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ALLIED POWER IN PACIFIC MOUNTS

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Income Tax Makes People Watchful

Fuel Shortage Is Seen Next Winter

Rubber Allowed For Baseballs

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Having paid an income tax (many for the first time) the people will now give close attention to the hearings on the new tax bill by the ways and means committee. It will probably be June or July before the new tax bill has been written and approved and the people are up against. Tentatively, however, the treasury is urging that the rate which the people have just paid be doubled on the 1942 income.

The National Manufacturers association, which detests taxes in any form in peace time, has petitioned the ways and means committee to tax everyone to a point above the bare cost of living. The association is afraid of inflation unless the people are deprived of every conceivable point in what is "the bare cost of living." With some people it may be \$5000 a year and by one third of the people, it is established by government, it is \$750 per family. There is less and less sympathy for the suggestion that 10 percent be deducted from a worker's pay in compulsory savings.

THAT part of the public which uses coal for fuel (general in Washington and Idaho but only partly so in Oregon) is being urged by the government to buy and stockpile all the fuel required for next winter. This is not called hoarding but only long distance planning, and back of the appeal to load up with fuel is a desire to have the railroads handle the hard fuel now before transportation lines become congested, as they are expected to be next fall.

Other species of fuel (oil, gas, sawdust, briquets, cordwood) are expected to be short for other reasons. The curtailment of fuel oil in Oregon and Washington will affect those with oil burners. Sawdust will be available while sawmills operate and there are trucks to deliver, but the cordwood requires wood choppers, and better wages are open in war industries than in bucking logs.

DURING a blackout in the national capital a congressman, to kill time, inspected the department of agriculture bill for 1943. He discovered that the department was asking for \$16,000,000 for travel; soil conservation alone requested \$1,003,000. Next morning he prepared 30 amendments to the bill, each one reducing the mileage for each of the various agencies.

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MYRNA LOY WILL ASK FOR DIVORCE

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 28.—(P)—The Myrna Loy-Arthur Hornblow, Jr., marriage hit the rocks again today, and freckle-faced (off screen) Myrna said it would stay there this time.

Good looking Miss Loy insisted the parting with her producer-husband was a friendly one, but announced she would start divorce proceedings soon.

"Arthur and I are still the best of friends," she declared, "but after talking it over we both decided to continue our respective careers apart."

The two separated in November, 1940, and their troubles headed for the divorce courts, but they patched up differences which apparently held firm until this decision.

COACH RESIGNS

Forest Grove, March 28.—(P)—Al Lemcke, coach at Forest Grove high school, has resigned to enter the navy as a physical instructor.

NEW TROOPS POUR INTO AUSTRALIA, ALL REPORTS SAY

British Fleet Near India—Chinese Win In Burma—Tokyo Invasion Hint.

By the Associated Press

A rising tide of reinforcements flowing to the United Nations in the Australian-Asiatic war theaters gave fresh hope last (Sat.) night that, if the allied forces are not yet sufficiently strong to undertake the long, hard drive that leads at last to Tokyo, still for the present they may be able to pen the Japanese within the bounds of their current conquests.

Newly of those reinforcements came from virtually every corner. In Australia seasoned, strapping New Zealanders joined the growing armies under the banner of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and according to one report a full Dutch East Indies division was landed in Brisbane to join the fight. From Burma came word that new divisions had bolstered the Chinese portion of the allied line and had helped win back a vital air field north of Toungoo.

Even the axis had what for it must have been a disquieting report—that Britain was dispatching a powerful naval task force into the Indian Ocean, where Japanese fleet units were observed earlier this week off the newly-seized Andaman islands in the Bay of Bengal.

Only in the holdout Philippines did the gallant American and Filipino troops carry on the fight alone. But even without outside aid Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright's men were carving out glittering new passages to be incorporated into the annals of their brilliant stand.

Corregidor Victory Not content to wage a purely defensive fight, Wainwright's troops on Bataan and on the island of Mindanao 600 miles to the south jabbed at Japanese outposts in daring raids. The sharpshooters of Corregidor and the other Manila bay forts, meanwhile, raised such a destructive hail of anti-aircraft fire that enemy bombers were forced to a height from which their aim could be no better than "very inaccurate."

The enemy still hesitated in his frontal assault on Australia, and even the air attacks that are the inevitable prelude to invasion lacked authority.

