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REDS RESUME KHARKOV OFFENSIVE

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, May 25.—That unidentified "high Washington official" who warned some blows as well as victories must be expected was high enough to know what he was talking about. He had more in mind than the law of averages.

Certain specific spots around the world are being watched closely from here, as we pass the turning point of our own preparation into the phase of aggressive action, to-wit:

Russian front—All expect the Russians to hold through the summer, but the spring fighting has not started too well for our side.

Kerch was a red thorn in the side of the Nazis. Its complete loss would mean a clear flank for Hitler in the Crimea, Russian loss of the sea of Azov and assumption of an onerous duty of defending the Kerch strait. Moscow admits several thousand casualties there; Germans claim 150,000; real figure lies somewhere between.

This annoyance could have been offset by swift capture of Kharkov, but just as the Russians were ready to march in a few days back, Von Beck, the Nazi general, attacked and outflanked them.

Discomforting, but hardly disastrous news, is possible from Russia.

CHINA—their spot is really tightening to a pin point. The Japanese drive should not crush their armies, but a lot more valuable territory may be lost. The situation can best be told this way:

The Jap idea of where those Doolittle bombers came from (not my idea, or yours) is circumscribed by an arc from Tokyo running through Changsha in central China. Inside that arc are hidden air fields, in the opinion of Tokyo, which remain

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AIR LINE QUILTS SPOKANE FLIGHTS

Seattle, May 25.—(AP)—The United Air Lines announced today that lack of equipment and flying personnel had forced cancellation of the Spokane-Portland and Spokane-Walla Walla-Pendleton service, with tomorrow night's flight the last.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

Tonight: Talks—BLU 6 Radio forum, "Progress of Government's Nutrition Program"; MBS 7:30 American Palestine committee dinner, Sen. Wagner and others; CBS 8:15 Talk on rationing.

Tuesday: CBS—1 p. m. Northern Baptist convention; BLU—2 Broadcast from Iceland. MBS—1:15 Belmont Park race.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Orchids galore at the junior prom at the high school.

Frank Hughes passing out smokes and a big smile in honor of the arrival yesterday of husky 7½-pound Frank Richard Hughes III.

Carl von der Hellen greeting an old friend in a manner reminiscent of more gallant periods.

Warlow Purdin indulging in cups of coffee between showers and talking tennis.

HITLERITE WEDGE CLAIMED ERASED WITH HEAVY LOSS

Moscow Claims Russians Driving Forward Again in 14th Day of Battle.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth
Associated Press War Editor
Russia's Kharkov offensive, a major factor in strategic planning on both sides of the world conflict, was pictured today to be rolling forward once again, the red army having wiped out the best the Germans could offer in the way of flank diversion.

The wedge which the Germans had driven into the Russian salient curving past Kharkov on the south had been shattered with "enormous losses" to the enemy, Moscow dispatches said, and the Russians had driven ahead once more after consolidating newly won ground.

This was the 14th day of battle on the Kharkov front, perhaps the most valuable of all German positions in Russia for it buttresses the Taganrog threat of the Germans to invade the Caucasus when and if they can get their own major drive under way.

The German high command, not retreating from previous claims that considerable Russian forces had been cut off in the salient flanking Kharkov, said today that the fighting south of the city had developed into a battle of encirclement.

"The bulk of three Soviet armies, including strong tank forces, has been encircled," the German communique said. "All attempts to break out have failed with heavy losses for the enemy."

Obviously both the Germans and Russians could not be correct in their descriptions of the battle but since communications and the belligerents' own front line reports were the only sources of news, corroboration for either side must await final outcome of the encounter.

The Hitler command said that its forces had captured 30 villages in a "central sector" but whether it meant the Kharkov front or the whole front was not clear. If the whole vast Russian front were meant, the claim signified new action opposite Moscow.

The emphasis put upon the battle of Russia by American high strategy was newly illustrated by a dispatch from an Associated Press correspondent, Henry C. Cassidy, from a red air force station which said that an elite Russian pursuit squadron defending the bomber approach to Moscow was flying American-made planes exclusively and asking for more.

The Russian airmen were elaborate in their praise of the fighters—especially the Bell Airacobras, which name they have meaningfully shortened to cobra.

Cassidy's dispatch coincided with that of a colleague, Roy P. Porter, from Buffalo, N. Y., home of the Airacobras, carrying the significant disclosure by the concern's president, Lawrence D. Bell, that these ordinarily short-range planes now are being flown—not shipped—to their ultimate stations in many parts of the world.

