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NEW RAID ALARMS HARRY JAPANESE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 21.—The man-power mobilizer, Paul McNutt, has done a spectacular job of fighting his way up toward the presidential elections of 1944—an event of which he is clearly not unmindful.



His big drawback as a candidate has been labor opposition, based on his old Indiana gubernatorial record. But a few days back a news photo of him was distributed, taken at Pittsburgh, standing between

Mr. McNutt's new job, however, involves as many of the hazards of political popularity as the civilian defense post which set Mayor La Guardia back. The drafting of men for industry may give him a chance to meet millions of new people, but not necessarily favorable.

It involves a delicate process of dealing with labor shortages, taking men from one job and putting them into another, helping one industry and hurting another, and it is entirely a new idea to which the country has not been accustomed as it has to military drafts.

Mr. Roosevelt has apparently delegated the whole touchy problem of policy formation (the all important question of how deep Mr. McNutt shall dig in) to this rising tide arrival in the new deal, and his board, with a little private advice from the White House on the side, no doubt.

Obviously Mr. McNutt could work himself into a backseat without very much trouble.

THE crisis for McNutt will come before the end of the year, when a general labor shortage is expected. Shortages

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SECRET SESSION

London, April 21.—(P)—The house of lords met in secret session today for a discussion of the progress of battleship construction and replacement in the royal navy.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)

A joint call to the nation from government, business and labor officials for an increased sale of war bonds is to be the theme of a special broadcast being arranged for Thursday night on the BLU network.

Among speakers are Secretaries Morgenthau and Wickard, W. P. Witherow, P. C. Cashen, William Green and Phillip Murray. General subject will be "Dollars in the Draft."

CBS—6:30 Report to Nation. Transportation; 7:30 Rep. Ditter on "Fundamental Freedoms."

BLU—7:45 Rep. J. S. Gibson on "Labor Relations Act."

SIDE GLANCES

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An unidentified man wanting to know if nightworkers were low-wheeled trucks used at night and being quite surprised when Dorothy Scripser informed him that "crawlers" were fish-worms.

Isabelle Miller modeling a "priority formal" spruced up with a corsage of carrots and Betty Vilm being "the lady in red" at the Junior Guild fashion show.

Sockeye Jack McDonald proving his ability to make speeches as well as wrestle.

Dave Rees informing city police concerning his notorious character.

PART OF ISLANDS REPORTED UNDER CONTINUED ALERT

Symptom of Fear Seen in Prolonged Worry — No Plane Visits Mentioned.

(By the Associated Press)
New air raid alarms kept central and western Japan, containing vital naval bases, ports and industrial cities, under prolonged alerts this (Tuesday) afternoon, axis sources reported, even while Japanese broadcasts continued to minimize the effects of Saturday's attacks attributed to American planes.

The Japanese themselves said nothing of the alarms, stating instead that the cabinet received reports from its ministers that Japanese life had been affected only to a small degree by the Saturday raids and that postal service was quickly resumed.

The Berlin radio, however, reported under a Tokyo dateline that alarms sounded in central and western Japan today between 4 and 5 p. m., (midnight and 1 a. m. PWT).

No Planes Seen
The broadcast made no mention of planes seen or bombs dropped and the alarm may have been merely a symptom of Japanese fears of air attack since the high command reported raids Saturday on Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and Obe.

Meanwhile, Chinese reports said the Japanese were speeding preparations for possible war against Russia, heavily reinforcing their garrisons in inner Mongolia, which borders Soviet Siberia west of Manchukuo.

On the Burma war front, a furious battle was reported raging around Yenangyang, in the heart of Burma's ruined oil fields, as British tank-led infantry and a Chinese rifle regiment sought to annihilate isolated Japanese troops.

Yenangyang Retaken
Chinese military dispatches said Chinese reinforcements had recaptured Yenangyang, saving 7,000 encircled British troops and 100 supply trucks in the first allied victory of the Burma campaign. Chinese troops drove the invaders three miles south of the oil town.

The Chinese reported they had killed 500 Japanese and lost only 100 in the Yenangyang area, where British engineers had already blown up 6,000 oil wells to prevent them from falling into Japanese hands.