Port Moresby and Darwin, twin keys to successful defense of the continent, had their 21st and seventh air raids, respectively. But neither was effective, and Port Moresby's garrison—now likened to the men who held Tobruk—boasted that some 190 enemy planes which have dropped nearly 2,000 bombs have caused only negligible damage.

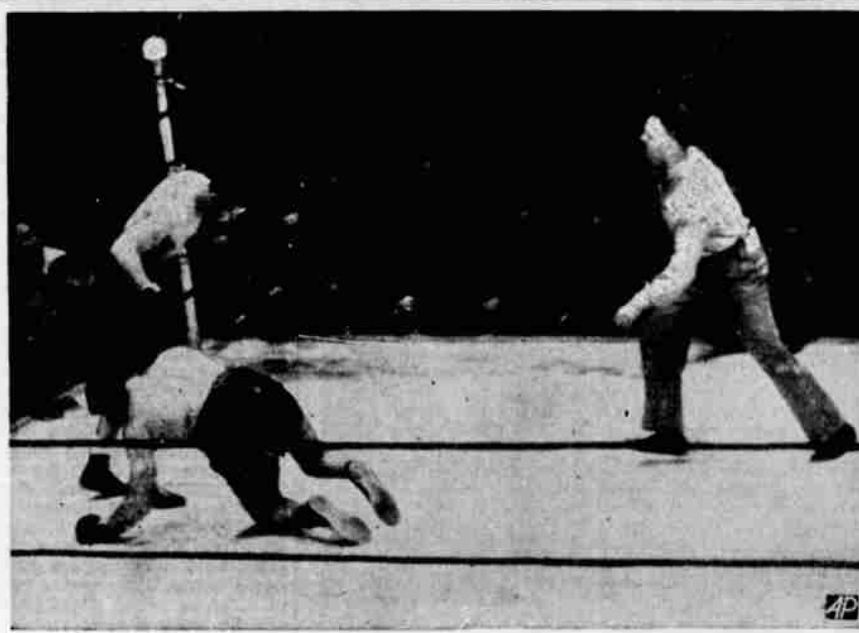
While allied bombing planes roared out in a fresh assault upon the enemy base on the island of Timor, there was one unconfirmed report that United States submarines had played a vital role in upsetting Tokyo's timetable of attack.

The navy department in Washington said it could not confirm the story.

But the Australian correspondent for a London paper declared that within the past three weeks our undersea raiders have sunk 36 enemy ships—five destroyers, an airplane carrier and 30 transports—and damaged 36 more—five cruisers, another carrier and 30 transports—and damaged 36 more—five cruisers, another carrier, and 30 more transports and supply ships in waters "around Australia."

On the Burma land front there appeared to be some slight improvement in the allied situation. While the British Imperial standing before Prome had to straighten their lines slightly to guard against a possible enemy flanking thrust, the reinforced Chinese wiped out an enemy force which had seized an airport north of Toungoo and were said to be more than holding their own in fierce hand-to-hand combat with the Japanese around and in the outskirts of the town itself.

The End for Challenger Simon



World's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis (left), watches while Referee Eddie Josephs moves in after counting out challenger Abe Simon in the sixth round of the scheduled 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden in New York. Down once in the second and again in the fifth, Simon didn't get up after taking heavy blows from Louis.

RUSSIANS STRESS NEED OF SECOND FRONT IN EUROPE

Moscow, March 28.—(P)—Driven back upon the defense of fortified villages and cities by the crushing waves of the Soviet winter offensive, the German armies have switched tactics to open-field fighting in savage counter-attacks aimed at shaking off the Russians' iron grip and gaining them fresh footholds for a spring push.

Tmat was the picture of the military situation as it was drawn tonight both by an authoritative foreign military source who has been with the Red army at the front, and by the army newspaper Red Star.

Each conceded that the Nazis, on all sectors of the huge front, are counter-attacking furiously at tremendous cost in this all-or-nothing effort to regain the initiative. But both agreed that the initiative still was firmly held by the Russians and that the present German army can not compare in power to the divisions which blasted their way into Russia last summer.

The midnight Russian communiqué said that these German counter-attacks in some sectors were repulsed with heavy losses for the Germans and that Russian troops continued their offensive fighting, occupying several inhabited localities. Eight German planes were reported destroyed Friday.

