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Thirty-seventh Year.
AMBASSADOR TO VICHY CALLED HOME

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon



Washington, April 17.—Whether the Japs will accept the invitation implied in India's weakness is a matter for reconsidered speculation.

From a political standpoint they could get a temporary measure of control by the occupation of a few road entrances leading into the endless interior.

Occupation of Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon and Bombay would give them at least a hold on the pulses of the country.

If they tried to go into the interior they would encounter problems several times as extensive as those which they have not yet conquered in China.

They can get the industry of the country by an even simpler process of occupying everything around Calcutta.

But they cannot get the people. The Indians are great passive resistors, the best in the world. The resisting they have done to the British will be nothing to what they will do to the Japs.

Their passivity can be expected to be even more devastating against the kind of oppression which the Japs will bring them, than against hegemony which the British exercised.

Certainly one good thing the Japs need now is to be stuck on two boundless flypapers, instead of one as in China. That is what they will get if they go in, and the Japanese general staff cannot be unaware of it.

THE sell-out of Petain, which raises Laval to the active directorship of what is left of the French nation, was a typically unfathomable French political transaction to me.

If Petain had heard about the bad situation in India and had been perturbed about the bombings of Malta, he might have dropped a word in official sources to indicate his transformation. He did not.

As it came, the news was an utter shock to Washington. They had plenty of advance notice that the French fleet might be lost piece by piece in dribbles.

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Albany, Ore., April 17.—(P)—Morphine valued at \$50 was stolen last night from the Mason drug store by a thief who jimmed a door and broke open a steel cabinet, Police Chief Perry Stellmacher said.

Radio Highlights
(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: Boxing—BLU 7:15 at Cleveland, Bob Pastor vs. Jimmy Bivins; CBS 8:30 at Betton National A. U. championships, also MBS 7 at Detroit, Ray Robinson vs. Harvey Dubs.
BLU—6:30 Celebrity theater, James A. Farley in "The Good Party Man."
MBS—6:15, Analysis of Propaganda.

Saturday: BLU—7:30 a. m., Vice-President Wallace at army ordnance officers' graduation; 9:30 a. m., National Grange. 3:30 Col. H. H. Miller on "Fighting Tools."

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Prof. George Newberry's blotter supply holding up well despite war and priorities.
Hizzoner "Hob" Deuel marveling at the loud "pops" a friend made with his gun, but refusing a stick so he could try it himself.
Proud Papa Paul Selby being touched by friends for cigars and candy upon the arrival of his new baby daughter.
And ditto Thyre Dodge.

ADMIRAL DARLAN TO HEAD FRENCH MILITARY FORCES

Washington Calls Leahy For Consultation On Vichy Government Change

Washington, April 17.—(P)—Ambassador William D. Leahy has been recalled from Vichy for consultation, acting Secretary of State Welles said today, because of information that the new Vichy French government would be dominated by axis collaborationist Pierre Laval.

By Mel Most

Vichy, April 17.—(P)—The United States ambassador to Vichy, Admiral William D. Leahy, was instructed today to return to Washington for consultation as the present Vichy government moved aside for the assumption of power by Pierre Laval.

Vice Premier Admiral Darlan and other ministers submitted their resignations en masse to Chief of State Marshal Petain but at the old marshal's request Darlan, his political heir-designate, became commander in chief of land, sea and air forces.

Hostages Shot

Coinciding with these developments in the grave situation was a German announcement that 35 more hostages had been shot in occupied France in reprisal for attacks on the forces of occupation.

Text of the communique announcing Darlan's assumption to head all the French armed forces said the admiral "at the request of the marshal consented to assume, under his direct authority, the functions of commander in chief of the land, sea and air forces."

(This was interpreted to mean, in well-informed neutral circles, that Darlan had taken control of France's army, navy, and airforce, subject only to instructions from Petain himself.

"As head of the armed forces and 'their apparent' to the position of chief of state, Darlan was believed to have assumed the responsibility of acting as a check on Laval.)

Mrs. Leahy Ill

During Leahy's absence, First Secretary S. Pinckney Tuck will remain at the Vichy embassy as charge d'affaires. Leahy and his wife, who is recovering from a serious operation, are expected to leave Vichy as soon as Mrs. Leahy is able to travel, in two or three weeks.

Recall of the envoy, associated with the re-emergence of Laval, the leading axis collaborationist, in a key position, emphasized a crisis in French-American relations. In official French circles there was no immediate reaction to the Leahy move.

BALK SHELVE OF WAR PROFIT BILL

Washington, April 17.—(P)—The house naval committee refused by a nine to nine vote today to suspend action for a month on legislation to limit war profits and regulate labor in war industries.

By agreement later, however, the committee decided against voting on the measure or any amendments until after next week.

