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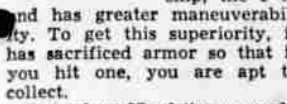
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INVASION OF EUROPE SEEN IN U. S. PLAN

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 8.—A lone American flying fortress met 27 Zero fighters of the Japs at low altitude the other day. That meant curtains for the fortress.



Paul Mallon

The Zero naval pursuit plane is the best ship the Japs have, and on of the best in the business. It can climb faster than our standard pursuit ship, the P-40 and has greater maneuverability. To get this superiority, it has sacrificed armor so that if you hit one, you are apt to collect.

But when 27 of these speedy fighters catch one lumbering big bomber, the fight is supposed to be over before it starts. This is especially true at low altitudes where the greater maneuverability of the Zero has full play. The fortresses generally try to escape by going higher than the Zero can climb.

Nothing could be done this time, except fight it out. Everybody stayed around as long as his ammunition lasted or until he dropped. When the last bullet had been fired, the Flying Fortress went on home, counting 12 Jap planes missing from the squadron of 27.

In an encounter against impossible odds, it actually shot down nearly half the enemy planes and escaped.

NOTHING could better tell superiority of our big bomber, the type of ship best suited to the long hauls of the far east. It is proving its name. Its armament seems to have made it invulnerable to the explosive type of bullet which the Japs favor.

The Zeros can theoretically shoot it down. They carry 50 calibre machine guns and a 20 mm. cannon. But they must get it in the right spots. They have

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TRAFFIC TOLL LOWER
Salem, April 8.—Only 13 persons lost their lives in Oregon traffic accidents during March, compared with 35 in March, 1941, the state department said today in announcing that the March toll was the lowest in history for that month. Four of the 13 deaths in March were pedestrians.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: The War—5 MBS; 5:55 CBS; 6:15 MBS; 7 MBS; 7:30 BLU; 7:45 CBS; 8 NBC; 9 NBC; 9:30 CBS; 9:55 NBC BLU.

Thursday: The War—8 MBS; 9 CBS; 10 BLU; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 11:30 BLU; 12:15 p. m.; CBS; 12:30 BLU; 1:55 BLU; 3 CBS; 3:15 CBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS MBS.

NBC — 3:30 Roundtable on YMCA on war fronts. MBS—3:15 Opening Jamaica race season.

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The civilian guards prancing along jauntily behind their leader, Cappy Herb Moore.

MASS ATTACK ON COAST OF FRANCE CLAIMED BREWING

U. S. Chief of Staff, Harry Hopkins Arrive In London As Reports Published.

Expansion Is Aim

London, April 8.—(P)—The purpose of United States forces in Europe is to "expand", General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. army, declared tonight. Harry Hopkins, lend-lease expediter who came to London with Marshall, seconded the general's thought, saying that production alone is not going to win the war but that "soldiers under General Marshall and sailors under Admiral King" would be the deciding factor.

By the Associated Press
Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States army, arrived in London today on the heels of British reports that the bulk of the American army was training for a mass invasion of continental Europe.

Gen. Marshall was accompanied by Harry Hopkins, chairman of the British-American munitions assignments boards, and by senior military advisers. London newspapers yesterday declared American and British expeditionary forces eventually would strike together at the heart of industrial Germany through France.

Train In Ireland
Thousands of American troops already are training in battle maneuvers in northern Ireland.

Recent dispatches have suggested that if British and American forces should open a second front, as repeatedly urged by Russia, they might attack along the French channel coast or through Norway.

Meanwhile, signs of a major new campaign brewing in the middle east were seen in a series of violent air assaults that ranged from north Africa through Egypt and Malta to the Russian Crimea.

With spring mud and snow bogging the battlefields of central Russia, these significant reports indicated that Adolf Hitler may be preparing a drive to the south.

Africa—A London spokesman intimated that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis armies had started a new offensive, breaking the weeks-old stalemate on the Libyan desert front 100 miles southwest of Tobruk.

British Pushed Back
Both the German and Italian high commands said British advanced forces had been pushed back in the new surge of fighting.

