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AXIS CLAIMS ADVANCE CONTINUING

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 3.—Revolutionary extent of our economic dislocation due to the war is only now beginning to be fully apparent in a detailed survey conducted by government and private organizations here.

Getting richest are the old depressed nation railroads, inter-city buses and local street car lines in defense boom areas. They never ran at capacity before. Even the Erie railroad paid a dividend the other day for the first time in history.

THE rubber and gasoline saving program has taxed street and bus systems in many cities so severely that shoppers have been asked to stagger their hours outside the rush period, and in Washington all downtown stores are remaining open one night a week. Taxicab drivers are similarly enjoying unprecedented prosperity in boom towns.

Defense industries represent the next most profitable phase of war economy, but their condition is full of contrasts. Some small manufacturers, who never did well, are enjoying amazing success making small defense gadgets, like noise filters for tank radios, special gun parts, and such.

Bulk of big business is in gigantic operations, but profits have not generally been increased, due to limitations specified in government contracts, the excess profits and other profits taxes. Many dividends are down.

AND manufacturers who have not been able to convert to war business (largely metal

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

Fourth of July schedule:
NBC—10:45 a. m., Salute from Uruguay; 12:30 p. m., Salute from Argentina; 1:45, Equator Sends a Salute; 5 Concert in Honor to George Gershwin, Paul Whiteman band and others.
CBS—8:05 a. m., Maj. Gen. R. L. Maxwell and Richard Casey scheduled to speak from Cairo; 11:30 a. m., Canada Tribute to U. S.; 4 American service men throughout the world send greetings to home folks.
BLU—11 a. m., Mexico Salute to U. S.
MBS—7:30 a. m., Alfred Lunt reading Patrick Henry's oration; 8:30 a. m., Bridgeport, Conn., war effort; Leon Henderson and others; 10:30 a. m., labor celebration at Detroit; 12, tribute to Stephen Foster, Sen. A. B. Chandler and others; 7:15, drama by Claude Upton soldiers, "What's a Camp Upton Soldier."

Tonight: NBC—8:15, Rep. G. H. Bender on "Victory in 1943." MBS—5:15, Fight Against Inflation, Paul V. McNutt.
Sunday: Talks—MBS, 8 a. m., reviewing stand "War and the Arts," NBC, 11:30 a. m., round table "Conquer Investigates."
Premiere—NBC 4 p. m., Edna May Oliver in "Private Life of Josephine Tuttle."

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bill Gates, in an all-out effort to conquer hot weather, sporting a sport shirt.

Ken Denman in an equal effort to keep cool, mowing his lawn in his bare feet.

"Doc" Pope getting his Fourth of July fish stories ready in advance—"caught the limit both days," and Max Millhollin telling the old one about the big fish jumping in the boat.

WITHIN 20 MILES OF ALEXANDRIA IS BERLIN ASSERTION

British Reports Give Different Picture—Hitler Going All-Out in Russia.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Britain's Egyptian armies clashed with the axis in violent battle west of El Alamein again today after driving Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa corps into at least temporary retreat in the three-day-old "battle of the bottleneck."

Unsubstantiated dispatches from Berlin asserted late today that the axis armies had advanced within 15 or 20 miles of Alexandria and that the battle of El Alamein was regarded as won.

These dispatches declared that the British were in retreat toward the Nile delta.

British Disagree
British reports gave an entirely opposite picture, asserting that the battle was still raging 70 miles or more beyond Alexandria.

Dispatches from the front said the British, rallying at the eleventh hour, were striking furiously at the axis invaders.

Details were lacking as to whether Rommel had returned after withdrawing last night or whether the British seizing the initiative, were pursuing the axis forces.

A bulletin from British imperial headquarters said Rommel's army "withdrew to the west, leaving our positions intact," after a fierce tank battle late evening at El Alamein, less than 70 miles west of Alexandria.

Dispatches said the German-Italian mechanized armies retreated three or four miles to regroup after the initial repulse.

Italian headquarters yesterday claimed the capture of El Alamein, which was described as the last British stronghold guarding the great Alexandria naval base.

More Russian Action
While the 10-day-old battle of Egypt turned sharply in Britain's favor, Adolf Hitler's grand offensive against Russia appeared to be taking shape as new battles erupted along the Soviet front.

