installations.

Murmansk Bombed
Soviet dispatches reported that 66 German planes raided the Arctic circle port of Murmansk, key Soviet base for the arrival of United States war supplies, and that more than 100 planes, raiders and defenders, battled over the city at one time. Eleven German planes were reported shot down.

On the Soviet front, Hitler's headquarters reported that the long Russian winter was breaking and a "continuing thaw" and declared that tank-led Red army attacks in the Donets River basin "collapsed in bitter hand-to-hand fighting" with German-Rumanian troops.

Elsewhere on the front, the high command said "enemy attacks were repelled partly in hard fighting."

Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported heavy fighting on the Kalinin front, between Leningrad and Smolensk, where the Russians have been slowly closing a death trap around the 16th German army in the Staraya Russa sector.

Tass said Red army troops beat off three Nazi counterattacks in a day and annihilated more than 1,500 men.

No Auto Tax Stamp, No Ration, Maybe
Tacoma, March 26—(P)—Motorists who haven't yet purchased their government motor vehicle stamp may be barred from obtaining gasoline when rationing cards are issued, Clark Squire, collector of internal revenue, said today.

"This method of making delinquents buy the federal auto use stamp is under serious consideration in the national capital," said Squire.

LIPPETT TRIAL JURY CALLED FOR MONDAY
The circuit court jury has been directed to report next Monday morning for duty in the trial of Roy Lippett, Pinehurst district, charged with rape. The case has been pending for several months, and is one of the few criminal cases slated for the present term of court. The girl in the case is 16 years old.

Hero Greeted "Down Under"



General Douglas MacArthur (left), was greeted by an Australian military leader upon his arrival in Melbourne to take up his duties as supreme commander of the allied forces in the southwest Pacific. Picture radioed from Melbourne to London and cabled from London to New York.

MacArthur Pledges Victory Or Death--No Compromise

Canberra, March 26—(P)—General Douglas MacArthur pledged tonight that "there can be no compromise; we shall win or we shall die, and to this end I pledge you the full resources of all the mighty power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen."

At the height of a historic dinner in Parliament House, the first American commander ever to lead united forces of United States and Australian troops declared his confidence—the "unbreakable faith of a free man"—in ultimate victory.

"There is a link that binds our countries together," he declared. "I have come as a soldier in a great crusade of personal liberty as opposed to perpetual slavery. My faith in our ultimate victory is invincible."

"I bring you tonight the unbreakable faith of a free man."

Prime Minister John Curtin, who pored over battle plans with MacArthur before the dinner, declared that under the American general's leadership "the war can be fought with dynamic energy and inflexible purpose."

Curtin declared that MacArthur had the fullest confidence of Australia's war council.

Curtin said MacArthur "gave us inspiration for the struggle and his direct and clear thinking in all that is involved have impressed us deeply."

Like to Entertain Some Soldier Boys? 'Phone Mrs. Sanders

Local residents who wish to open their homes for entertainment of young men in the armed forces who are stationed at Medford are asked to telephone Mrs. L. L. Sanders, 3189, chairman of the home hospitality committee of the Jackson county defense recreational committee.

Mrs. Sanders said an effort is being made to secure lists of homes where young military men will be entertained for luncheon, dinner or other informal home entertainment such as cards, in order that this information may be available at the armory. Those who are willing to participate in this phase of military entertainment are asked to contact Mrs. Sanders.

FORTS AT MANILA BLASTED BY JAPS

Washington, March 26—(P)—The war department reported today that 54 heavy Japanese bombers participated in a six-hour attack on the island forts at the entrance of Manila bay concentrating on Corregidor and that defending anti-aircraft batteries shot down four of the planes.

The defending troops suffered only a few casualties, the department said in a communique, and damage to the fortifications was slight. Along the entire front in Bataan, the department added.

FLYING FORTRESS FALLS ON RANCH NEAR PENDLETON

All Seven of Crew Parachute To Safety; Motor Trouble Appears After Takeoff.

Pendleton, Ore., March 27—(P)—A four-engine B-17 Boeing flying fortress bomber crashed near here today but all seven members of its crew parachuted to safety.

Col. Frank W. Wright, commanding the Pendleton army air base, said the plane developed engine trouble shortly after the take-off from the field here about 9 a. m. today.

The plane crashed on the Jack Shafer ranch about six miles northwest of Pendleton.

Shafer said he saw the plane flying at about 5,000 feet altitude. Suddenly, he said, smoke started pouring from the engines.

All Landing Safely
A few minutes later the members of the crew started to bail out. All landed safely in the neighborhood of the Shafer ranch.

The plane went into a spiral to the left and crashed about one-half mile from the Shafer ranchhouse. It exploded and burned. Wreckage was strewn over a half-mile radius.

Col. Wright said the bomber was on a routine training flight at the time of the crash. He ordered a board of inquiry immediately to study the cause of the mishap.

