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NAZIS SURPRISED ON ARCTIC FRONT

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 27.—The precise nature of this coming 45 to 64 draft registration of manpower for civil duties outside the army will probably remain unexplained until after it is concluded.



But he always speaks off his cuff, never from a prepared manuscript and no stenographic notes are kept, at least not at his headquarters.

There the piecemeal news accounts are pasted in a scrap book as a record. All these clippings show is that General Hershey expects a full mobilization of manpower (quantity and quality unspecified) for all kinds of industrial jobs (likewise unspecified). Industry, reading these accounts in the papers, has become somewhat apprehensive lest the government turn itself into a gigantic transfer agency to shift most people from the work they are doing into something else with all the implications of socializing, salary-changing, business destroying (in some lines), business building (in some lines) that might be conjured from such an apprehension. I do not believe this is justified.

What the officials behind the draft seem to have in mind is based on need for the long range future. They cannot say what they will do until the returns show them what they can do. At present there is no need for this type of draft.

But about 9 months from now they foresee the possibility that there will be a shortage of soldiers of production, mainly mechanics, electricians, draftsmen, machine operators of various types. They want to find out now what they have available to meet such a need when it arises.

A FAIR idea of the needs they expect is furnished by the questionnaire to be distributed to the current batch of draft registrants (36 to 44 and 20-21).

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PEAR SHIPMENTS 2,387 FOR YEAR

Pear shipments out of the valley from the beginning of the season to March 21, totaled 2,387 cars, and one car of apples, according to figures of Walter J. Looker, secretary of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association.

The shipments by varieties were:

Cannery Bartlett's, 385 cars; packed Bartlett's, 510,668 boxes, or 709 cars; Howells, 13,878 boxes or 19 cars; Comice, 107,056 boxes or 149 cars; Bosc, 379,672 boxes or 527 cars; D'Anjou, 419,170 boxes or 582 cars; Seckels, 15,893 boxes or 22 cars; Winter Nelis, 2877 boxes or four cars.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

All networks are to carry the address of King George to the people of the British empire starting at 1 p. m. Saturday. The king's talk is in connection with the empire's day of prayer observed the next day, Palm Sunday.

Tonight: The War—3 MBS; 5:55 CBS; 6:55 BLU; 7:30 BLU; 8:30 CBS; 9:30 NBC BLU; 9:30 MBS; 9:55 CBS BLU.

Saturday: The War—8 CBS; 10:45 NBC BLU; 11 CBS; 1:30 p. m. CBS; 2:45 NBC; 3 CBS; 3:25 NBC BLU; 3:30 MBS; 3:45 CBS BLU.

SOVIET WARSHIPS LAND SOLDIERS IN HITLERITES' REAR

Spectacular Coup Causes Great Confusion—Air Force Aids In Action.

By the Associated Press
Russian warships were reported today to have landed Soviet troops behind the German lines in a big surprise movement on the Arctic Murmansk front, creating "great confusion" among the Nazis.

Murmansk is a strategic Russian base for the arrival of United States war supplies and has been the target of increasingly heavy German aerial attacks recently.

Air Force Aids
The Moscow radio said Russian sea and air forces were co-operating with the land troops in the spectacular coup.

Other developments:
Giant four-engine British bombers, perhaps 250 strong and carrying two-ton explosives smashed at Germany's great Krupp munitions works and the Ruhr last night, pressing the spring aerial offensive in one of the heaviest assaults of the war.

By daylight, RAF fighter planes beat off a retaliatory German thrust, turning the raiders back after a brief fight high over the English southeast coast.

Essen Hard Hit
The air ministry said today the huge bomber force concentrated on Essen, home of the Krupp works, striking in squadron after squadron, and also pounded enemy airdromes in German-occupied Holland, an oil refinery near Ghent and the docks at Le Havre, France.

The air ministry acknowledged the loss of 13 bombers; the German high command said Nazi anti-aircraft gunners and night fighters shot down 16 in raids over western Germany.