Egypt—Axis warplanes again pounded Britain's great naval base at Alexandria this morning, following up yesterday's attack in which 52 persons were killed and 80 wounded in the heaviest raid of the year.

Malta—Massed German bombers gave the British island stronghold its worst attack of the war yesterday and touched off the 2,000th alarm at the bomb-scarred Mediterranean base since June, 1940. Four Nazi planes were reported destroyed and three others damaged.

Crimea—Soviet dispatches said the Germans launched a heavy attack against Russian positions today, striking with 100 tanks, but were thrown back after several hours of fighting.

Other Soviet forces were credited with capturing a fortified German-held point on the Ukraine mainland front.

Roads Improve
Improvement of road conditions in the south—the area in which Adolf Hitler is expected to make his supreme bid for Caucasus oil—was indicated in reports of the combat. Footing may already have firmed sufficiently after the spring thaws for the opening of large-scale operations.

British Plane Photos Nazi Warship



A British reconnaissance plane brought back this airview of the German battleship Tirpitz at Aas Fjord, near Trondheim, Norway. Broken lines at left mark a torpedo boom. British sources said. The Tirpitz put to sea last month but returned when attacked by British planes. Picture cabled from London to New York.

Cold-Blooded Killing of Jap Captives Is Told at Pt. Moresby

Sydney, Australia, April 8.—(P)—Charges that the Japanese killed their captives in cold blood on the islands of New Guinea and New Britain were made today in a statement issued officially at Port Moresby.

Army Minister Francis M. Forde said he had asked that the report be forwarded to him by senior Australian officers. The statement told the story of three Australian servicemen who said they were the only survivors of one group of 10 officers and men who were trapped on New Britain after the fall of Rabaul.

The others, with their hands tied behind their backs, were shot or bayoneted to death after they were captured by a landing party from a Japanese destroyer, it stated.

The three survivors said they wandered, bleeding from their wounds and numb from the horrors they had seen, for several days with their hands bound behind them before they were rescued. (How they escaped was unexplained.)

New Academic Honor for Roger Henselman Awarded at Harvard

Academic honors continue to shower down on Roger Henselman, son of Mrs. and the late George Henselman of this city, who is completing a four years course at Harvard university under a national scholarship.

Last summer Roger was given an extra holiday-scholarship which included a good-will trip to South America and important contact work there, and now the Committee on Scholarships for Harvard university has awarded him another additional scholarship for study in the Harvard Law school.

While war service may interfere with the taking up of law studies this next fall, it is practically certain that the opportunity will still be available at the close of hostilities. In announcing the award Mr. Henry Chauncey, assistant dean of Harvard, in congratulating the recipient, closed with these words:

"Let me congratulate you upon the excellent record you have made at Harvard. You have more than justified our faith in you when you were awarded a National Scholarship four years ago.

The Russians said the Germans lost 32 tanks and hundreds of dead under the blasting of red army shells on the Crimean battlefield. Seven tanks were reported captured at the southern western front village, from which the radio declared "the Germans retreated in disorder."

Nine-day totals of aerial warfare, as listed by the Soviet information bureau, stood through Monday at 494 German planes destroyed against 103 Russian aircraft lost.

ROBERT FORSYTH TAKEN BY DEATH
Robert J. Forsyth, a resident of Medford for the past 13 years, passed away in a Portland hospital late Sunday evening at the age of 62.

He had been in failing health for several months. Mr. Forsyth was born at Gouverneur, N. Y., September 23, 1879. He came to Medford with his family from Neligh, Neb.

Besides his wife, Pearl Forsyth, he leaves two children, Thelma Frady of Milwaukee, Ore., and Robert, Jr., of Eugene. Also three sisters, Mrs. Cassie Kincaid of Randolph, Neb.; Mrs. Mame Poynter of Elizabeth, Minn., and Mrs. Frances Shipman of O'Neil, Neb.

The remains arrived in Medford this morning and services will be held in the Conger chapel at 1 p. m. Thursday with Dr. Sherman L. Divine officiating. Interment in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Forsyth will be remembered by many as business manager of the Community hospital for eight years.