The Japanese troops cut off in the Yenangyang sector were described as part of a force which drove into the oil fields last week, cutting off the British rear guard south of the fields.

Slash Burning Ban Urged for May 15

Salem, April 21.—(P)—The state forestry board recommended to Governor Charles A. Sprague today that he prohibit the burning of slashings and debris in Oregon forests after May 15. It was believed that the governor, who is chairman of the board, would do so.

From May 1 to May 15 burning will be allowed only by permit.

The board has been advised by army officials that they will not allow fires in forests after May 15.

Hitler Birthday Parties Are Visited by FBI Agents

Newark, N. J., April 21.—(P)—E. E. Conroy, New Jersey head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today the FBI celebrated Adolf Hitler's 53rd birthday with the largest statewide raid since Pearl Harbor, arresting a score of enemy aliens, questioning more than 100 persons and seizing much contraband.

More than 150 agents and local police struck at 62 places last night, Conroy said.

Of those detained as aliens 11 were sent to Ellis Island and others were held pending action to be advised by the United States attorney general.

BASEBALL

National
Philadelphia at New York postponed, weather.

Boston 2 8 1
Brooklyn 13 19 1
Javery, Erickson, Hutchings and Klutz; Head and Sullivan.

Chicago 2 6 2
Pittsburgh 5 8 1
Bithorn, Schmitz and McCullough; Sewell and Phelps.

American
New York 10 10 0
Philadelphia 4 10 1
Ruffing and Rdsar; Wolfe, Christopher and Wagner.

FOUR BOYS HELD AS SUSPECTS IN BURGLARIES HERE

Three local youths aged 16 years and one aged 18, are being held in the county jail today pending investigation concerning their alleged participation in a series of burglaries during the past week.

The boys were apprehended by city police yesterday and today and their appearance in juvenile court, possibly tomorrow, awaits filing of formal complaints against them.

According to statements signed by three of the boys, the Currier grocery, 328 Hamilton street, was entered by members of the group on April 15 and on April 19. The loot was cigarettes, cigars, gum, a watch and several dollars in cash.

They are alleged to have entered the Whitelaw Candy company building, 31 North Grape street, where they took several boxes of chocolates early Monday morning. The youths were said to have prowled a house on the Jacksonville highway Sunday afternoon.

Statements on file say they broke into the A-One brewery, 301 North Fir street, and took two cases of beer during the week-end. The boys were said also to have ransacked the Rogue River Canal company building on the Crater Lake highway and the Sterling mine property.

Two other youths, aged 13 and 17, are in custody of police in the city jail in connection with their alleged theft of a gas engine and pump from the Hubbard-Wray company about March 14.

War Bulletins

Washington, April 21.—(P)—The navy reported today that two United States torpedo boats operating against a Japanese squadron of five warships near the Philippine island of Cebu had "seriously damaged one enemy light cruiser and left it in a sinking condition."

Washington, April 21.—(P)—The navy announced today that two merchant vessels, a small United States ship and a medium sized Norwegian ship, had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast. Survivors have been landed at ports on the east coast and Gulf of Mexico.

Found at what Conroy called the largest Hitler celebration in the state, at the City Hall tavern, Union City, were August Klapprott, eastern leader of the disbanded German-American Bund, and the Rev. John C. Fitting, Hudson county Bund official. Both are naturalized citizens and they were released after questioning.

As the raiders entered the Union City Hall, celebrants continued singing to the last bar songs in praise of Nazism. Eight German nationals were found among the group. It was said, all of them without alien registration or selective service registration cards.

Grizzly bears can climb only when they are cubs.

HOPKINS REPORT TO WAR COUNCIL IS ENCOURAGING

Mission to London Discussed in White House Confab—Dr. Soong Sees Progress.

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—A report they described as "interesting and encouraging" was given members of the Pacific war council today at the White House by Harry L. Hopkins, who discussed the mission he and General George C. Marshall undertook to London.

Hopkins, President Roosevelt's right-hand man on war supplies, and Marshall, army chief of staff, returned from Britain Sunday.

Today's meeting of the council, the fourth these representatives of seven nations fighting in the Pacific have had with Mr. Roosevelt, was fitted into a day of presidential appointments of an international flavor.