It was the second successive night of heavy RAF assaults on the Ruhr industrial valley, and British quarters pointed out that the RAF's attempts to "flatten" the Krupp works came just when the production of tanks and munitions are vitally needed for Adolf Hitler's spring offensive.

Europe stirred uneasily in anticipation of Hitler's next move. A London Daily Mail dispatch quoting reports from Berlin said King Boris of Bulgaria had agreed to break off relations with Russia, under German pressure, and to supply Hitler with 200,000 troops.

"Bulgarian divisions are moving toward the southern frontier, particularly toward the lower Maritza valley," the dispatch said—indicating a threat to British-allied but still neutral Turkey.

Informed Balkan sources reported that all available German troops in southeast Europe were massing in Bulgaria and Greece, including three divisions shifted from Yugoslavia to the Turkish frontier.

On the north African front, a full force of British desert patrols advanced 40 miles to inflict casualties on axis troops at Haleb El Elebra, 20 miles northeast of El Mechili.

POWER RATES SLICED
Salem, March 27.—(AP)—Oregon Electric Utilities reduced power rates during the three years ended January 1 by \$3,595,929. Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said today.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Paul Hanlin and Vic Teng, waid doing a little was experting and arriving at the conclusion that America has a job on her hands.

C. E. (Pop) Gates searching for esteemed grandparents for Chinese children.

Jap Visitor Stopped



Roy Mikida, Japanese, who sought to visit friends on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, Wash., where evacuation had been ordered, was halted by army sentries at a dock.

Curfew Starts Tonight On Enemy Aliens, Japs

Portland, March 27.—(AP)—Oregon's enemy aliens and American-born Japanese must be in their homes at 8 o'clock tonight and remain there until 6 a. m., U. S. Attorney General Carl Donagh warned today.

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt's curfew order goes into effect tonight and must be obeyed, Donagh said.

Some exceptions may be made later, he said, but for the present all must obey the edict. The order also required surrender of contraband articles by American-born Japanese, including firearms, explosives, cameras and shortwave radios.

Medford police headquarters said today no instructions have been received regarding enforcement of the curfew for enemy aliens and American-born Japanese.

State police headquarters also lacked official instructions but said those effected by the regulation should govern themselves accordingly, in view of previous publication of the order.

A bond cleanup campaign on defense bond and stamp pledges in Jackson county opens Monday and closes the following Monday according to an announcement made by W. A. Gates, chairman of the defense bond and stamp sale committee in the county. Purpose of the cleanup campaign is to contact all residents in the county who were not given an opportunity to pledge themselves to buy bonds and stamps on a systematic basis in the first drive.

Army day has been set as the closing day of the campaign. The drive also will be in tribute to General Douglas MacArthur. Mr. Gates said, in order that the people of Jackson county can show their faith in him and desire to help him. Stations are being established in each community where those who were missed may sign pledge cards and will be given a sticker indicating their pledge. Stickers also will be given those who previously signed their pledge.

Mr. Gates said, "It is up to every one of us to pledge our support to General MacArthur by signing a pledge to buy bonds or stamps if we have not already done so."

Nearly half of the automobiles in the United States are five or more years old.

Langer Voted Right To Seat in Senate

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The senate voted today to seat William Langer, a Republican, as senator from North Dakota, a post to which he was elected in November, 1940.

By a vote of 52 to 30, the chamber rejected a resolution to deny Langer membership on the grounds that he had been guilty of moral turpitude during a long and stormy political career in his home state.

Jap Fleet in Indian Ocean Hints New Operations Phase

LABOR, INDUSTRY NOT SACRIFICING MOTT DECLARES

Manufacturer's Admission Of Own Salary Boost Draws Solon's Assertion.

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee, and Rep. Mott of Oregon, a high ranking Republican member, both maintained today that neither labor nor management was "making any sacrifice" as a result of the war.

