

INDIANS SPURN BRITISH CONCESSION

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 7.—The situation in Burma is serious. Single objective of the crafty Japs is the oil field which is just about the only good source left to the Chinese for this indispensable food of fighting machines.

Dispatches from the front say "Japs bomb Mandalay." They could add in truth that Mandalay has more importance now than Kipling attached to it. A refinery in that area has afforded China its best supply of gasoline, and is what the Jap airmen have been looking for.

The dispatches say the British fell back from Prome in West Burma and tried to cluster their defense lines around an oil field to the north at their backs. There are four Jap divisions in that district fighting against one British division.

The odds therefore forecast a blow to the Chinese which will tax their ingenuity to find new sources of oil.

THE Japs do not need this oil for themselves. They are now sitting on fields richer than any except ours, in Texas and Venezuela.

Around Tarakan in Borneo, there is unlimited "bunker oil" 100 or 300 feet down, and only a few hundred feet from the docks. This fuel can be brought into their ships with ordinary water-well digging equipment. No special derricks are needed. The product is of such good quality it does not require refining, but can be pumped direct into the tanks of diesel warships.

Thus the Japs have acquired in four months what their axis ally the Nazis have sought in vain for 2½ years, the indispensable wherewithal for permanent military power.

No way is yet apparent in which the Japs could transport oil to the besieged Hitler, but if

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

Talks—CBS, 7, Lord Halifax on "India," MBS, 7:15, CIO "United for Victory" rally, Philip Murray, Wm. Green, Paul V. McNutt.

Wednesday, CBS, 1 p. m., Dr. Timothy T. Fong, Lew on "Students in China's Crisis."

Council to Act On Lease to Air Line

Leasing of the hangar at municipal airport to the U. S. army and final action on the ordinance executing a new lease to United Air Lines for use of the airport are among matters to be taken up by the city council at its semi-monthly meeting in the council chambers of city hall tonight at 7:30.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Doris Hussong showing Della Walker how the new spray worked in her kitchen sink and completely spraying the latter in the demonstration.

Savings and Loaner A. P. Butler showing his patriotism by walking down Main street in a new suit with cuffless trousers.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott receiving a big cheer from the multitude before he could even be introduced at the "Total War" day demonstration.

House Candidate Bill McAlister doing a little inexpensive but gratefully-received campaigning.

LEADERS SHY AT COOPERATION AS JAP PERIL GROWS

Offer to Appoint Indian as Defense Minister Fails to Bring Alignment.

New Delhi, April 7.—(AP)—The working committee of the all-India congress was reported tonight to have decided to adhere to its stand against the British independence plan in spite of a British offer to appoint an Indian as defense minister.

By Roger D. Greene
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Britain made the first concession in the critical negotiations over Indian self-rule today as Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem league, announced that the British had agreed to appoint an Indian as defense minister.

Previously, Britain's take-it-or-leave-it proposals had insisted on complete British control of India's defense effort.

The concession came as leaders of India's 390,000,000 still shied at full wartime cooperation with the United Nations, despite the fact that Japanese warplanes have already attacked her cities, and as signs pointed to a new breakdown in the important negotiations.

Bataan War Flares

In the Philippine theater, a war does "most bulletin reported that heavy casualties on both sides marked furious fighting along the Bataan peninsula front, with Japan's invasion forces continuing to score "some success."

The communiqué said that the Japanese were hurling repeated heavy attacks against the center of Lieut.-Gen. Jonathan Wainwright's American-Filipino defense line and that aerial bombing of the rear areas and the Bataan south coast was particularly severe throughout yesterday.

American anti-aircraft guns were credited with destroying a Japanese amphibian plane in Manila Bay.

The war department also quoted Dr. Hubert Van Mook, acting head of the Dutch East Indies government, as saying that two Dutch forces of considerable size were continuing to resist the Japanese invasion of Java.

The city of Madras on India's Bay of Bengal coast, underwent its first air-raid alarm, lasting an hour and 25 minutes.

Retreat in Burma

In Burma, British headquarters acknowledged that British troops again had fallen back to new positions only 65 miles below the main oil-producing section of Minbu after demolishing oil installations at Thayetmyo and Allamnyo.

