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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 16—Labor has had a good chance during this war to learn how government ownership and operation works out.



Certain experiments in socialism have been thrust upon the government, some experience has been acquired in the kind of "nationalization" which the British labor leftists strangely are coming to advocate as a post-war system, and that some unthinking liberals in this country lean toward also.

The government took over and operated the Brewster Aviation Company, turning it back about three weeks ago to private management. Before government operation and afterward, the union in that plant had a closed shop and a check-off.

But while the government was in control it had nothing, not even the right to strike. When the government took over the plant, labor became the servant of the public and lost all its rights, which could be restored only when those workers became private employees again.

EARLIER in the Kearny ship-building plant, striking workers wanted a union of maintenance shop (practically the same as closed) and foolish union leaders urged the government to take over the plant when they could not get their desires by negotiation with the management.

The government accepted their invitation, to their regret. The navy ran the plant, but without the union of maintenance or any other shop, and when the plant was turned back the union was still without its objective. It would have been against the law for the government to have done otherwise.

The workers finally got their

Government to Rule Over Portland Rents City Officials Told

Portland, Ore., June 16.—(P)—The federal government and not the city of Portland will supervise rent control here.

City officials were so informed yesterday by Senator McNary (R-Ore.), who telegraphed that the rent division of the OPA will appoint a director for Clark county, Wash., and Multnomah and Clackamas counties, Ore., including Portland, probably by July 1.

Portland passed a rent council ordinance last week, and had planned its own supervision. Mayor Earl Riley said he would not object to federal control. Rents have been frozen by federal order as of March 1.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)
Tonight: CBS, 5:30, Nature of the Enemy, new drama series; 6:30, Cheers from the Camps, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; 7:30, Soldiers of God, Army Chaplains; 8:30, This Nation at War, Bomber Plant.
MBS, 7:30, Rep. Wright Patman and Sen. R. L. Owen on "Bonds, Taxes, National Debt."

ARMY COOKS STUDY
Fort Lewis, June 16.—(P)—The army is assuring itself of getting well-prepared food at this big northwest cantment. Officers announced today that the school here for bakers and cooks currently has a record enrollment of 52 mess sergeants, 398 cooks and seven bakers, totaling 457 men.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

George Green, after much practice, becoming a fair-to-middlin' equestrian.
Hassler Prince Mihailidis haunting old haunts and finding things the same as always.
City Police Judge Bill Allen sporting a straw hat in anticipation of sunny days.

"General Grants" Line Up In Libya



American-built medium tanks, dubbed "General Grants" by the British in Libya, line up to move into the desert battle. They've given a good account of themselves in fighting around Knightsbridge.

Scrap Rubber Comes in by Tons To Jackson County Gas Stations

TAX PORTION OF INFLATION CURB LAGS SAYS F.D.R.

Washington, June 16.—(P)—President Roosevelt remarked at a press conference today that the tax portion of his anti-inflation program was behind schedule and that every day which goes by without action on a new revenue measure is costing the treasury considerable money.

He said he did not want to be temperamental or be put in the position of unduly criticizing the House Ways and Means committee, before which tax legislation is pending.

But he said it was his view that we ought to begin getting more money into the treasury, and he has not particularly interested in specific methods. The president's discussion of revenue legislation developed from a question as to whether he would rather have a sales tax than a bill \$2,000,000,000 short of his revenue goal, now that the Ways and Means committee had shelved his suggestion for a \$25,000 limit on incomes.

He gave no direct answer to that inquiry.

CHINESE ADMIT NIPPON ADVANCE

Chungking, June 26.—(P)—The Chinese high command announced tonight a further Japanese advance in East Kiangsi province, but indicated that the Chinese were exacting a heavy toll from the Japanese columns striving to close a pincer on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

A communique said the Chinese abandoned Kwangfeng, 25 miles within Kiangsi on Sunday after an all-night battle in which the Japanese, thrusting westward along the railway, suffered more than 1,000 casualties.

An army spokesman admitted that the gap between this invading column and another driving eastward through Kiangsi had been reduced to 80 miles.

(The Japanese said their columns were only 60 miles apart.)
The communique said the Chinese had seized the initiative in the Mancheng region, some 40 miles south of the railway, and were storming the city, which the Japanese captured a few days ago.