Their observation came after Mott questioned William P. Withrow, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and learned that Withrow, as president of the Pittsburgh plant handling millions of dollars in war contracts, would receive a salary boost of \$8,333 this year.

Mott developed that the Blaw Knox company, which Withrow heads, had reported that the president's salary in 1934 was \$33,500 and had reached \$41,667 in 1941.

In response to a question, Withrow then said that he would receive a salary of \$50,000 this year.

Working Hard
"You haven't made any particular sacrifice, then," commented Mott.

Withrow replied that he thought he was a better judge than others, and declared that he was working "day and night"—eighteen hours a day, and that "the work I am now doing is way out of proportion to the salary increase."

"It is my opinion," declared Mott, "that neither labor nor management is making any sacrifice."

"Nor the public either," chimed in Vinson.

But both amended their statements to include small business, particularly the automobile dealers, as among those who have made sacrifices as a result of the war.

**Army, Navy Unify War
On Axis Submarines**
Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Unification of army and navy anti-submarine warfare on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts under naval sea frontier commanders was announced today.

The step was ordered March 25 by the army and navy high commands "with a view to increasing the effectiveness of anti-submarine warfare along our coasts," a naval communiqué said.

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Nation's Tea Consumption Halved To Conserve Dwindling Supplies

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The war production board today ordered the nation's tea consumption cut in half to conserve dwindling tea supplies.

The order was intended, the board said, to stretch the stocks of tea on hand in this country on January 1—which it was said would have lasted six months unless restricted—to a full year's supply.

The order does not take into account tea received at a normal rate from the far east during January and February, and WPB said there was "reason to believe" that tea would continue to enter this country in ships returning from voyages taking military supplies to the western Pacific.

PRICE INCREASE ON WOOLEN GOODS GRANTED BY O.P.A.

Everything From Raw Product To Worsteds Yarns Included In General Rise.

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The office of price administration today granted a general price increase on all woolen products ranging from wool pulled from the sheepskin to worsteds yarns, in one of the most comprehensive price orders yet issued.

The price ceiling was rushed to completion to permit manufacturers of woolen goods to prepare their bids on army purchases of 75,000,000 yards of woolen goods, for which bids are to be opened April 2.

The old ceiling was of the "freeze" type forbidding any prices higher than the level prevailing between October 1 and December 15, 1941. Prices of wool wastes and other wools not specifically named in the order are still frozen.

An example of the new levels was the price of \$1.60 a pound, compared with \$1.44 under the old ceiling, on "average domestic wool tops, 64's and finer."

WPB 'DEFROSTS' REFRIGERATORS

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The war production board today "unfroze" stocks of domestic refrigerators held by dealers and permitted their unrestricted retail sale.

The action will permit dealers to dispose of the entire stock they had on hand as of February 14, when the government froze all such inventories.

Under the original WPB order, a dealer was allowed to sell up to 100 new refrigerators or 1/12 of the number he sold in 1941, with sales dating from the freezing order.

Restrictions still apply to gas and kerosene refrigerators because of shortages of such equipment, WPB said, but dealers will be permitted to sell them back to distributors or manufacturers.

Plenty of Rubber Dealer Declares

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Elliott E. Simpson, New York independent rubber dealer, told the house interstate commerce committee today that there was no rubber shortage, estimating scrap supplies were ample to meet every military and civilian need.

War Bulletins

Chungking, China, March 27.—(AP)—Chinese reinforcements have reached Tounghoo in Burma and fighting now is in progress in the city's western, southern and northern outskirts, a Chinese communiqué said tonight. It was at Tounghoo that the Japanese invaders of Burma outflanked Chinese positions several days ago.

London, March 27.—(AP)—RAF bombers with a strong fighter escort attacked Ostend, Belgium, this afternoon, the air ministry announced.

