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MANILA BAY GUNS BLAZE DEFIANCE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 10.—This 6 percent war-profits limitation legislation dropped out of the skies into the lap of the administration some days back and since then M. R. Roosevelt's congressional leaders have been passing it around like an incendiary bomb, looking for a politically suitable place to throw it.

Not that this administration wants anyone to make more than 6 percent, but everyone knows the initially proposed method was not just or workable. The administration wants to get at excess profits in another more effective way, thru taxes.

The proposed 6 percent limitation, for one thing, would fall before taxes were paid by business and hence would leave manufacturers considerably less than 6 percent. For another thing it would apply on each contract, so a manufacturer handling swiftly-produced articles, could make 6 percent three or four times in a year, while a manufacturer working on a more slowly processed article of the same value, could make only one 6 percent in the same length of time.

THE idea came out of the sky one Saturday in the house about 5:30 p. m., when no one was looking. Most of the members had gone home for the day. The proposition was offered by Rep. Francis Case, Republican, of the western half of South Dakota, where there are no war industries of great importance. He suggested it as an amendment to the \$19,000,000,000 war department appropriations bill. The vote was officially announced as 70 to 8 in favor of the amendment, but whoever was in the chair did some liberal counting. Only 50 to 60 of the

RUSSIANS CROSS WHITE FRONTIER

By the Associated Press
British and axis troops fought with increasing violence on the north African desert today, while on the Soviet front, Vichy radio reports via Stockholm said Red army troops had crossed the frontier into White Russia and were continuing their advance. The drive into White Russia, a Soviet republic, was said to have taken place in a sector 75 miles northwest of Smolensk, between Vitebsk and Nevel.

If continued the thrust would be a serious threat to the important Vitebsk defenses guarding the flank of the German "escape corridor" from Moscow on the old Napoleonic road to Smolensk.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: BLU—5:30—Meet your Navy, Donald Nelson.
Saturday: NBC—12:45, 1:45, 3—Masters golf tournament. CBS—11:05—Of Men and Books, Sen. E. D. Thomas.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lois Lovejoy making a last desperate attempt to further reinforce the back yard fence to keep the dog from getting out.

Officer Walter Reinking buying another package of seed for his Victory Garden.

Sarge Ray Garcia checking up on an important news story he somehow missed.

JAP NAVAL UNITS SEEK TO PREVENT BATAAN RETREAT

War Department Says Flag Still Flies On Beleaguered Fortress At Corregidor.

Washington, April 10.—(P)—Most of an estimated 3,500 marines and bluejackets in the original American forces in the Bataan sector of the Philippines are presumed to have been evacuated to the fortress island of Corregidor, the navy announced today, reporting they were removed under cover of darkness when collapse of peninsula defenses appeared imminent.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor.
Corregidor's big guns still blazed defiance in Manila bay today, and the Japanese reported at 3:50 a. m., PWT that hostilities were continuing on Bataan peninsula itself, despite previous assertions that Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright's heroic defenders had "begged" for a truce.

A war department bulletin reported that American torpedo boats sank a Japanese cruiser off Cebu, in the central Philippines, but that fighting on the Bataan peninsula apparently had ceased.

The communique said Gen. Wainwright reported this morning that all communication between Bataan and Corregidor had been cut off for nearly 24 hours.

Flag Still Flies
"Gen. Wainwright declared that our flag still flies on the beleaguered island fortress of Corregidor," the war department added.

The cruiser sunk was one of an armada of five warships and 10 transports landing troops in Cebu.

This indicated that the Japanese were extending their conquest of the 7,000 islands in the Philippines archipelago, where native Filipino guerrillas and possibly a few United States troops are resisting.

Cebu lies 350 air-line miles south of Manila.

The war department said Gen. Wainwright sent a message to President Roosevelt reporting that "everything possible had been done to hold Bataan" out that "the overwhelming air and artillery superiority of the Japanese finally overcame the dogged resistance of the hungry and exhausted defenders."

A German radio broadcast quoting Japanese frontline dispatches said Gen. Wainwright had assembled a few small transport ships in an attempt to evacuate American-Filipino survivors from Bataan to Corregidor fortress, five miles off in Manila bay.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, said Japanese vanguards were pressing forward against American and Filipino positions on the peninsula and had captured the towns of Limay and Lamao on the east coast, capturing several thousand prisoners.