Aside from the dying battle of Sevastopol the Germans were now attacking furiously in at least six sectors—Kursk, Belgorod, Volchansk, Kharkov, Moscow and Volkovsk and Hitler's high command said axis forces had broken through on a width of nearly 185 miles.

Red army headquarters said the Germans launched new drives yesterday around Volchansk and Belgorod, respectively 35 and 50 miles northeast of Kharkov, and announced: "Stubborn battles commenced."

The new offensive apparently was aimed at a breakthrough toward Voronezh, key rail point, to cut the Moscow-Rostov railway linking Russia's central and southern armies.

Villages Retaken
On the Kursk front, 280 miles below Moscow, red army counterattacks were said to have recaptured three villages and a Soviet broadcast declared "the initiative is being wrested from the Germans" in the five-day Kursk offensive.

Dispatches to Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said a vast tank battle was raging east of Kursk, with hundreds of machines on both sides, and declared the Germans were suffering tremendous losses.

In the Crimea, the Russians still ignored the German claim that Swastika battle flags were flying over Sevastopol, acknowledging only that the situation was critical and that the defenders of the ruined Black sea fortress were outnumbered 13 to 1.

NO BEACH FIRES!
San Francisco, July 3.—(P)—Attention, vacationists! Don't build a fire on the beach. The army has forbidden in the Washington, Oregon and California

Led Raid on Wake



Colonel Roger M. Ramey (above), of Denton, Tex., led the U. S. army bombers in the long-range over-water raid on Wake Island.

CHURCHES START VESPER SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING

The Medford Ministerial Association at a recent meeting appointed a committee to arrange for Vesper services in the City Park at 5 p. m. Sundays during July and August.

With the large influx of visitors and military men in the city, the association feels the opportunity is auspicious for rendering spiritual service to the needs of the community.

Present plans provide for a different speaker each Sunday. The participating church in charge will furnish special music and the speaker while other ministers will assist in reading of the Scriptures and offering of prayer.

The first service will be held July 5 with Rev. Fred M. Wetherford, pastor of the Nazarene church, in charge assisted by Rev. Louis C. Kirby, of the Methodist Church, Rev. Earl W. Brockhaus, of Zion English Lutheran Church, Adjutant Carl K. Cox of the Salvation Army, and other visiting ministers. The public is urged by the association to give these services their fullest support.

MERCURY JUMPS TO 108 DEGREES

Medford sizzled to the tune of 108 degrees Wednesday. Minimum temperature recorded by the U. S. weather bureau was 63 degrees.

But that's not a record for July for on July 16, 1911, the mercury soared to 110 degrees. July 2, 1922, just 20 years ago the thermometers also reached 108 degrees.

Portland, Ore., July 3.—(P)—Portland's temperature continued to soar Wednesday as the mercury boomed to 105, and in its wake came five fatal heat prostrations.

Eugene, July 3.—(P)—Joseph Fritsch, 61, Eugene, died here yesterday after suffering a sun stroke Tuesday, first victim of a heat wave which reached 97.8 degrees here Wednesday.

Victor Mature To Coast Guard Ship

Los Angeles, July 3.—(P)—Victor Mature, one of Hollywood's top-flight romantic leads, was sworn into the coast guard today.

The actor received the oath with 18 others. He will serve as a coxswain and will enter service immediately, probably here. Future plans for his half-completed picture at RKO have not been announced by the studio.

F. R. TAKES HAND IN BATTLE OVER AGRICULTURE BILL

Pressure Group Tactics Assailed by President; Grain Sale Seen Imperative.

Washington, July 3.—(P)—President Roosevelt stepped into the congressional scrap over the deadlocked agriculture appropriations bill today to assail "pressure group tactics" and declare that the only real issue involved was "whether the government should be free to use its feed resources to produce food for wartime effort."

He strongly supported the administration's demand that congress authorize sale of 125,000,000 bushels of wheat for feeding purposes at prices under parity.

Replies To Groups
Mr. Roosevelt gave his views in a letter to leaders of seven farm, labor and religious organizations, who had written to him June 20 in behalf of the wheat proposal and in support of larger funds for the Farm Security administration.