Rep. Shannon (D., Mo.), protesting that only 30 printed copies of the bill were available, said it seemed an attempt was being made to "sneak it through" and argued that copies should be widely circulated over the nation before the committee took any action.

In the meantime the house judiciary committee opened hearings on a new proposal to subject labor unions to prosecution under the anti-trust law and to prevent them from forcing employers to hire "unnecessary" workers.

U. S. Forces Arrive in Australia



Members of an American force that arrived in Australia recently, smile happily as they transport docks.

MOTORCYCLIST'S JAW FRACTURED IN C. P. SMASHUP

Phillip Squires, 30, Route 1, Central Point, sustained painful injuries when his motorcycle crashed into the side of a 1938 Ford sedan driven by John A. Anderson at the Pine street, Pacific highway intersection in Central Point about 7 a. m. today.

Squires received a compound fracture of the jaw, ear and face lacerations, concussion and possible skull fracture, his physician said this morning. The injured man was taken to the Community hospital in the Perl ambulance. His condition was said not to be critical, although he was still only semi-conscious this morning.

Anderson, also of Route 1, Central Point, was said to be uninjured. A left fender, door and running board of his auto were badly smashed police said.

Anderson, according to Central Point police, stated that he was traveling east on Pine street, and had stopped before crossing the intersection.

Squires was coming from the north on the highway and point of impact was on Pine street a few feet east of the intersection. State police said that Squires had apparently turned out to pass a third machine.

Central Point police, on the other hand, theorized that Squires may have been making a left hand turn, heading toward the cantonment where he works. He was thrown about ten feet from the point of collision.

Anderson is also employed at Camp White and was said to have been on his way to work. Two witnesses to the accident were reported to have departed before they could be interviewed.

Moderate Smudging In Valley Orchards

There was moderate smudging in pear orchards of the valley early this morning, according to Frost Observer Roy J. Rogers. Damage was slight, if any. Under weather bureau regulations temperatures can not be given for publication.

Lighting was general, with some sections colder than others. It was the third smudging of the season.

CRASH INJURY FATAL

Hood River, Ore., April 17.—(P)—Injuries suffered Tuesday in an automobile accident near Bingen, Wash., were fatal last night to A. M. Cannon, Portland, former referee in bankruptcy. His sister, Mrs. Jenny Marvin, was killed in the same crash.

65,000 on Bataan Presumed Now in Hands of Japanese

Washington, April 17.—(P)—The war department announced today that more than 65,000 troops and civilians including 16 generals, had been unreported for more than a week on Bataan peninsula and were "presumably in the hands of the enemy."

This figure included approximately 35,000 combat troops, about 5,500 sick and wounded, a number of supply and other non-combatant troops and some 25,000 civilians, a communique reported.

No reports of casualties in the last few days of fighting have been received, the communique said, but it was believed likely that losses were heavy on both sides.

There were 68 army nurses on Bataan, and all of them were evacuated to Corregidor island on April 9 along with a relatively small number of troops, the communique said.

The communique said, in part: "The following general officers were in Bataan on April 9, and having been unreported since that date, are believed to be in the hands of the enemy: 'Major generals, United States army, home address: 'Edward P. King, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

"George M. Parker, Jr., Vancouver Barracks, Wash. 'Albert N. Jones, Quincy, Mass.

"Major general, Philippine army: 'Guillermo B. Francisco, Philippine islands. 'Brigadier generals, United States: 'Arnold J. Funk, Douglas, Ga.

"Maxon S. Lough, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y. 'James R. N. Weaver, Columbus General Depot, Columbus, Ohio.

"Clifford Bluemel, Baltimore, Md. 'William E. Brougher, Decatur, Ga.

"Clinton A. Pierce, Sierra Madre, Cal. 'Allan C. McBride, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"Brigadier generals, Philippine army: 'Vicente Lim, Philippine islands. 'Luther R. Stevens, Philippine islands.

"Mateo M. Capinpin, Philippine islands. 'Fidel V. Segundo, Philippine islands.

"Simeon de Jesus, Philippine islands."

STORM WARNING
San Francisco, April 17.—(P)—Small craft warnings were ordered hoisted at 7:30 a. m. today from Monterey to the mouth of the Columbia river and including San Francisco bay, the weather bureau announced.

Lord Ironside, British soldier, who weighs over 250 pounds, is privately called "Tiny" by the troops.

British Put Torch To 6,000 Oil Wells In Burma Retreat

USO FACILITY IN CHARGE OF YWCA IS PRESENT PLAN

Salvation Army Will Have Charge of Any Additional Recreational Building.

Medford's \$93,000 recreational building for soldiers to be stationed at Camp White will be supervised by the Y.W.C.A. if tentative plans materialize, it was learned late yesterday from C. A. Hogan, San Francisco, west coast representative of the United Service Organizations.