This indicated a British withdrawal of at least 40 miles, since Thayetmyo is 40 miles north of Prome, the former right wing anchor of the British-Chinese defense line in central Burma. Allamnyo is just north across the Irrawaddy river from Thayetmyo, about 225 miles from the Indian frontier.

Final capitulation of the allied defenders of Sumatra, rubber-rich Netherlands East Indies island upon which the Japanese sprang Feb. 14 from Malaya, was announced by Imperial Tokyo headquarters which told of the capture of 3,100 British, Dutch and native troops.

Fishing Excitement Kills Railroad Man

Portland, April 7.—(AP)—The excitement of hooking a salmon in the Willamette river Monday afternoon was too much for Fred E. Ortschild, 63, Union Pacific switchman of Portland. He succumbed to a heart attack.

FUTURE FARMER

Portland, April 7.—(AP)—William Gale, 17-year-old Union boy, today won the Oregon Future Farmers of America oratorical contest in the state finals. He will be Oregon's representative at the regional contest at Kansas City, May 4. His topic was "Food for Thought—Food for Defense."

Two Children Cremated In Cabin Near Central Point

Lindbergh Reports to Ford



Charles A. Lindbergh (right), began his first day's work for the Ford Motor Company at Detroit with a conference with Henry Ford (left). Lindbergh declined to say what his duties would be.

Japanese Losing Sting, View of Military Men

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The lightning has gone out of Japan's lightning war after four months of spectacular advances, military men agreed today.

They expect further enemy gains and possibly a bold new stroke as an attack on Siberia. But concentrations of allied air power in Australia and India have stemmed the main Japanese onrush.

Here is the view of military and naval men as the war enters its fifth month:

The United Nations are approaching, if they have not actually attained, numerical airplane equality with Japan in the Australia and Burma-India theaters.

This was shown March 11 in the smashing of the first big invasion thrust at Australia before it could even get under way from New Guinea. It was shown again last week-end when a "Pearl Harbor" attack on Ceylon became a bitter Japanese defeat.

Over the western Pacific as a whole, however, Japan still has superiority of plain strength and may have it for months. Thus if she makes an all-out drive in any particular region she undoubtedly can win control of the air there.

Airmen recently returned from the fighting zones report that the best Japanese pursuit plane, the "zero fighter," can outmaneuver the American P-40 type, although the P-40 compensates for this with great armor protection and leak-proof gasoline tanks.

Japanese pilots are excellent fliers, but American pilots have been able to outfight them repeatedly, even when greatly outnumbered.

Canada is largest producer of maple sugar and syrup in the world.

'War Savings Bond' New Official Name

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Buy a bond today, the treasury advised—this time a war savings bond.

That's the new official name of defense bonds. Savings stamps likewise got the war designation, a change frequently advocated since Pearl Harbor.

\$25,000 LIMIT ON ALL INCOMES UNION PROPOSAL

UAW Board Says Workers Would Accept Bonds In Lieu Of Overtime Pay.

Detroit, April 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a letter read to special war conference of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) here today, stated the government's intention "to negotiate contracts with the employers wherever necessary to ensure that the savings from the relinquishments of double or premium time go not to the employer but to the nation."

Detroit, April 7.—(AP)—United Automobile Workers (CIO) executive board proposed today a legal limit of \$25,000 a year on family and individual incomes for the war's duration, in return for which union workers would accept non-negotiable defense bonds in lieu of all overtime pay for more than 40 hours a week.

The UAW-CIO international board presented these proposals in what it termed an "equality of sacrifice" program to a special war conference here of delegates from local unions.

Other parts of the program included rigid price fixing on all necessities and limiting war production profits to three per cent on capital investment.

Ask Double Time Ban

Union delegates were called here to act on the national CIO's executive board recommendation that double-time wages for Sunday and holiday work be waived in response to suggestions from President Roosevelt and Donald M. Nelson, war production chief.

Acceptance of this was recommended by the auto union's board provided that time and a half were paid for work over eight hours a day or 40 hours a week, time and a half for a sixth consecutive day's work, and double time for a seventh.

Compromise Offered To Avoid Showdown On Profits, Labor

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The senate voted 51 to 10 today to suspend its rules in order to consider a modified profit limit provision on war contracts offered by administration leaders as a compromise amendment to the \$19,222,773,260 war appropriations bill.