Bataan Fighting Fills Hospital



Wounded from the fighting on Bataan peninsula fill this field hospital. Defense of the peninsula by Americans has apparently collapsed.—(U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Jesse Jones Shakes Publisher Meyer at Good Fellows Club

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The Evening Star said today that Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones last night shook Eugene Meyer, editor and publisher of the Washington Post, so that Meyer's glasses fell to the floor and were shattered after Jones earlier had expressed displeasure at a Post editorial aimed at him.

The action took place at a meeting of the Alfalfa club, one of Washington's oldest and most prominent good-fellowship organizations.

The Star said Jones was leaving the gathering and as he walked toward an exit he met Meyer. "Mr. Jones," the paper said, "addressing some words that came from deep in the heart of Texas, to Mr. Meyer, then took him by both shoulders and shook him. Mr. Meyer's glasses fell to the floor and shattered. Several observers, thinking at first that Mr. Jones and Mr. Meyer were merely over-enthusiastic in their greetings, smiled happily at the good fellowship thus displayed—for they are old friends. But with the tinkle of Mr. Meyer's glasses on the floor, others sensed that action was needed. It came in a rush of friends to separate the gentlemen and lead them to widely separated seats.

Liquidation of German Army Due in 1942 Says Red Chief

Kuibyshev, Russia, April 10.—(P)—The Red army will liquidate the German army in Russia in 1942, S. A. Lozovsky, Soviet vice commissar for foreign affairs told his press conference today, adding that United States supplies are reaching the Russian forces and being "used to make Nazi corpses."

Asked how United States supplies are arriving, Lozovsky, official press spokesman, "all sorts of things for war" are being received "but precisely in what quantities is a secret."

"All the supplies we produce and those from the outside are used to convert the German army into corpses," Lozovsky went on.

He ridiculed German reports (evidently not circulated generally) that Russian losses have reached 20,000,000, saying that anyone knows that only 10 to 12 percent of a nation's population can be mobilized for the army.

(Russia's population, by official estimate in 1940, was 193,000,000.)
Lozovsky said the Germans had stopped giving information on their dead and wounded.

"I suggest," he said, "that they create a new category, the 'slightly killed'."

Asked to amplify the statement that the Red army would liquidate the Germans on Soviet soil, Lozovsky said he could not

RUTH PAST CRISIS DOCTOR BELIEVES

Hollywood, April 10.—(AP)—Babe Ruth, gravely ill with pneumonia two days ago, apparently has passed the crisis and will recover, his physician said today.

Dr. Smith's morning bulletin declared: "George Ruth had a very good night. Temperature normal. X-rays show marked improvement."

Automobile racing may be discontinued in Argentina because of shortage of cars, tires and gasoline.

3,422 WOMEN OF JACKSON CO. AGREE TO AID ON FARMS

Total of 8,846 Listed In Recent Industrial Mobilization; Many Have Training

Filing of Jackson county questionnaires used in the recent state-wide industrial mobilization of women was completed this week by a crew of volunteer workers under the supervision of the United States Employment office in Medford. A total of 8,846 women were listed.

Originally planned to cover a month's work, a rush call from officials at Salem asked for completion of the filing by Tuesday evening of this week. As the call for volunteers went out Medford women deserted their usual Monday morning household tasks and gathered at the law library in the courthouse where the filing was done. Approximately 50 women assisted, under the supervision of Mrs. T. E. Knackstedt, with a crew of 25 or more on hand at all times.

A tabulation of the files shows that 951 were listed as having had professional training, 2,240 are trained in the clerical lines of work and 2,881 are listed under the domestic and service classification. Under experienced agricultural workers are listed 1,875 women, 108 are classified in the lumber industry, 183 as skilled, 122 in the semi-skilled trades and 16 are listed as unskilled. Five hundred are listed under miscellaneous.

A separate listing was made of all women who said they would assist with harvesting of crops or other agricultural work in an emergency, and these numbered 3,422. The filing was done in three age groups and according to whether the women are married or single and whether or not they have families.

Mrs. Knackstedt and other leaders in the work commented on the splendid response made by Medford women when the rush call went out for workers.

INDIAN CONGRESS REJECTS PROFFER

New Delhi, India, April 10.—(P)—The All-India congress party has given a final and unfavorable answer to the British plan for Indian independence, it was reported late tonight.

War Bulletins

Vichy, April 10.—(P)—German authorities notified the population of the coastal city of Brest on the English channel today to be ready for a proclamation of a state of siege without advance notice.