While the foreign military observer expressed the utmost confidence in the current Soviet campaign with its constant threat of outflanking and encircling the Germans, he declared that it would be essential for the allies to open a second front against the Nazis in order to enable the Red army to deliver a knockout blow this year.

BRITISH HARDEN LINES IN BURMA

New Delhi, India, March 28.—The British defending the central Burma oil fields effected a straightening of their lines today in the Prome area on their right flank but reported that the situation on their left—about Toungoo—had improved greatly as the result of stoic resistance by the Chinese.

The British maneuver about Prome, involving a slight withdrawal caused by earlier Japanese advances on the allied left, was effected without a major contact with the Japanese—only "large parties of mixed Burmans, Japanese and local freebooters" were reported active in the area.

War Bulletins

London, March 28.—(P)—Reuters, British news agency, reported hearing the Rome radio say today that "a major British naval force passed the Cape of Good Hope (southernmost Africa) on its way to the Indian ocean."

The broadcast was quoted further: "The force included two large battleships, two aircraft carriers, several cruisers and smaller ships."

Moscow, March 28.—(P)—A Tass dispatch from Istanbul said today there were reports in military circles in Turkey that Field Marshal Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch, removed by Adolf Hitler from command of the German army, had arrived in Greece on a special mission connected with concentration of Nazi paratroopers at island bases in the eastern Mediterranean.

Helsinki, Finland, March 28.—(P)—The Finnish high command reported tonight that its forces had captured the island of Suursaari, in the middle of the Gulf of Finland, north of Estonia and west of Leningrad.

Sydney, Australia, March 28.—(P)—Darwin, port capital of Australia's northern territory, underwent its seventh raid of the war shortly after noon today, it was announced in a special communiqué.

NEW BIDS SOUGHT CAMP WHITE ROAD

Salem, March 28.—(P)—The state highway commission will seek new bids at a meeting on April 2 for construction of the south unit of the Medford cantonment access road, R. H. Baldock, chief engineer, announced here today.

The project is being split into two contracts in an effort to obtain satisfactory bids, he said. Proposals opened March 19 were rejected as too high.

Baldock said the department would attempt to clear the way for receiving of bids by late April or early May on 15 miles of widening and relocation of the west side Pacific highway in Polk and Benton counties leading through Camp Adair. The project will include a new bridge over the Luckiamute river.

STATES SHOTS WIN

Corvallis, Ore., March 28.—(AP)—Oregon State college won the Pacific northwest intercollegiate rifle championship here today, scoring 1361 points to edge out Idaho by 14 points.

San Francisco, March 28.—(AP)—(USDA)—Butter, 92 score, 36; 91-25½; 90-35½; 89-24½. Eggs and cheese unchanged.

SURVIVORS FIVE TORPEDOED SHIPS ARRIVE U.S. PORTS

By the Associated Press

The survivors of five torpedoed vessels have reached the safety of widely scattered Atlantic ports, but at least 24 of their shipmates are known to be lost and hope is rapidly waning for another group adrift in a lifeboat.

Twenty-two crewmen from an American merchantman who arrived in Norfolk recounted the heroism of their pilot, able seaman Oscar G. Chappell, who burned to death at the helm while he kept his ship headed into the wind so 22 others could escape. The sinking occurred off the Atlantic coast Thursday.

At Savannah 23 members of the crew of another tanker said 13 were missing and believed lost. The survivors left their boat in lifeboats and rafts, also in Atlantic waters near the coast, after two torpedoes smashed amidships.

The entire crew of a Greek freighter reached Miami safely from Nassau after a submarine torpedoed their vessel once and then came to the surface in West Indian waters to shell it with a deck gun.

The torpedoing of a United Nations motor tanker by an Italian submarine was described by 34 survivors who reached New York after their three lifeboats were sighted and picked up by a United States destroyer.

AIR HERO'S WIDOW HAS STENOGRAPHIC JOB

Los Angeles, March 28.—(P)—Mrs. Colin P. Kelly, 25, widow of the heroic American air force captain who was killed after he had sunk a Japanese battleship in the Philippines December 9, went to work yesterday as a secretary-stenographer at a war plant.

She had traveled over the country selling defense bonds and aiding in Red Cross drives. "But now," she said, "the time has come for me to go about the business of earning a living for myself and our son, Corky." He is Colin P. Kelly III, 2 years old.