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Administration supporters offered a compromise in the senate today in an effort to avoid a showdown at this time upon a welter of proposals dealing with profits, labor and other proposed controversial riders to the \$19,222,773,260 war appropriations bill.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), floor leader for the measure, suggested that a "sliding scale" of profit limits, previously approved by the senate appropriations committee, be abandoned and that the huge appropriation be passed without this or any of the numerous pending proposals.

Because the senate committee already had stricken out a house provision for a flat six per cent profit limitation which federal officials said would not hold, McKellar said that a joint senate-house conference group would be able to work out details on the profits restrictions later.

Teachers' Jobs Saved by Pupils

Portland, April 7.—(AP)—Three Parkrose grade school teachers of 10 whose contracts had not been renewed, will be retained, the school board decided early today.

Students went on a one-day strike several weeks ago in protest to the discharge of the 10.

MAMMOTH CROWD WATCHES PARADE, HEARS ADDRESSES

1,500 in March—Civic and Army Leaders Praise Army Day Demonstration.

Proving that complacency toward the war is completely absent from the hearts and minds of Jackson county's civilians, an estimated 4,000 persons packed the grandstand and bleachers at the senior high school field last night to see a defense demonstration and hear talks by army officers and civil defense leaders at the conclusion of a gigantic "Total War" day parade that included 1,500 members of 60 veteran and patriotic societies, defense units, labor unions, and civic organizations.

Sponsored by the Jackson County Civilian War Council in compliance with "Total War" day proclamations by President Roosevelt, Governor Charles A. Sprague and Mayor H. S. Deuel, the county's observance of Army day was successful beyond the wildest dreams of those in charge.

Leaders Praise

And today, Mayor Deuel, Lieut.-Col. George C. Furch, commanding corps area service unit, Camp White, and Maj. Theron W. Bean, area engineer for Medford and vicinity, were lavish in their praise of everybody and every organization that made possible the great parade, viewed by approximately 7,000 people, and the defense demonstration.

Warning that "the immediate future looks very black and we may suffer many defeats before we gain the balance of power," Lieut.-Col. Furch, principal speaker, nevertheless struck a note of confidence when he stated: "Many great deeds have already been accomplished by our small forces against overwhelming odds, and you can visualize what might have happened if General MacArthur had had sufficient men and equipment. Action is needed to win this war and we will get this action, and with it the balance of power."

With MacArthur

The speaker, who served with General MacArthur in the Rainbow Division in the first World War, said: "We are engaged in a great war against powerful enemies, and for this reason 'Army day' has a greater significance now than ever before.

"There is no problem of morale in the army," Lieut.-Col. Furch claimed, "it's the people at home that need instruction in morale." He added that "we have reached a stage where all of you not in the service, men and women, will be actively engaged in war industries and in the war effort."

The lieutenant-colonel, stating that it wouldn't be long before troops started to arrive at Camp White, asked the people of Jackson county to treat the sol

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War Bulletins

London, April 7.—(AP)—A broadcast Japanese communiqué heard by Reuters tonight said the same Japanese units which raided Colombo Sunday had attacked a British naval unit in the Bay of Bengal.

Cairo, April 7.—(AP)—The British general headquarters communique on the Libyan front said today only: "Patrol activity continued throughout the day yesterday. There was nothing else to report."

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a United States submarine operating in the China Sea had sunk a 10,000-ton Japanese passenger-cargo vessel and a cargo ship of about 5,000 tons.

RUSSIANS CRACK GERMAN LINE IN ILMEN SECTION

(By the Associated Press)

Russia's armies have broken into German lines southeast of Lake Ilmen on the bloody Staraya Russa battlefield, the Berlin radio acknowledged today, while soviet dispatches indicated that Adolf Hitler now was throwing clouds of warplanes into the struggle as a prelude to the next spring offensive.

Red army dispatches said the intensified aerial assault cost the Germans 415 planes in eight days, with soviet losses held to 84. On Easter Sunday alone, dispatches said, Russian fliers and gunners destroyed 119 German aircraft in sky combat and attacks on Nazi airdromes.