RAIL MAN KILLED WHEN AUTO LEAPS OFF 25-FOOT BANK

John Gorden Warner, 43, Pinned Beneath Machine En Route Home At Night.

John Gorden Warner, 43, of Trail, was killed last night when his model A Ford coupe plunged 25 feet over a bank on the Tiller road five and one-half miles above Trail, Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris said this morning. The victim, returning home from work alone, was pinned beneath the vehicle which overturned. Morris said Warner's chest was crushed and that he was probably killed instantly. The accident was discovered by a Ken Clark, Union Oil employee, from Chilquin, about 1:30 a. m.

According to I. H. Howe, Trail postmaster, who was interviewed by phone this morning, Warner worked on the night shift at the Tiller mill and lumber company and the mill was said to have broken down about 8:30 p. m. Just what time Warner left for his home in Trail could not be definitely stated.

On Wrong Side
Tire marks indicated that Warner had driven approximately 132 feet on the left side of the road before the coupe plunged over the steep slope, Deputy Morris said. The accident occurred on a long gradual curve and the car was descending a six percent grade, according to Morris.

The body was taken to the Conger funeral home and the deputy stated that there probably would be no inquest. Warner had resided 41 years in Trail.

The deceased, whose wife passed away about five years ago, leaves to mourn three sisters, Mrs. Wallace Cushman, Mrs. Howard Ash and Mrs. Ivan Sneed, all of Trail; two brothers, Fred Warner, Trail, and Ray Warner, Seattle, Washington; three daughters, Leona, Lorna and Alice, and two sons, Kenneth and James, all of Trail. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

RUTH SUFFERING PULMONARY ILL

Hollywood, April 8.—(P)—Babe Ruth, famous former New York Yankee baseball slugger was taken to a hospital this morning in a "tragically critical condition," but is "much better today," his physician, Dr. R. Nicholas Smith, reported.

He added: "Up to now, we don't know exactly what is wrong with him, but it appears to be pulmonary, or lung condition."

200,000 More War Industry Hands Needed In Northwest In Next Year

Portland, Ore., April 8.—(P)—The Pacific northwest must find 200,000 additional workers for war industries within the next year, Maj.-Gen. H. G. Winsor, retired, Seattle, said last night.

Winsor, member of the regional labor supply committee of the war production board, urged all persons not doing essential labor to register with the federal employment service.

"Otherwise," he warned, "I believe the government will have to conscript labor."

En route to a labor supply conference at Los Angeles, he told newsmen that the two states would need 75,000 workers for shipbuilders and their sub-contractors; 25,000 in aircraft industries; 30,000 for war industry installations and 70,000 for other war industries and replacements. Training will be needed by 150,000 of them, he said.

He estimated 50,000 of the total might be women, and said the housing problem made it necessary to recruit as many of the workers as possible from local fields.

At the same time W. C. Ruenitz, secretary-manager of the Columbia Basin Sawmills' association, estimated the lumber industry was 5 to 10 per cent undermanned because workers had been lured by higher pay to war industries.

He said government demand for lumber was increasing, but production could not be raised sufficiently because of loss of manpower and priority restrictions, which make replacement of equipment difficult.

The Oregon advisory committee on defense training was told by O. I. Paulson, vocational training director, that war industries were demanding women workers in increasing numbers.

He said one Portland plant had requested that 50 women be trained in aircraft sheet metal work. Another asked for 50 women trained in electrical work. Other orders total 70 women, he said, and training classes are being started as rapidly as possible.

War Bulletins

Washington, April 8.—(P)—The navy announced today that a United States merchant vessel of medium size had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast and a small freighter had been shelled. Both actions took place several days ago, the navy said, but no details were made public here.

Folkestone, England, April 8.—(P)—Squadron after squadron of RAF planes roared across the English channel for a half hour today in the early morning sunlight. Vapor trails high in the sky off the French coast between Cap Gris Nez and Calais indicated German fighters engaged the Britons.