ALASKA TO GIRD
Washington, June 16.—(P)—Immediate organization of an Alaskan war council to mobilize civilian manpower and resources to support defense of that territory was directed today by Interior Secretary Ickes.

Scrap rubber in an ever-increasing amount—tons of it—was being delivered to service stations in Jackson county today as the nation-wide drive to accumulate worn out rubber articles of all kinds moved into its second day.

R. G. Fowler, head of the Jackson county salvage program, said that all service stations in Medford were equipped to handle the scrap rubber, and urged that citizens scour their houses and property for every bit of rubber they don't need.

The drive here, he said, is coming along very well, with persons of all ages swarming in to the service stations to sell their scrap rubber for a cent a pound and at the same time materially aid America in its war effort.

One service station in Central Point, up to noon today, had purchased some four tons of scrap rubber from patriotic citizens, most of it being old tires, and many other stations reported their scrap piles were growing by leaps and bounds.

No figures on the amount of rubber collected thus far were available today, but Fowler said by tomorrow a good idea of the number of tons would be known. Persons with scrap rubber of any kind were requested to take it to their nearest service station.

INDICT FOUR FOR KICK-BACK PLOT

Albany, N. Y., June 16.—(P)—A federal district grand jury today indicted four Albany men on a charge of illegally collecting more than \$50,000 from workers at the war department's new receiving and reconnaissance station at nearby Voorheesville.

The indictment charged the quartet with conspiracy to violate the so-called federal "kick-back" statute prohibiting inducement of persons employed on public buildings or public works to repay part of their compensation by intimidation, threat of dismissal or other means.

The men included a business agent of local 106, International Union of Operating Engineers; his son, a city employee; a vice president, financial secretary and assistant business agent of the union, and a union steward. Only the latter was employed on the project.

GREEN RETAINED ON SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. R. E. Green was re-elected to the school board of the Medford public schools yesterday when he received 198 votes of the 250 cast. He will serve a five-year term.

Mrs. Zoe Hurd received 51 votes and R. W. Coleman was named on one ballot. Employees in the city school superintendent's office said the vote was considerably heavy for a school election.

OLD RUBBER PILE MOUNTS STEADILY

Washington, June 16.—(P)—America's scrap rubber pile mounted steadily today as deflated beach alligators, discarded tires and punctured football bladders dropped onto it by uncounted thousands of tons.

Specific reports indicating the total that might be collected in the full two weeks of the President's drive were lacking, but the general comment across the country in the second day of the campaign was that it was off to a good start.

One thing that slowed the collection in many points was the lack of scales in filling stations to weigh the rubber fillings offered. However, filling station operators reported that in many cases adults refused to accept the stipulated penny a pound.

MOLESTER GIVEN 25 DAYS IN JAIL

Daniel Ruiz Mazon was given a sentence of \$50 fine or 25 days in the city jail in the city police court today on a charge of molesting women on the street. Mazon, 32, of Camp White, who was unable to pay the fine, was arrested by city police last evening after molesting two unidentified girls on North Bartlett street, according to city police reports.

Mazon was arrested May 17 and May 28 on charges of being drunk, police reports show.

Japs Lose 6 Planes In Raid On Darwin

Allied Headquarters, Australia, June 16.—(P)—The Japanese in their third attack in as many days on Darwin lost nearly 15 per cent of their raiding planes. General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The raid was carried out yesterday by 27 heavy bombers escorted by 15 zero-type fighters, an allied communique said, and allied interceptors shot down six of the fighters. Two of the defense craft were lost.

Dependents Aid Bill Waits Roosevelt Pen

Washington, June 16.—(P)—The house completed legislative action today on a bill providing financial aid to dependents of service men through deductions from army and navy pay checks and supplementary allowances from the government.

U. S. Air Men Join RAF In Blasting Italian Fleet; Axis Claims Libyan Win

AMERICAN FLIERS POUND JAP FORCE IN ALEUTIAN SEAS

No Report of U. S. Losses as Third Attack Pressed Against Invasion Ships.

(By Associated Press)

U. S. army and navy fliers pressed home a third great victory over Japanese invasion forces in the Aleutian islands off Alaska today. The American fliers were credited with having already sunk or damaged eight enemy ships.