One of these engagements brought to the White House Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, lieutenant governor general of the Dutch East Indies, who told reporters afterward that "I think at least the (Japanese) march to the southeast has been stopped for the time being."

Dutch Still Resist
He said the Dutch still were resisting in the East Indies and that a number of Dutch air and naval forces had reached Australia.

Leighton McCarthy, Canadian minister to the United States and a war council member, said that "I think we all agree we are getting places. Everybody seems to be more cheerful."

Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, and **Herbert V. Evatt**, Australian minister of external affairs, agreed that it was a "very good" meeting at which a wide range of subjects were considered.

Dr. T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, remarked that "we are progressing."

SUGAR DEALERS WILL GET CARDS APRIL 28 TO 29

Distribution of sugar outlet cards to dealers in Jackson county will be made April 28 and 29, from the high schools of the county, it was announced today. The county clerk's office today sent out the material and information to the various high schools.

Consumer cards will be issued on May 4, 5, 6 and 7 and will be distributed from the various grade schools.

The high schools from which the sugar outlet cards will be distributed and the estimated number for each are:

Medford senior high, 200 cards; Ashland, 125 cards; Central Point, 20; Jacksonville 35; Talent 20; Eagle Point 25; Gold Hill 25; Rogue River 20; Butte Falls 15; Prospect 15, and Sams Valley 3.

Leonard Carpenter is head of the local sugar rationing board. More explicit details will be given later.

More Japs Ordered From Coastal Area

San Francisco, April 21.—(P)—In sweeping new exclusion orders today, Lieut. General J. L. DeWitt ordered all Japanese removed from 400 miles of the California coastline incorporating most of the state's big military encampments, and from a wide area around the Mare Island navy yard.

Thirteen new orders by the commanding general of the western defense command directed the evacuation of 12,800 Japanese from 11 California counties and most of Seattle by May 3.

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YANKEE PLANES TO JOIN RAF IN CONTINENT BLOW

London Says Dromes All Over Britain to Base Hundreds of U. S. Aircraft.

By the Associated Press
United States warplanes, now blasting the axis on many fronts, are already being ferried to British operational bases to join in the RAF's great aerial offensive against the continent, London sources reported today.

Meanwhile, signs multiplied of German nervousness over a possible allied invasion of Nazi-dominated Europe.

Norwegian advisers reaching London reported several more German divisions had arrived in Norway as a precaution "against possible allied invasion" and that the Germans were barricading the coast with concrete strongpoints and masses of barbed wire.

Build Bicycle Army
Dutch quarters in London said German Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt was building up a Nazi bicycle army in northern France and Belgium in defense against new British Commando raids and a possible allied invasion attempt.

Dutchmen escaping from Holland said the Germans were taking the entire production of bicycle factories in the low countries and Denmark and reported mounting anxiety among Nazi occupation troops over the prospect of a British invasion.

Dutch refugees said German authorities had forbidden soldiers to sing the song so popular a year ago—"We are Sailing Against England."

U. S. Planes Coming
London observers said they expected to see the red, white and blue insignia of U. S. army bombers in the sky any day now, and the London Daily Sketch declared:

"Soon at airdromes all over Britain there will be gathered the force of planes that will make this country the world's greatest air base... hundreds of United States aircraft—giant bombers, medium bombers and dive bombers—flown by American air crews."

Other developments:
Sea warfare—A Berlin radio broadcast asserted that more than 2,000,000 tons of shipping had been sunk by axis submarines operating off the American Atlantic and Pacific coasts in the last three months. (Note: this figure is far in excess of losses disclosed by the United States.)

The broadcast said that 1,772,900 tons of British and American ships had been sunk off the Atlantic seaboard between Jan. 15 and April 14, and that Japanese undersea raiders in the same period had sunk 22 ships off the Pacific coast.

Vichy crisis—Admiral Jean Darlan, commander of all France's armed forces, told his fighting men that "you can rely on me as I rely on you to proceed further along the path of honor and to defend the empire."

With this enigmatic expression, Darlan left open the all-important question of how far the "path of honor" would lead toward active military aid to Germany.