The plane was piloted by Lt. W. L. Johnson, Tadd, Ill., who was the last man to jump.

Others of the crew were: 2nd Lt. O. A. Buddenbaum, Gieger Field, Atwater, Calif.; pilot; 2nd Lt. J. R. Boyd, Pomona, Calif.; navigator; Sgt. H. W. Johnson, Boston, Mass., engineer; Pvt. G. W. Brooks, Greenville, N. C., radio operator; Corp. J. F. Tatro, New London, Conn., and Pvt. T. Viers, whose home town in Virginia was not given.

Allies Cannot Lose Except by Own Acts Churchill Assures

London March 26—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the allies "cannot lose this war except through our own fault or our own failure to use our combined, overwhelming strength and to use our multiplying opportunities that will present themselves to us."

Addressing the annual meeting of the Central council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, his political party, the prime minister said:

"I cannot allow propaganda to disturb the army or weaken the confidence of the country and the armed forces in the qualities and character of our devoted corps of officers," he said.

"It would be foolish for us not to be prepared for further heavy blows, but just as last year I warned you that we could not have successes unchecked by reverses, so now in 1942 we need not expect to have reverses unrelied by successes."

The premier declared that Britain had preserved free speech, but added "there is a limit which I must have respected."

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War Ration Registry May 4-7 in Oregon Officials Announce

Portland, March 26—(P)—War ration registration will be held May 4-7 in Oregon despite the fact that about 30 percent of the state's rural schools will be closed by that time, rationing officials said today.

Original plans had called for teachers to be in charge of registration which in many cases was to take place at school buildings.

If schools are closed and teachers away there is nothing to prevent county school superintendents from deputizing other responsible persons in each community to make the registration, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said today after a conference with O. L. Price, state rationing administrator.

ALL ABLE-BODIED YOUNG WILL GET SERVICE CALL

Baltimore, March 26—(P)—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, said today every able-bodied young man "eventually will enter the war."

He told a luncheon meeting of the Federal Business association that because of limited manpower, war industries will eventually have to get along without men ideally fitted for armed service, adding that the U. S. "never permitted depending as a reason for not having enough men in the armed forces."

Control Law Might Stir Internecine Fuss Labor Czars Warn

Washington, March 26—(P)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, CIO chief, jointly advised congress today against passing labor legislation which might start an "undeclared war among ourselves" and divide the nation into groups fighting each other.

In statements prepared for presentation before the house naval committee, they assailed a bill to suspend the closed shop and extra pay for overtime in war plants and said it was dictated by labor's enemies.

F. R. Labor Target
"I charge that the sponsors and supporters of this bill are now waging an undeclared war against President Roosevelt and against the workers of America who believe in the policies of his administration," said Green in his statement.

Murray declared the naval committee had the responsibility of "correcting misinformation that has been sponsored and fostered by anti-labor groups . . . and of rebuking once and for all those in public life and in private life who are attempting to disrupt and divide our nation into groups."

The American Federation of Labor head told the committee that "we cannot afford to fight the crisis to take time out to nation's another and unclear war among ourselves here in America."

Said Murray: "This is not the time for any patriotic American citizen to malign or spread misinformation about labor or to divide this nation into groups fighting each other instead of our common axis enemies."

TERRIFIC BLAST KILLS AT LEAST 31 AT LIME PIT

Easton, Pa., March 26—(P)—Hundreds of pounds of dynamite exploded prematurely at a limestone quarry of the Lehigh Portland Cement company four miles north of Easton today, killing at least 31 men.

The explosive was stacked on trucks and on the ground around the rim of the pit. Most of those killed were eating a mid-morning lunch nearby when the blast let go with devastating force.

Sixteen other men were at work in the bottom of the pit and escaped injury.

The blast was felt as far away as 50 miles. Windows were shattered in homes and buildings in an 18-mile area.

Company officials discounted the possibility of sabotage.

Fourteen children in grade school half a mile from the scene were injured slightly by flying glass from broken windows. Together with 56 classmates the children marched calmly from the building under the supervision of two teachers, who gave first aid to the injured in the school yard.

Leonard Sabatino, owner of a coal company just across a highway from the cement plant, said "bodies" were strewn all over the place. It was terrible sight."

ANDAMANS LOSS SPURS EFFORTS TO LURE INDIA

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Japan's capture of the strategic Andaman islands, sending a tongue of flame leaping toward India, spurred negotiations for the mobilization of India's 390,000,000 on the side of the allies today as the situation in the battle of Burma grew ever more critical.

Burma is the eastern gateway to India.

A Tokyo broadcast emphasized the importance of the Andaman group as a naval and air base for attacks on the sea lanes linking India with Britain, and declared the seizure put Japan "within dangerous striking distance of vital British military bases at Calcutta, Madras and Ceylon."