The score:
Japanese losses—
Sunk—1 cruiser,
Damaged—1 aircraft carrier,
at least 3 cruisers, 1 destroyer,
1 gunboat, 1 transport.

American losses—
None reported.
A navy communique, breaking a three-day silence on the Japanese landings in the Aleutian island chain, said both U. S. army and navy fliers were continuing the attack in a smashing sequel to the earlier American victories in the battles of Midway and the Coral sea.

"Except for these continuing air attacks upon the enemy landing parties and their supporting naval contingents, the general situation in the Aleutian islands appears unchanged," the navy said.

No New Landings

This was interpreted to mean that the enemy had failed to make any new landings over the weekend after the original thrust into Attu island, at the westernmost tip of the Aleutians. Authoritative quarters said Japanese ships which had entered the harbor of Kiska, in the nearby Rat islands, had been driven out.

Combined with the Coral sea and Midway results, the Aleutian operations to date made a total of 19 Japanese ships sunk, three probably sunk, and at least 35 damaged.

Summing up the three actions, military strategists said Japan's far-flung invasion forces had been defeated in three major efforts:

1. To cut the U. S. supply line through the Coral sea, as a prelude to invasion of Australia.

2. To capture Midway island as a springboard for a grand assault on Pearl Harbor.

3. To establish bases in the far north for an invasion of the American continent.

DRAFT REGISTRY SET FOR JUNE 30

A representative of the local Selective Service boards announced today that President Roosevelt has declared Tuesday, June 30, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. as the fifth registration day. All men born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, are required to register.

This, in effect, means registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 20. The Selective Service headquarters also announced that the registration will be approximately 50 per cent of the number registered in the third registration and it was stated that places of registration and volunteer registrars would be listed in the near future.

DAMAGES DENIED

Salem, June 16.—(P)—The state supreme court upheld today a Union county circuit court decision which refused to award damages to Mrs. Iva M. Sine for the death of her husband, Curtis W. Sine, who was killed Jan. 15, 1941, in an auto accident on the Oregon Trail highway near Telocast, Union county.

BASEBALL

National		
Pittsburgh	1	6 0
Philadelphia	5	12 0
Hamlin, Lanning, Wilke and Lopez, Phelps; Podajny and Livingston.		
Cincinnati	5	7 0
Boston	0	7 2
Vandermeer and Hemsley; Javery, Erickson and Klutz.		
American		
First game.		
New York	6	10 1
Detroit	7	9 3
Donald, Branch, Lindell and Dickey; Benton, Henshaw and Tebbets.		

GERMANS BALKED IN 3-DAY EFFORT TO CROSS RIVER

Moscow, June 16.—(P)—A three-day German assault in an attempt to cross an important river in the Kharkov sector has been balked by Russian hill-top defenses and the nazis now have been forced back to the defensive, front-line Soviet dispatches declared today.

The Germans claimed today they had expanded a bridgehead which they won across the Donets river in the Kharkov area yesterday.

Around Sevastopol, the other major scene of current fighting on the eastern front, the Germans have massed seven artillery regiments on their main line of assault in an effort to batter down the Russian fortifications of that besieged Crimean city, the Russians said.

The German cannon include one of the Big Berthas like those with which the Kaiser's troops shelled Paris during the last World War, the dispatches said, but despite this weight of artillery the Red army forces are holding firmly to their rock-bound positions.

In repulsing the repeated heavy German assaults, the agency said, the Sevastopol garrison in a single day destroyed 40 tanks and killed three regiments of infantry, while Soviet planes burned 10 tanks, knocked out 12 more and smashed 13 trucks loaded with infantry.

"The approaches to our advance line were littered with the bodies of fascist officers and men," Tass said, with 950 counted in one small sector.

HALT GAS DELIVERY

Washington, June 16.—(P)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson suspended gasoline deliveries to eight filling stations in New York City and six in Philadelphia today, on grounds of "flagrant violations" of gasoline rationing regulations.