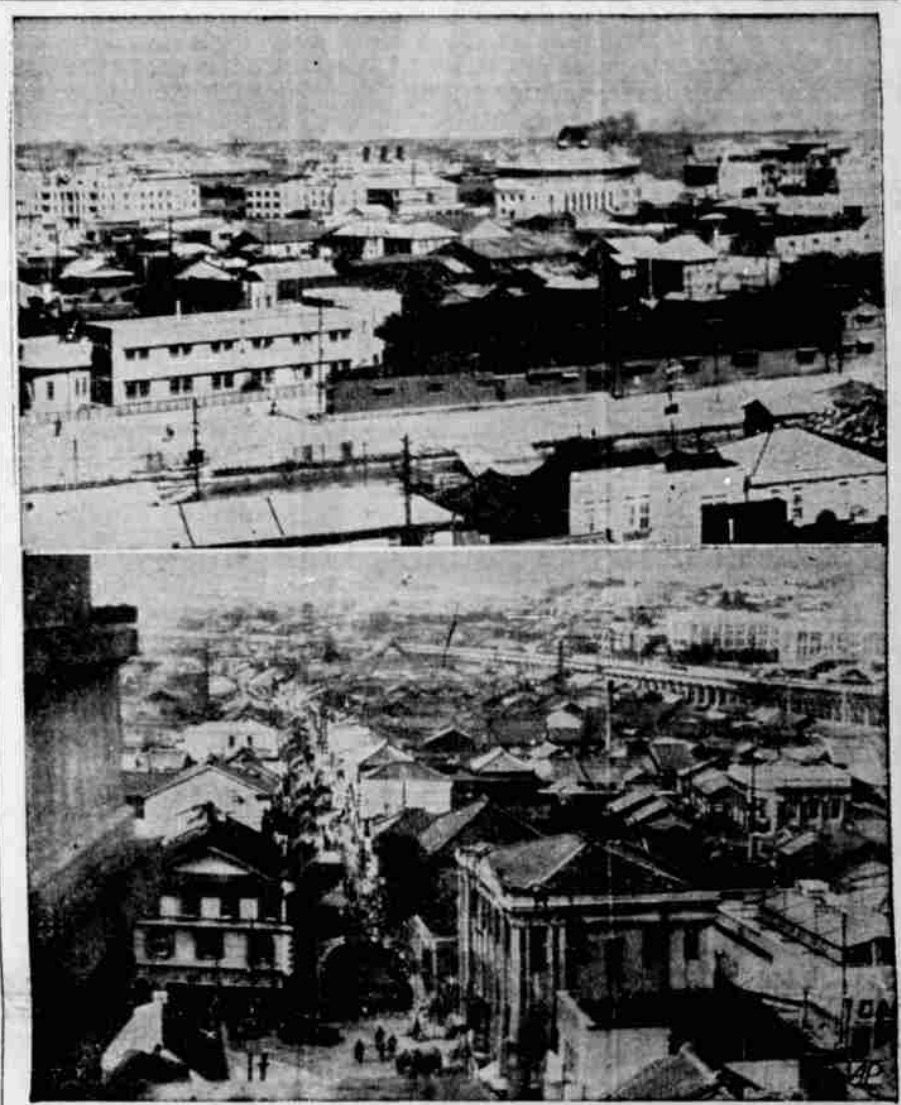
Russian campaign—Soviet parachute troops, described as strong enough to free German-occupied villages and "hold them against all counterattacks," were reported landing behind Nazi lines, while the red army also reported gains on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts.

Soviet dispatches said Russian troops in the Leningrad sector had captured 17 Nazi strongholds in throwing back the German 217th division.

On the central front, where the Russians have been slowly closing a giant pincers around the German "escape corridor" from Moscow, the Soviet radio reported the capture of an important point of resistance, with 1,300 Nazis killed in 48 hours of heavy fighting.

North African front—British headquarters announced that clearing weather brought a resumption of "normal patrol activities."

Japanese Cities Raided By Bombers



A general view of Yokohama (top), the port for Tokyo, showing docks and harbor in background. This was one of the cities that the Japanese reported were raided by enemy warplanes. Japanese reports also stated that fires were started by incendiary bombs in the city of Kobe (bottom), one of the leading Japanese ports.