Answering a query from the Mail Tribune, Hogan stated it was the present plan to place the government-financed project under the direction of the Y.W.C.A., but with all facilities open to the five other U.S.O. agencies, namely: the Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A., Jewish Welfare Board, National Travelers' Aid Association and the National Catholic Community Service.

S.A. To Head Addition
If, in addition to the new recreational building, extra quarters are rented in present structures to provide a place for worship, games, dances and other soldier activities, these quarters will be under the supervision of the Salvation Army, according to the tentative plan, with all facilities being available to the other five U.S.O. agencies.

As there is no Y.W.C.A. here it was assumed that a director of that organization would be sent to Medford to supervise operation of the new building after its construction. The Girls' Community club, which formerly held a Y.W.C.A. charter, relinquished it in 1933.

Wind Flattens Barn On Bert Harr Ranch
Heavy wind in the Applegate region yesterday completely leveled a barn on the Bert Harr ranch near Copper.

A mowing machine in the structure was destroyed. The barn measured 30 feet by 80 feet and was about five years old.

No other serious damage in the area was reported.

TWO LOGGERS KILLED
Reedsport, Ore., April 17.—(P)—Two loggers were fatally injured in woods near here yesterday by falling trees. They were William Clinton, 63, Lakeside, and Elmer L. Price, Reedsport, the latter crushed by a windfall tree.

WOMAN BURNED
Reedsport, Ore., April 17.—(P)—Mrs. William Bell was critically burned yesterday at her home at Albertson's logging camp. Her dress caught fire from a wood stove. Hospital attendants said her recovery was doubtful.

300 EUROPEANS DYING IN JAP PRISON CAMP
Melbourne, April 17.—(P)—Aneta, Netherlands news service, reported today that two Dutch women who reached here from the East Indies said 300 Europeans were dying amid appalling conditions of dysentery and fever in a concentration camp on the Japanese-captured island of Ambon, site of a destroyed Dutch naval base.

BASEBALL
Score: American R. H. E.
Boston..... 0 6 1
New York..... 1 5 0
Judd and Conroy, Peacock; Bonham and Dickey.

National
New York..... 3 9 0
Boston..... 4 6 0
Schumacher, Feldman, Melton, and Danning; Erickson, Sain and Lombardi.

St. Louis..... 2 7 0
Pittsburgh..... 3 9 0
Warneke, Lanier and Odes; Sewell and Lopez.

War Bulletins

London, April 17.—(P)—The Moscow radio said tonight that in spite of fierce German resistance the Russians were taking "one great fortress after another" in the region of Demidovo, 18 miles northeast of Smolensk.

Heavy fighting was reported also along the vital front between Lakes Ilmen and Ladoga, below Leningrad, with the Russians trying desperately to break the siege of Leningrad before the thaw turns roads into bogs and floods the rivers.

Washington, April 17.—(P)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized British merchant vessel had been torpedoed in the Atlantic off the West Indies. Survivors have been landed at a port on the Gulf of Mexico.

RETAIN JACKSON AS PRESIDENT OF COUNTY CHAMBER
Members of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, at their annual luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Glenn this noon, re-elected Glenn L. Jackson, president of the chamber for the ensuing year, Mark A. Goldy vice-president and Frank Hull manager. Jackson has served two terms, Goldy one.

In line with the chamber's customary procedure of alternating the office of treasurer from year to year between representatives of the First National Bank of Portland, Medford branch, Eugene Thorndike, manager of the former, automatically succeeded George T. Frey as treasurer.

Newly-elected and hold-over directors gave Mr. Jackson and other officers a rising vote of appreciation for their efficient work the past year, and it was unanimously agreed the past 12 months was one of the most successful periods in the chamber's history.

Matters pertaining to the development of the Medford municipal airport, irrigation and the development of county timber resources were discussed.

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SCORCHED EARTH POLICY ALSO HITS CHINESE SUPPLY

Destruction of Yenangyaung Field To Foil Japanese Cuts Off Main China Oil.

(By Associated Press)
Cutting off China's main source of oil supplies, British engineers applying the "scorched earth" policy were forced to destroy 6,000 oil wells in the Yenangyaung fields in western Burma as outnumbered British troops retreated anew under the fiercest Japanese assault of the campaign, it was revealed today.

Latest reports indicated that the situation in Burma was critical in the extreme and British Minister Richard G. Casey warned that the allies must assume Japan can strike in "major offensives against Australia and India" at the same time.

Burma is the eastern approach to India.

British headquarters acknowledged that battle-worn British troops, fighting a desperate holding action against Japan's invasion armies in the Irrawaddy river valley, had withdrawn at least 15 miles to a line north of Magwe.

In the battle for the approaches to Australia, Japanese warplanes again raided Port Moresby, New Guinea, 300 miles across the Torres Strait from Australia, and dropped 50 bombs.

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