PROTEST TRAIN CUT

Astoria, March 28.—(P)—Communities served by the Portland-Astoria-Spokane line of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad today protested a company proposal to abandon passenger service.

HOUSE APPROVES HUGE ARMS BILL, LIMIT ON PROFIT

Rep. Tabor Urges Unity, And Hits Madame Perkins Still In Cabinet.

Washington, March 28.—(P)—After sharp debate over the nation's war production effort, the house tonight passed a \$18,301,961,345 army appropriation containing a provision to limit war profits on contracts paid for from the appropriation.

Sponsored by Rep. Case (R., S. D.) the profits limitation was accepted by a standing vote of 70 to 8 without debate, a few minutes before the bill was passed by a voice vote.

Case said the amendment would mean that "net profits" on contracts, probably after taxes had been computed, would be limited to 6 per cent, but there was uncertainty among other members over operation of the limitation.

Chairman Cannon (D., Mo.) of the appropriations committee told reporters that "while the objective is splendid, the amendment is absolutely unworkable" and would have to be revised in the senate.

The big bill would provide funds for 31,070 new warplanes and scores of other combat equipment and supplies. All but about \$1,000,000,000 will be spent for the army, with the air corps taking half of the sum for planes and correlary supplies and parts as another step in President Roosevelt's announced goal of 60,000 planes this year and 125,000 in 1943.

Presenting the measure to the house, Cannon spoke of "amazing increases" in tank production and an output on planes which he said "borders on the miraculous."

Rep. Tabor of New York, ranking Republican committee member, told the house that "production is better than it was but I wish that production was doubled what it is today."

He said he wished that the nation could have the cooperation of industry and labor, as well as of President Roosevelt and the congress "so that we won't have to hang our heads."

There are those, he added, who believe that "the retention of Madame Perkins (secretary of labor) is against the interest of national defense" and that some activities of the national labor relations board and of the wage-hour administration should be revised.

BICYCLE DEATHS IN NATION GAIN

New York, March 28.—(P)—Approximately 1,100 lives were lost in bicycle accidents in the nation last year—and the toll this year may be even heavier, says the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, as the war-time use of bicycles is substituted for automobiles. The war production board has ordered the output of "bikes" for adults tripled, foreseeing a greater need among workers.

Of the 1,100 bicycle fatalities, more than 900 resulted from injuries received in collisions with automobiles. The 1941 fatality total was 20 per cent above the yearly average of 1936-1940, inclusive.

PORTLAND TRAFFIC DEATHS

Portland, March 28.—(AP)—Portland's eighth traffic fatality of the year was recorded last night with the death of Alf Gustafson, 38, shipyard welder, who was injured 24 hours earlier by a hit-run automobile.

AIR SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Portland, March 28.—(AP)—Social problems arising from wartime conditions will be discussed at the 25th annual state conference of social work here April 8-11, President Donald E. Long said today.

Sacramento, March 28.—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade, 40½; second grade, 38½.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson

(Wide World War Analyst)

Whatever their ultimate fate, two tiny island bastions in far seas, the one British and the other American manned, are proving sharp thorns in the conquest pathway of the axis mates.

They are Malta, dominating the Mediterranean waistline although within hardly a stone's throw of the Italian shores, and Corregidor, even more effectively denying Japan the use of Manila bay, guarding the flank of the AmericanFilipino army on Bataan—definitely disrupting Tokyo's schedule.

As to Malta's role there can be no question. It has been persistently bombed night and day month after month at close range. Yet axis boasts of bomb hits on British warships there sufficiently confirm continued use of Valletta harbor as a sea base within less than 60 miles of Italy.

The British on Malta estimate that its defense has cost the axis 50 planes downed during this month of March alone. That the sea floor about the island is strewn with the wreckage of many, many times that number of enemy aircraft and the bodies of their crews goes without saying. The battle of Malta has been continuous since Italy entered the war.

The men of Corregidor's batteries likewise have scored heavily against otherwise unchallenged Japanese airpower. The vital role of the fortress and its flanking forts in the defense of Bataan that has thrilled the allied world is uncontested.

A new Japanese commander, fresh from his victory at Singapore, was rushed to Luzon. It is his mission to erase the blot on Japanese army prestige that the names of Corregidor and Bataan represent.