Predicted Jap Peace Feeler Planted By Christian Leader

Tokyo (From Japanese Broadcasts), April 21.—(P)—The Tokyo radio broadcast today a Domei dispatch quoting Toyoko Kaga, most famous of Japanese Christian leaders, as asserting that among Japanese Christians "prayers are being said for an early conclusion of the war and the restoration of peace throughout the world."

The purpose of this broadcast by the government-controlled radio is obscure but it might be the beginning of a Japanese "peace offensive."

Japanese leaders may be counting on Kaga's reputation in the United States, where he has lectured widely and where his books, in translation, have had considerable circulation, to gain attention for the suggestion that Japanese Christians, at least, want peace.

Archibald MacLeish, director of the office of Facts and Figures, in an address at the annual meeting of the Associated Press yesterday, warned that the axis would launch a "peace offensive" this summer. He said "a peace offensive is an offensive in political warfare," which "won't win in France which dive bombers and flame throwers and tank and parachute troops could never have won."

He declared there could be no negotiated peace except the kind that "free men make."

(Experienced observers have predicted that Japan might begin a peace drive as soon as she had conquered the territories she wanted to include in her "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.")

HOUSE BURNS ON BT. FALLS RANCH

The large frame dwelling on the old Ben Fredenburg ranch three miles northwest of Butte Falls caught fire early this afternoon and the blaze was being fought by neighbors and personnel from the Butte Falls ranger station, which hurriedly dispatched equipment to the scene when notified by the Medford Corporation fire warden in the vicinity. It was reported by the Rogue River National forest.

The fire, whipped by a high wind, was endangering the large barn on the ranch, the forest service said. It was not immediately learned how the blaze originated nor who occupied the house.

POELLNITZ DEATH INQUIRY TONIGHT

An inquest concerning the death of Mrs. Ada Poellnitz from injuries sustained in an auto smash-up near Savage Rapids dam early Saturday morning will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the Perl funeral home, Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris said this morning.

Mrs. Poellnitz, long-time resident of Medford, succumbed Sunday afternoon in a Grants Pass hospital.

Among those called upon to testify will be Dr. C. L. Okie of Grants Pass, who treated Mrs. Poellnitz and her companion, Robert Swoape of Medford.

JAP LOSSES LISTED

Melbourne, April 21.—(P)—Airmen of the United Nations have "destroyed or probably destroyed" some 66 Japanese planes and damaged about 50 others since April 1 in the air war in southwest Pacific area, an authoritative tabulation from allied communiques showed today.

DAY TO DAY

Washington, April 21.—(P)—United States policy toward the new axis collaborationist regime in Vichy remains on a day to day basis, Secretary of State Hull told his press conference today.

41 CCC BOYS OF CAMP PRESCOTT HOMEBOUND SOON

The number of enrollees at Camp Prescott, one of the three remaining CCC camps in this area, will be reduced to 159 Thursday when 41 boys leave here by train for Louisiana to be discharged, it was announced today. Last week 101 replacements from North and South Carolina arrived to swell the camp personnel to 200.

Since the absorption of the Medford CCC district by the Vancouver, Wash., barracks district last August, Camps Prescott, South Fork and Williams Creek alone remain in this sector. South Fork has 108 enrollees, Williams Creek 170. The three camps are operating directly under the Vancouver barracks district, there being no headquarters in Medford.

Camp Prescott enrollees are at present working at the Medford municipal airport on a national defense project and doing other general work, Williams Creek enrollees have been cutting timber in the area for use at the airport and South Fork enrollees are planting trees for the Rogue River National forest and working at the CCC central automotive repair depot at the county fairgrounds.

Many CCC boys in this area have enlisted in the armed forces recently, some have been drafted and others are coming of draft age, it was announced. A considerable number have also been discharged to accept work in national defense plants and on national defense projects.

Bubonic Plague In Jackson Co. Rodents

Grants Pass, April 21.—(P)—Bubonic plague in rodents has crossed the California state line into this section of Oregon.

Fleas infected with the disease have been found on squirrels in Josephine and Jackson counties, Dr. S. B. Osgood, county health physician, was informed Tuesday by letter from the state board of health.