GOLD HILL WOMAN CRITICALLY HURT BY ACCIDENT SHOT

Mrs. Thomas West, 35, of Gold Hill was in a critical condition in Sacred Heart hospital today with a bullet wound in her abdomen which authorities said was accidentally inflicted when she started to move a 22-calibre rifle leaning against the wall of her home last night. Her attending physician said she was resting as well as could be expected.

Mrs. West, married and the mother of two children, was taken to Community hospital after the accident by an unidentified friend, and removed to Sacred Heart hospital almost immediately in the Perl ambulance because Community was already filled with patients.

The complication of measles and the fact that she was an expectant mother makes Mrs. West's condition all the more serious, according to her doctor.

Green and Murray Pledge War Unity

Pittsburgh, April 8.—(P)—CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green, rivals in peacetime but united in war, symbolized labor's unity last night by pledging their organized millions to "stand together" to help win the war and exhorting labor's critics to "join labor, not stab us in the back."

The two labor leaders met on a speakers platform for the first time since labor's ranks split in 1936—before a cheering audience of more than 4,000 workers at a joint AFL-CIO "Unite for Victory" rally in Syria mosque.

CARLYLE ELLIS

Palmdale, Calif., April 8.—(P)—Carlyle Ellis, 63, veteran newspaperman, magazine editor, novelist and film producer, died at his home here yesterday. He had been ill for more than three years.

CITY COURT REPORTS

City Judge William Allen's report for March showed that the city collected \$357.95 from all cases in city court, ranging from fines levied against drunks to reckless drivers.

Included in City Superintendent Fred W. Scheffel's report on work done by the various departments during March was the information that WPA crews have completed 75 per cent of their work on the taxiway from the south end of the main runway to the east end of the cross runway at the municipal airport.

The council had expected to take further action on the matter of the new lease to United Air Lines for use of the airport, but this action was postponed because of the failure of the document to arrive from United's head office in Chicago.

SEVERE TREMBOR ON SEISMOGRAPH

Pasadena, Calif., April 8.—(P)—An earthquake described as "very severe" was recorded today on instruments at Pasadena Institute of Technology. Seismologists said it began at 8:54.40 (PWT) and was continuing with intensity, an hour later.

Its distance was estimated at about 7,500 miles, in an undetermined direction.

BUS LINE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR SERVICE IN CITY

Rogue Valley Transit Co. To Start Schedule About April 15; Get New Buses.

The Rogue Valley Transit company, in an ordinance passed by the city council at its semi-monthly meeting last night was granted a permit to operate buses in Medford, and A. L. Schneider, manager of the concern, said today that service would probably start on or about April 15.

Although no definite schedule has yet been made, Mr. Schneider said it was tentatively planned to operate buses at least every hour east and west on Main street between the city limits and north and south on Oakdale and Riverside avenues between the city limits.

To Survey Needs

A survey will be made within the next few days to determine definite schedules and routes, and operation will start as soon as the company moves into its terminal building at 121 North Bartlett street, the manager stated.

Mr. Schneider said the tentative tariff had been set at 10 cents for adults, five cents for school children.

The transit company, which operates buses between Medford and Camp White and between Camp White and Grants Pass, and Ashland, will receive six new buses this evening, Mr. Schneider said, and added that these would probably be placed on the Medford routes.

License Alloys

The council passed an ordinance providing for the licensing of bowling alleys, shooting galleries and arcades, the yearly license for a bowling establishment to cost \$75, for shooting galleries \$50 and for arcades having 75 or less machine devices \$100.

An ordinance was also passed prohibiting the playing or operation of "juke" boxes, player pianos or phonographs between the hours of 11 p. m. and 7 a. m. and a previous ordinance was amended to prohibit the playing of cards in pool halls between midnight and 5 a. m.

The sale of \$15,256.90 of city of Medford improvement bonds, series E, to the First National Bank of Portland, was approved. The bank bid at the interest rate of 1 1/4 per cent from 1943 to 1947 and at the rate of 1 1/2 per cent from 1948 to 1952. Blythe and Company, Inc., of Portland bid 1 1/4 per cent for the entire issue.

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