Shonbrun Confesses Murdering Refugee

New York, May 25.—(AP)—El Shonbrun testified today that his 28-year-old lover, Madeline Webb, had no knowledge or part in the slaying of Mrs. Susan Flora Reich but that he and his uncle, Murray Hirsch, "murdered a woman entirely alone."

Shonbrun, who earlier had proclaimed his love for Miss Webb, blurted out shortly after he had taken the stand in his fight for life that "Murray and I murdered a woman entirely alone," adding that he and his uncle were alone in the Hotel Sutton suite last March 4 when the well-to-do Polish refugee called.

Jap Spearheads Point At China Heart



Apparently intent on knocking China out of the war, Japan aimed several spearheads at the heart of China. The Burma drive (1) was turned toward the Burma Road and Chungking. To the east (2), Japs were said to have landed troops at Fochow, supplementing an offensive between Hangchow and Ningpo in a move apparently designed to forestall United Nations' use of forward areas for an attack on Japan itself. At the same time the invaders were said to be massing near Hankow for a drive on the Changsha (3) to Canton railroad. Shaded area represents territory controlled by Japan.

Japs Claim Successes In Two Crucial Areas

By The Associated Press

Japanese dispatches claimed important successes today in southeastern and southwestern China, areas 1,500 miles apart which have become the most crucial sectors of war in the far Pacific.

In southwestern Province of Hunan, Japanese forces were reported to have surged across the upper Salween river in the face of fierce Chinese fire, occupying hills from which to shield their bridgehead along the Burma road to Paoshan, 55 miles beyond.

Despite the handicaps of the rainy season in Burma, which are generally counted on to forestall any major offensive against India, the Japanese conquerors of Burma still were a sharp threat to China though terrific odds of terrain lay between them and Kunning, eastern terminus of the Burma road, 375 miles from their Salween foothold.

The other front, where the enemy was in perhaps more decisive position to gain a major victory, lies in Chekiang Province, across China from Yunnan. Furthering the successes of last week in the face of a Chinese resistance which could check or turn the enemy back in only isolated actions, the Japanese in Chekiang Province had carried their drive dangerously near to the important communications center and provincial capital, Kihwa.

The Chinese, estimating the enemy's strength at 100,000 men, acknowledged his proximity to Kihwa and a Tokyo report said that the Japanese actually were storming the city.

The Chekiang drive, carried to its logical end, would impair the long-range prospect of setting up forward bases in China for a direct air offensive against Japan by the United Nations. The Japanese offensive also bore the earmarks of an all-out attempt to force the Chungking government to its knees.

Japan's strategic position had been tremendously improved by the success in Burma, at the Chinese back door, through which supplies had moved to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Chiang's American chief of staff, arriving in India, was typically blunt about the Battle of Burma, in which he led Chinese forces cooperating with the British Imperial in the defense. "I claim we got a hell of a beating," said this tough 59-year-old fighting man in an interview. "We got run out of Burma. It is humiliating as hell. I think we ought to find out what caused it, go back and retake it. (.) The Japanese are not supermen. If we go back properly proportioned and properly equipped we can throw them out."

Portland, May 25.—(AP)—Parades and the traditional drum corps contest will be eliminated from the state American Legion convention this year, Command Joseph K. Carson Jr. announced today.

26 BODIES LEFT BY FLASH FLOOD DAMAGE HEAVY

Honesdale, Pa., May 25.—(AP)

Confronted with the threat of disease, every able-bodied person in this devastated town was enlisted today in the task of removing debris of week-end flash floods that took 26 lives in eastern Pennsylvania and left 10 others missing and feared dead.

Receding waters brought to light property damage running into the millions of dollars in the watersheds of the Lackawanna, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Delaware rivers. In Honesdale alone the loss was unofficially estimated at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

More than 30 homeless families still were being fed and cared for by the Red Cross today in this resort town of 5,687, hardest hit of any in the flooded area. Seventeen persons perished here and in the nearby Wayne county communities and Hawley and White Mills.

Tons of chloride of lime were spread over mud-lined cellars. Town officials called upon all able-bodied men to help clean up. State sanitation experts continued a check of drinking water, which was found safe yesterday.

Rivers and tributaries, fed by torrential rains, surged over their banks early Saturday. Homes and automobiles were washed away, gas and electric service was shut off. Traffic was paralyzed.