The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, are 650 miles from Calcutta, 850 from Madras and 800 from Ceylon.

While Japan thus aimed a direct threat at India, Sir Stafford Cripps, special British envoy, sped a series of conferences with Indian leaders in an attempt to iron out India's long smoldering internal friction and weld the dominion's vast manpower into a united fighting force for the allies.

WALTER LOOKER SENATE ASPIRANT

Petitions for the nomination of Walter J. Looker of this city as a Republican candidate for state senator at the May primary were in circulation today.

Earl T. Newberry of Talent, former representative, previously filed on the Republican ticket for the state, held for many years by Post Senator George W. Dunn of Ashland. Looker is an attorney and active in American Legion and orchard affairs.

Albert Heckard, of Jacksonville, yesterday filed for constable in the Jacksonville justice of the peace district. Ray Wilson of Jacksonville, filed for committeeman from the south Jacksonville precinct, on the Republican ticket. George Hanlin filed for committeewoman from the Queen Ann district. and Joseph R. Marshall from Medford South precinct. Both are Democrats.

Standard Oil Blamed for Present Rubber Shortage

Washington, March 26—(P)—Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, testified today that the Standard Oil company of New Jersey had developed a synthetic rubber that was cheaper, better and more plentiful than any the Nazis had and had turned it over to German interests before the United States entered the war.

Arnold told the senate defense investigating committee that until a consent decree entered into yesterday, Standard had "held back even in this rubber shortage" in making the patents on the synthetic product available to American rubber companies.

When Arnold read documents he said showed Standard had "stifled" the production of synthetic rubber in this country. Hugh Fulton, committee counsel, asked:

"Then Standard developed synthetic rubber in this country that was cheaper and more plentiful than Germany had?"

"That's right," Arnold replied.

"And turned it over to Germany?" Fulton inquired.

"That's right," was the reply.

"And not to our own rubber companies?" Fulton asked.

"That's right," Arnold said.

The assistant attorney general, who is chief of the justice department's anti-trust division, previously had testified that cartel arrangements between Standard and the I. G. Farben-Industrie of Germany "are the principal cause of our present shortage of synthetic rubber."

METER QUESTION GIVEN AIRING AT PUBLIC MEETING

Water Commission Cites Lack Of Material As Answer To Alternatives.

A public hearing last night before the Medford board of water commissioners on the question of installing water meters brought forth several suggestions from citizens for alternative solutions in the problem of supplying the army cantonment with a maximum of 5,000,000 gallons of water a day along with providing a sufficient supply for the city.

The courthouse auditorium was packed almost to capacity with citizens both in favor of and opposed to the meters, and scores of questions were fired at Paul B. Rynning, chairman of the water board, and other commissioners.

Board Has Power
Rynning, in explaining that the object of the hearing was to obtain from the public suggestions for alternative solutions, said at the close of the meeting the water board would take no action until the matter had been gone into thoroughly. The board, it was brought out at the hearing, has full authority to act.

Most frequently discussed query was why a second pipeline couldn't be constructed, thus eliminating the claimed need for the meters, but Rynning stated "I don't think there is a possibility of getting another pipeline because the water board has been informed that the war production board won't release the necessary materials except as a last resort."

Durno Offers Plan
The alternative plan of Dr. Edwin R. Durno, outlined in a prepared statement read by Kenneth G. Denman, local attorney, involved building of a second pipeline by the city, with the revenue obtained from the sale of the water to the cantonment to apply on the cost of the pipeline. Dr. Durno, in his statement, said he was opposed to the meters as a private citizen. Denman, a member of the committee of citizens who petitioned for the public hearing, supplemented Dr. Durno's statement by saying, "It is my firm belief that even with the meters a second pipeline will have to be installed in the future."

Denman also said it was his understanding the cantonment at Corvallis would obtain its water from the Willamette river. Many local citizens have wondered why the Medford camp couldn't do the same from Rogue River, a question Rynning answered today by saying it was the water board's understanding the necessary materials to construct a pumping and chlorination plant couldn't be obtained because of priorities, and that "the army doesn't want to use Rogue River water."

Japs Change Picture
Rynning explained that Pearl Harbor changed all previous plans; that before the Jap attack the army had planned to construct another pipeline, but that after the emergency priorities were placed on materials to practically eliminate any chance of a new pipeline.

Another concrete proposal was by Morris B. Leonard, that of building a second reservoir and filling both of them during the slack period at night, portioning the water by zones in the city and appealing to the patriotism of the citizens to refrain from wasting the water. "With two reservoirs," he said, "I believe we would have enough water to take care of the cantonment and Medford."

Gus Newbury, local attorney, told the board that in his opinion it had no other alternative except to abide by its commitments to the army to serve the camp with water, and that this could be accomplished in only two ways, by meters or by restricting the city into zones for the use of water at different times.

Attorney Charles W. Reames charged that "this is only a

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