Corregidor and its batteries still stand in his way. His first move is to renew the air assault on that fortress in recognition of the fact that while Corregidor holds out with flaming guns, his hopes of restoring Japanese prestige except at prohibitive cost remain meager.

Malta and Corregidor are again demonstrating the lesson so bitterly brought home to the British by the escape of the Nazi battleship Gneisenau, Scharnhorst and Prinz Eugen from Brest. High altitude bombing against small targets is a hit-or-miss affair. The attackers must swoop low within the range of anti-aircraft fire to be sure of a hit and invariably they pay heavily for that.

GOVERNOR FILES FOR SECOND TERM, GIVES PLATFORM

Salem, March 28.—(AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague filed formal declaration of his candidacy for renomination on the Republican ticket today with the ballot slogan, "Keep Oregon's war-time governor on the job."

Secretary of State Earl Snell, avowed opponent of the governor, said he did not plan to file his declaration until Monday, last day on which candidates for nomination at the May primary election may get their names on the ballot.

The governor proposed, in the campaign statement accompanying his declaration, to "give effective leadership to Oregon's war efforts; to operate state government in the broad public interest; to protect the public treasury against waste and extravagance; to promote agricultural, forest, mineral and industrial development of the state; to safeguard the welfare of all the people."

STATE BLANK LINFIELD

Corvallis, March 28.—(P)—Oregon State college's varsity baseball team blanked the Linfield college nine here, 6-0. Three Beaver pitchers held the Linfield team to three hits while the Staters rapped Partlow and Hagedorn for nine.

BRITISH BLAST ST. NAZAIRE LAIR OF NAZI U-BOATS

Former U.S. Destroyer Used As Time Bomb—British Claim, Berlin Denies Win.

(By the Associated Press)

London, March 28.—Britain's combined force of commandos, airmen and sailors making their most spectacular raid yet upon the German-occupied French coast, converted a former United States destroyer into a giant time-bomb, laden with five tons of explosives and blasted the main dock gate of the big German submarine base at St. Nazaire early today.

In a special communiqué tonight, the British said "there is every hope" that through this daring assault the gate of the largest dock at St. Nazaire, the largest on the Atlantic coast, was destroyed.

Special service troops were landed and carried out pre-arranged demolitions in the dockyard before, the 1,090-ton destroyer Campbelltown, former U. S. S. Buchanan, was sent nosing toward the main gate with her giant load of explosives.

"This ex-American destroyer had had her bows specially stiffened and filled with five tons of high explosive," the communiqué said. "A delayed action fuse had been fitted to give our forces sufficient time to complete other demolition work and withdraw before the main explosion took place."

The British acknowledged the sortie was made "not without some casualties" and indicated some of those lost may have been aboard the destroyer.

"The majority of the Campbelltown's crew were evacuated by motor launches," the communiqué said.

"A signal has been received from the St. Nazaire raiding force, which is returning safely from the raid, saying that HMS Campbelltown ran the main dock gate at 1:34 this morning, only four minutes late on the program time."

If this sacrifice of the destroyer did what it was intended to do, it wrought havoc in one of the main lairs of Nazi submarines preying upon allied shipping in the Atlantic and knocked out the only dock on the continental Atlantic coast capable of accommodating the 35,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz.

Certainly tremendous damage was caused by the explosion of such a quantity of explosives and with the destruction inflicted by the commandos the raid appeared a highly profitable one.

The Campbelltown, built in 1919, was obtained by Britain in the deal for 50 U. S. destroyers in exchange for western hemisphere bases.

The latest hit-and-run smash at Nazi coastal bases was patterned after the world war naval action at Zeebrugge, Belgium, when the British navy bottled up the Germans there by sinking concrete-filled ships in the harbor entrance.

The commandos admittedly ran into heavy German opposition at St. Nazaire, and it apparently was among these tough air and sea-borne fighters that the heaviest casualties were inflicted.

The RAF aided the operation by diversionary bombings and Beaufighters of the coastal command covered the return trip.

Before the British gave their side of the picture, the Germans trumpeted to the world that the expedition had met with disaster.

"Wait and see," said the British, who explained that no detailed announcement would be issued until their forces were safe home from the hazardous return voyage of 270 miles across the western end of the English channel and around Brittany peninsula to the nearest English ports on the Cornish coast.

Portland, Ore., March 28.—(AP)—All Portland produce prices steady, unchanged.