British Laborites Favor Continuance

London, May 25.—(AP)—Advocates of continued participation by the labor party in the Churchill government, won an easy victory today in the first test of sentiment favoring a withdrawal, a course suggested earlier by Lord Strabolgi.

By a vote of 2,319,000 to 164,000 the party's annual conference defeated an amendment condemning labor's role in the government.

PERFECT CHURCHGOER

Baltimore, May 25.—(AP)—An extra-attendance medal was pinned on Charles C. Russell at West Baltimore Methodist church for missing only one service in the last 43 years. Russell explained his only failure was on the morning of the great Baltimore fire in 1904, when a fire hose broke, drenching the churchgoer and sending him home instead of to services.

MEXICO CONGRESS CALLED UPON FOR WAR DECLARATION

President Camacho Makes Formal Presentation—Plan Emergency Defense

Melco City, May 25.—(AP)—President Manuel Avila Camacho formally called upon congress today to meet in extraordinary session to declare war on the axis powers and to approve emergency measures to defend the nation against totalitarian aggression.

The chief executive moved to place Mexico at war with Germany, Italy and Japan just 11 days after the first two torpedo sinkings of Mexican vessels and a subsequent axis rejection of the government's demand for "complete satisfaction."

The permanent congressional commission, which functions while congress is not in session, quickly and unanimously approved the presidential message, which asked for a war declaration, emergency war powers and suspension of constitutional guarantees.

Claim 56 Survivors From U. S. Battleship Found by Argentinian

Buenos Aires, May 25.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Mario Finetti, navy minister, confirmed today an announcement by the state merchant fleet that the Argentine freighter Rio Igazu had rescued 56 survivors of an unidentified vessel at sea.

But he said he was unable to confirm a home radio report that the rescued men were part of a crew of a United States battleship of the Maryland class which the Italians assert was sunk by one of their submarines.

According to one report, published by the newspaper, Noticias Graficas, they were from a United States warship, identified in axis claims as a battleship of the Maryland class.

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LOOKER, NEWBRY LIST EXPENSES

Salem, May 25.—(AP)—Probate Judge George Tazwell of Multnomah county spent \$600 in his successful campaign for re-nomination, he reported to the state department today.

Other campaign expense statements filed today include: Tazwell committee, in behalf of Judge Tazwell, \$454.13. Walter J. Looker, Medford republican, for state senator from Jackson county, \$85.48. Looker for senator committee, \$83.50. Earl T. Newbry, Ashland Republican, for state senator from Jackson county, \$68.36. Newbry for senate committee, \$75.

Oregon State Federation of Labor, in behalf of various candidates, \$162.

Knights Columbus To Buy War Bonds

Pendleton, May 25.—(AP)—The Oregon Knights of Columbus ordered purchase yesterday of war bonds with surplus funds of the state council.

Resolutions at the close of the annual state convention supported the government in efforts for an early war victory.

Otto J. Smith of Klamath Falls was elected state deputy. All other officers were re-elected.

DENY RUSTLER'S PLEA

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—The supreme court refused today to act on the appeal of Mrs. Myrtle A. Garner, 62-year-old Curry county ranch owner, who sought freedom from a four-year prison term on the grounds that there were no women on the jury. She was convicted of larceny of livestock in October, 1939.

Cleveland, May 25.—(AP)—Street car traffic on eight west side lines was halted for more than an hour today by a walk-out of city transit employees protesting against their failure to get paychecks on time from the city treasury.

BASEBALL

American

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	7	0
New York	3	7	2

Hughson and Peacock; Chandler, Butland and Dickey.

OREGON GASOLINE RATIONING PLANS CLAIMED DROPPED

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) announced today he had been informed the OPA's gas rationing program for Oregon had been dropped because of an improvement in the gasoline situation there.

The senator said he had been informed formal announcement of the dropping of the gas rationing plans for Oregon would be made by the office of price administration soon.

The improved situation also has prevented a decrease in gasoline deliveries to the state's gasoline stations after June, McNary said.

When the gasoline deliveries in the east were cut to 50 per cent, Oregon was ordered to take a similar cut on June 1. The supplies had been cut 33 1-3 per cent previously.

The improved situation reported by Petroleum Coordinators would keep in force the 33 1-3 per cent cut to Oregon stations, it was learned.