Break-up of German Reich Gerard's Recipe for Peace

New York, June 16.—(Wide World)—Down in the canyon of Wall street slight, gray-haired James G. Gerard is looking ahead to the day when war will end, and this is his formula for a lasting peace:

1. Break up the German reich into impotent atoms which never can coalesce into another dangerous union.

2. Crush the spirit of conquest so completely that it never can rise again.

3. Maintain world peace with an international police force.

The 74-year-old former ambassador to Germany during the first World War has a fighting spirit undimmed by the passing years. To him, peace is something not only to be won—but to be guarded jealously by force of arms so that no nation can wage war on another.

"The only possible solution to a lasting peace," said Gerard in an interview, "is an international army made up of the victorious nations, chiefly the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China."

Information Head



President Roosevelt has created an office of war information in Washington, which will be headed by Elmer Davis (above), writer and news commentator.

Navy Expansion Bill Has Committee Okeh; Will Hurry Carriers

Washington, June 16.—(P)—An \$8,550,000,000 ship construction measure—an unprecedented program designed ultimately to double the size of the United States fleet—was approved today by the house naval committee.

The measure, demonstrating the navy's increasing emphasis on plane carrier and pointedly omitting any provision for new battleships, will provide for more than 1,400 ships of all types, including more than 400 combatant craft in the carrier-cruiser-destroyer category.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said construction of the carriers would be started this year and the rest of the big boat program next year. He said the keels for the carriers would be laid "immediately."

MINELAYER LAUNCHED

Portland, June 16.—(P)—The minelayer Ozark was launched in the Willamette river yesterday and within a few minutes keels were being laid for four smaller naval vessels on the same way at the Willamette Iron and Steel corporation.

TWO BATTLESHIPS FIRED BY BOMBS; CRUISER IS SUNK

Presence of Americans Clears Picture of 4-Day Mediterranean Conflict.

By Roger D. Greene

(Associated Press War Editor)
The United States army air force, in action for the first time alongside the RAF in the central and eastern Mediterranean, was credited officially with a part in a smashing air and sea assault in which two Italian battleships were set afire, a 10,000-ton cruiser was sunk, and a smaller cruiser and destroyer were damaged.

The RAF announcement in a special communique from Cairo that American fliers had been in the Mediterranean fight for the last four days began to bring into focus the picture of the thundering sea-air fight in the straits between Italy and Africa which the axis previously had sought to pass off as their own success.

Liberators Busy
Taking part in the attack, said the communique, were "a force of Liberator aircraft the majority of which were American-manned by the United States army air force."

The consolidated Liberators are powerful four-motored United States bombers akin to the big flying fortresses which helped shower destruction upon the Japanese in the battles of the Coral sea and Midway.

Altogether, two strong Italian naval formations were attacked, the RAF announced.

A German version of the spectacular sea-air battle, entirely different from the Italian account, said nazi air and naval forces sank four cruisers and destroyers, probably sank another destroyer and damaged six other warships in attacks on British Mediterranean convoys.

German Diver
The Germans also asserted that six merchant ships were sunk, eight others probably sunk and six damaged, and implied that these losses were inflicted on a west-bound convoy and were in addition to those reported by the Italians.

The fascist version said three British warships were sunk and 17 other ships sunk, set afire or damaged.

The whole battle or series of battles revolved about an apparent axis attempt to smash British supply lines to Malta and to North Africa, where the flaming desert struggle between weary British and axis forces appeared to be nearing a finale.

Adolf Hitler's high command asserted broadly that axis troops had already won the latest battle of Libya which started May 26.

"The battle in Libya to the west of Tobruk has ended in favor of German and Italian troops," a nazi communique said.

"After destroying enemy defensive forces near Acroma in a pursuit to the north, our troops crossed the Via Balbo and reached the coast."

"British and South African troops at Ain El Gazala (coastal anchor of the British defense line) were cut off from Tobruk."

"The extent of the victory cannot yet be estimated." Imperial British headquarters acknowledged that British troops had withdrawn from positions below Ain El Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, as Marshal Erwin Rommel's armored columns attempted to cut off the key British stronghold.

Many in Oregon of Germanic Descent

Washington, June 16.—(P)—Washington state had 87,080 residents at the 1940 census who claimed German as their mother tongue, of which 24,580 were foreign-born, the bureau of census reported today. The similar figures for Oregon were: 48,980 and 18,700.