London, April 10.—(P)—RAF fighter squadrons shot down six axis fighting planes in a sweep over the Calais-Boulogne area of France this evening, the air ministry announced. Five of the British planes which went across in relays failed to get back.

CRITICAL AREA DESIGNATION IS SEEN FOR CITY

Frank J. VanDyke, coordinator, said today that an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., stating that President Roosevelt had certified Medford as a critical area to come under the Federal Housing Administration's title VI plan would clear the way for the construction of homes for defense workers.

Under the plan the government insures loans which banks make to the builders. Recently, VanDyke explained, the WPB granted priorities for 75 permanent houses in Medford, and added that several groups and individuals, interested in building the houses, had made application to Folger Johnson of Portland, state director of the FHA, for authorization for their construction under the VI plan.

Tea was used as a medicine long before its popularity as a beverage was established.

Next Move

By Associated Press
With Gen. Yamashita's strong forces freed from Philippine operations, Washington quarters studied these possibilities:

1. A surprise Japanese attack on Siberia.
2. A reinforced drive into Burma and India.
3. An attempt to finish China.
4. Invasion of Australia.
5. A grand-scale assault on Hawaii.

Most observers predicted Siberia would be next on the list, with the Japanese striking Russia's "back door" in the east in a drive synchronized with the start of Adolf Hitler's long-heralded spring offensive in the west.

BRITISH CARRIER SUNK BY NIPPONS IN CEYLON SEAS

10,850-Ton Craft Lost Soon After Sinking of 2 Heavy Cruisers, Is Amitted.

By the Associated Press
London, April 10.—Britain's first aircraft carrier, the 23-year-old Hermes, has been sunk in Japan's unabated effort to beat down the sea and air shield against invasion of India, but the enemy's total claims of victory are too extravagant, the British admiralty said today in a communique.

Japanese planes, either bombers or torpedo craft, sank the 10,850-ton Hermes about 10 miles off Ceylon, a pivot of British strength at the tip of India on the western side of the broad Bay of Bengal.

The loss of the Hermes came soon after the sinking of the heavy cruisers Dorsetshire and Cornwall, acknowledged yesterday, in the same area. The cruiser losses had seriously crippled British protection of the sea road to India. Now, in the loss of the Hermes, the royal navy has been stripped of another formidable weapon.

The Japanese, however, claimed even greater successes in the flaming, intermittent battle which has become perhaps the war's greatest test of seapower versus air power.

A Japanese naval communique said that besides the Hermes, a 8,100-ton cruiser of the Birmingham class and a 7,550-ton cruiser of the Emerald class were sunk yesterday off Trincomalee naval station, Ceylon.

To this the London admiralty countered:

"The Japanese claim to have sunk cruisers off Trincomalee is known to be quite untrue." Yesterday the Japanese claimed 21 merchant vessels and the two cruisers had been sunk in Indian ocean operations up to Tuesday, April 7.

Today's claim added the Hermes, two cruisers, a destroyer, a patrol vessel and six other ships to the Japanese list of sinkings, but of these the British confirmed only that of the Hermes. The Japanese said also that a cruiser of the 7,270-ton Leander class was damaged.

FIVE DIE IN FALL OF ARMY TRAINER

Sacramento, April 10.—(P)—Three officers and two aviation cadets were killed last night in the crash of an army training plane on the Mojave desert near Bagdad, Calif., Mather Field authorities announced today.

The accident occurred on a navigation flight from the air corps field here to Tucson, Ariz. Army spokesmen said cause of the crash had not been determined as yet.

The five victims were listed as:
1st Lieut. Richard W. Ford, 25, son of Mrs. Arthur W. Ford, San Anselmo, Calif.
2nd Lieut. Byron V. Vandenberg, Jr., 22, son of Byron F. Vandenberg, Sacramento bank official.
2nd Lieut. William W. Hovey, 24, of Challis, Idaho.
Cadet Robert A. Baker, 24; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Baker, Birmingham, N. Y.
Cadet Leonard H. Baileiff, Jr., 21; father, L. H. Baileiff, Portland, Ore.

HORSE THIEF GETS PROBLEM OF RETREAD

Portland, April 10.—(P)—Maybe it's the tire shortage and maybe it isn't, but Comanche, a nine-year-old black and white horse of some 1,100 pounds, was stolen today.
Emily Siefert, Comanche's owner, warned that whoever got the horse also got a retread problem. Comanche is unshod.