NEW GRAND JURY DRAWN IN COURT

At the opening of the May term of the circuit court today, a new grand jury was drawn as follows:

Fred Heselgrave, Central Point; W. E. Kerr, Ashland; Neil H. Franklin, Medford; Sumner Parker, Ashland; G. F. Brittain, Medford; Chester Wendt, Jacksonville; and J. Ludo Grieve, Prospect.

No matters were reported pending to be called to the attention of the grand jury. A special venire of 15 jurors was ordered drawn by the court to make up the petit jury list. A number were excused from service.

Plane Sinks U-Boat Off Brazilian Coast

Fortaleza, Brazil, May 25.—(AP)—A "North American patrol plane" discovered and sank a submarine off the northeast coast of Brazil May 23, authorized sources announced today.

"There has been great activity along the coast," these sources added.

Gordon Warner Now in Capital School

Gordon Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner, 519 South Oakdale avenue, has been transferred from Camp Crowder, Mo., to the Capital Radio Institute, in Washington, D. C., for a three-months technical course, according to word received here today.

Warner, who enlisted April 8, had been at Camp Crowder for three weeks taking a technical course. His new address is 3315 Northwest 16th street, Washington, D. C.

19 Australia First Frontiers Arrested as Fifth Columnists

Sydney, Australia, May 25.—(AP)—Army minister Francis M. Forde, announced today the arrest of 19 men and women, believed to have been associated with the so called Australia first front, on charges of treasonable conspiracy to aid the Japanese if they invaded Australia.

Forde said documents which were seized gave plans for the assassination of leading Australians and for sabotaging vulnerable points.

"These documents indicate fifth column activity of the worst kind to be very small and by a small band of people," Forde said.

The arrests were made by military authorities. Forde said three other men and a woman were arrested at Perth, West Australia, on charges of conspiring to assist the Japanese.

Leaders of the Australia first movement said they were astonished at Forde's allegations. One member said the accusations were "silly and ridiculous."

All those arrested were committed for trial on heavy bail.

NATION'S STORES TO HALT BUSINESS FOR BOND SELLING

Period on July 1 Will Be Devoted to War Bond, Stamp Sales Exclusively.

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—Every retail store in America will suspend sale of its regular merchandise or services for a period on July 1 to sell war bonds and stamps exclusively.

This was announced today by Benjamin H. Namm of Brooklyn, chairman of the retailers advisory committee of the treasury. He displayed thousands of telegrams pledging the stores to carry out this and numerous other projects designed to help the treasury reach its war bond sale goal of \$1,000,000,000 in July.

Namm and G. Rhy Schaeffer of Chicago, chairman of the July campaign for retailers, detailed some of these activities, which will include public rallies, advertising of all kinds, window displays, speeches, and sale of patriotic insignia.

Unheard-of Procedure

Explaining the plan to stop business temporarily to sell bonds and stamps, Schaeffer said, "at exactly noon on July 1, with whistles and bells sounding, all stores will suspend business for at least 15 minutes and sell war bonds and stamps. This is an unheard-of procedure in retailing."

In each state the governor will speak by radio and his words will be amplified over special loudspeakers in the stores.

Namm said that through special booths, through constant suggestions from sales clerks to customers, and through solicitation mailed with monthly bills, the retailers hoped to sell an amount of war bonds and stamps equal to 4 per cent of all other sales during July.

DRUNKEN DRIVER ASSESSED \$100

Cecil W. Nichols was given a fine of \$100 in the city police court today on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Nichols' driver's license was revoked for a year.

Paul Kane, Harry Fisher, Louis L. Koupe and George B. Olley, each forfeited \$10 bail in the city police court on a charge of being drunk in a public place.

Fined \$10 on a similar charge were Charles E. Mitchell, Charles H. Whitcomb and J. F. Regan. Emery T. Garrison, A. M. Towler, Forest Smith and Dell Parker, also charged with being drunk in a public place, were sentenced to five days in the city jail.

Traffic violations included H. O. Welty, \$5 fine, no operator's license; Lethair Call, \$5 fine, failure to stop at a stop light; Daniel E. Koenig, \$5 fine, failure to stop at a stop street.

LOCAL JAPANESE REGISTER MAY 27

All Japanese in Jackson county, both alien and American-born, must register Wednesday, May 27, at the Oregon State Employment Service office, 45 North Fir street, in connection with the evacuation program, as ordered by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, chief of the western defense command, it was announced today by Lewis G. Ulrich, manager of the employment service.

Ulrich emphasized that not only alien Japanese but those holding American citizenship through birth in this country are required to register. He estimated there were about 45 alien and American Japanese in the county.