A Berlin broadcast said strong, tank-led Russian forces smashed into Nazi positions in the Lake Ilmen sector, where remnants of the German 16th army have been trapped for many weeks, but declared that the Germans had "adjusted" their lines after heavy bayonet fighting.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters conceded that the Russians were pressing attacks "on several sectors" of the long, thawing front, but asserted that "our own offensive operations brought further successes." No details were given.

The high command said 60 soviet planes were shot down or destroyed on the ground yesterday.

DNB, the official German news agency, quoted Nazi general staff officers as saying that winter warfare had "completely exhausted the strength of the soviet armies." The news agency also reported that spring mud was "rendering roads impassable and thus precluding large-scale movements."

British RAF bombers, relentlessly continuing their great spring aerial offensive, struck again in the German Ruhr and Rhineland overnight despite "very bad weather" to blast Nazi war foundries.

While all mammals can swim, some of them do not like water.

TRAGEDY VISITS AS MOTHER ON TRIP TO STORE

Norman Ray Michaels, 4 Years and Sister, Nancy, 10 Months, Victims of Fire

The two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michaels, Norman Ray, age 4, and Nancy, age 10 months, were burned to death yesterday afternoon when their small home on the Pacific highway about four miles north of Central Point was destroyed by fire.

The tots, both said to have been ill, were alone and napping at the time, according to William Grenbemer, deputy sheriff, who investigated the tragedy. Mrs. Michaels had gone to the Pine Tree auto camp, nearby, for groceries, Grenbemer said.

Blaze Seen

H. F. Whetstone, a neighbor, and Vern Coenenday, bakery truck driver, first noticed the structure, a two-room cabin, burning, the deputy said. Coenenday, who checked the time with his radio said the cabin was blazing at 2:45. According to reports, Mrs. Michaels had left only a short time before.

Whetstone and Coenenday rushed to the scene but, according to Grenbemer and County Coroner H. W. Conger, there was no water available with which to fight the flames. A nearby pump was said to be out of order. The two children were presumed to have suffocated before the arrival of the two men who heard no outcries and did not learn that the children were in the cabin until the parents arrived a short time later.

Rescue attempts were futile and Whetstone suffered a burned hand trying to break down a wall of the room where the children were. The body of the girl was found in her bed and that of the boy on the floor. Both were badly charred.

Cause Unknown

Mrs. Michaels told Grenbemer and Conger that she did not know the cause of the blaze but that she had left a small fire in the kitchen stove and had left the door open. The sheriff's office theorized that a spark from the stove ignited the fire.

The cabin was on the property of C. E. Henagin and the Michaels had resided there since January. Michaels has resided in the county for 18 years and now works at the cantonment.

District Attorney George W. Neilson said this morning that there would be no inquest. The bodies were taken to the Conger funeral parlors last night.

CEMENT CO. WINS DECISION ON DAM

The state supreme court in a decision handed down today affirmed the decision of the late Circuit Judge H. D. Norton in the suit of the state game commission against the Beaver Portland Cement company, to enjoin the cement firm from the construction and maintenance of a hydro-electric plant on Rogue river near Gold Hill.

The state game commission contended construction of a wing dam in Rogue River was detrimental to fish life, and hindered their migrations up and down the river. Local sportsmen took an interest in the case.

DEATH ON HIGHWAY

Grants Pass, April 7.—(AP)—Charles Allen Worden, 75, was instantly killed today when a 14-ton truck collided with his passenger car near O'Brien, throwing the body 150 feet and scattering parts of the car three times as far.

Civilian Industry Halt Due Soon Says Nelson

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Production of most consumer durable goods will be stopped by May 31, Donald M. Nelson, war production head, disclosed today.

Declaring that "history will record whether we have moved too fast or too slow" in the drive to curtail civilian industries and convert them to war production, Nelson said the high point of the program would be reached in a few days with issuance of orders halting most private building construction and prohibiting use of iron and steel in hundreds of items.

"Their impact here and abroad will be widespread and sweeping," the WPA chief predicted, adding that the two orders were part of a pattern, carefully planned by WPA, which changes "the face of American industry."

The goal of the program is a "sound but lean civilian economy," Nelson declared, adding that no one yet knew how "lean" it can be but that it will "get leaner and leaner as the war program goes on."

"We're taking away from the people things which make the standard of living," Nelson said in his discussion of the changes at a press conference, but "this is the way of total all-out war and the price of early victory."