ASHURST SEEKS BRAND'S SEAT ON SUPREME COURT

Salem, March 27.—(AP)—Former Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst of Klamath Falls filed a declaration of candidacy for state supreme court justice, seeking the seat now held by Justice James T. Brand.

Brand, newest member of the court who was appointed to his seat last year, also has filed.

Ashurst, one of Oregon's most colorful figures, was defeated two years ago when he ran for reelection as circuit judge for Klamath county, David R. Vandenberg, Klamath Falls attorney, beating him in the November, 1940 general election. Ashurst's brother, former U. S. Senator Henry F. Ashurst of Arizona, was defeated at the same time when he sought return to the senate.

Ashurst was the center of Klamath county's many gambling investigations.

The other two supreme court justices whose terms are about to expire, Chief Justice Percy J. Kelly and Justice Harry H. Belt, so far have no opposition. The deadline for filing of candidates for the May 15 primary election is 5 p. m. Monday.

W. E. Kinsey, Portland Republican and deputy state labor commissioner, filed for labor commissioner, becoming the first candidate in either party. He seeks to succeed Charles H. Gram, who is retiring.

Subpoena Witness in Lippert Case

A subpoena was issued yesterday for the appearance of Mrs. Myrtle Lippert, Chico, Calif., as a witness in the trial Monday in circuit court of Roy Lippert, charged with a statutory offense involving a 16-year-old girl. An affidavit by defense attorney, F. C. Driscoll of Klamath Falls, sets forth she is a vital witness.

The case against Lippert has been pending for several months. He resides in the Pinehurst district.

Jap Ships Sighted
British headquarters in India said a Japanese cruiser and several destroyers had been sighted in the waters around the enemy-captured Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, within striking distance of Calcutta and other Indian bases.

Simultaneously, a Tokyo radio announced the arrival of Japanese fleet units at Rangoon, Burma.

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In the battle of Burma, the critical struggle for the eastern gateway to India, British headquarters reported that severe Japanese pressure was falling upon Chinese forces cut off from the north at Tounghoo, on the Rangoon-Mandalay road. Japanese troops were said to have blocked the Chinese route of withdrawal eight to 12 miles north of Tounghoo.

SWITCH EFFORT TO BURMA FROM AUSTRALIA AREA

Fierce Pressure Against Gateway To India, China—Manila Forts Pounded.

By Roger D. Greene

(Associated Press War Editor)
Japanese fleet movements in the Indian ocean suggested today that a new storm may be brewing far north of the Australian war theater as Japan's invasion armies exerted fierce pressure to knock out Chinese defenders of Burma.

Burma is the gateway to both India and China.

Manila Bay Pounded
In the Philippines, a war department bulletin reported that Gen. Yamashita's invasion forces were pounding American-defended forts in Manila bay with increasing violence.

The communiqué said the enemy made seven successive aerial attacks on Corregidor Island fortress in 24 hours, with the island under bombardment almost continuously from early morning until midnight Thursday.

The aerial assaults were resumed early today. So far, little damage was reported.

On Bataan peninsula, clashes between patrols, as well as troop and truck movements behind the enemy lines, indicated the invaders were preparing an all-out offensive.

Quezon In Australia

Meanwhile, President Manuel Quezon and his Philippine war cabinet rejoined Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Australia—less than a week after the Tokyo radio broadcast reports that Quezon was dead.

U. S. army headquarters said Quezon had left the Philippines "with the approval of both the American and Australian governments."

Indications that Japan may temporarily have switched her greatest pressure from the Australian to the Burma-India theater, particularly since the arrival of Gen. MacArthur and United States reinforcements, were seen in a marked decrease of Japanese aerial thrusts against the "down under" commonwealth and in the reported presence of Japanese warships in the Indian ocean.

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GEORGE GAKWOOD, 72 PASSES IN HOSPITAL

George Garwood, 72, of Route 4 box 378, died in a local hospital this afternoon of natural causes. A complete obituary will be published Sunday. The Perli funeral home is in charge of final rites.