The farm appropriation bill has been firmly deadlocked because of inability of the senate and house to agree on selling wheat for feeding livestock.

"The authorization to sell some of the government's holdings of grain for feeding purposes at 85 per cent of the parity price for corn," the president wrote, "is essential if the armed services and the civilian population are to be assured adequate supplies of pork, beef, milk, chicken, and eggs at prices that will neither break through the ceiling nor require excessive subsidies."

"The only real issue involved here is whether the government should be free to use its feed resources to produce food for the wartime effort. When this fact becomes clear, I am certain that pressure group tactics will not prevail and that the action taken by the congress will reflect the nation's needs."

FUEL OIL CURB GOING OFF SOON

Salem, July 3.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said today that the Office of Federal Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickel had advised him that all fuel oil restrictions in the north-west would be removed in a few days.

Fuel oil deliveries now are restricted to 50 per cent of last year's deliveries.

Fuel oil deliveries will be made available in any quantity. Removal of restrictions is made possible by improved transportation on the coast.

Rationing Board Moving to City Hall; Price New Aide

The offices of the Medford war price and rationing boards will be moved Monday, July 6, from the Sparta building to larger quarters in the former WPA offices on the second floor of city hall, it was announced today by Hobart Price, executive secretary of the boards.

Price, whose recent appointment came through the Office of Price Administration, said that the office in the Sparta building would be open all day Monday to take care of sugar rationing only, but that after Monday sugar rationing business would be transacted at the new city hall offices, whose hours would remain, for the present, at 10:30 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.

The executive secretary explained his duties would entail the explanation to the community of regulations, policies and procedures of the OPA, the maintaining of liaison between local boards and the state organization, and to carry out the decisions of the local boards.

Local boards include those rationing sugar, tires and automobiles, and the administration of price and rent ceilings.

RECORD OUTLAY FOR WAR SINEWS SIGNED BY F. D. R.

\$42,820,000,000 To Help Nation Build Largest Best Equipped Army in History

Washington, July 3.—(P)—President Roosevelt has signed into law a vast \$42,820,000,000 appropriation bill for the war department, containing funds for thousands of new planes, tanks and guns and money to equip an army of 4,500,000 men by next July 1.

Congressional action on the big measure—the biggest in history—was completed by the senate and house two days ago in less than 35 minutes. The house had passed it several weeks ago and the senate disposed of the measure with 31 minutes of debate. A little later the house adopted minor senate amendments in only a few minutes and without debate.

Sponsors said the legislation would help the nation build the best-equipped and largest army in its history. For reasons of military security, few details of how the money would be spent were made public.

The president also gave his approval to five other supply bills: Interior department, \$178,099,712; state, justice and commerce departments, \$426,281,885; labor-federal security, \$1,071,574,318; deficiency items, \$53,721,999, and WPA, \$282,584,000.

Drunk Driving Plea Brings \$100 Penalty, Liquor License Loss

William Walter Alexander, cantonment worker, charged with driving an auto while intoxicated, entered a plea of guilty in justice court yesterday after considerable testimony had been heard. A witness scheduled to appear for Alexander failed to appear. Alexander was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, fined \$100 and costs and his liquor license was revoked for a year. Upon payment of the fine, the jail sentence was suspended.

Frederick Cleo Allen, another cantonment worker, charged with operating an auto with four in the driver's seat, was assessed \$2.50 and costs.

Wray Shimmfessel and Orville Pollock Eagle Point district men, both married, entered guilty pleas before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna yesterday and sentence on the livestock larceny charge was suspended pending further investigation.

The two were charged with killing a yearling in the Butte Falls district and appropriating the meat to their own use. The owner of the animal has not been determined, the authorities said.

WILLIAM HUBERT PASSES AGED 77



CHERRY PRICES
Portland, July 3.—(P)—Cherries: Oregon Bings, 10-12 rows packed, 12-15 cents; Royal Ann, 8 1/2-9 cents.

Quiet Wartime Fourth Jackson Co. Prospect; No Formal Celebration

Jackson county's observance Saturday of the 166th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence—the first wartime Fourth of July in 25 years—will be one of the quietest of all time.

With no formal celebrations scheduled for any community in the immediate vicinity, many persons are expected to disregard the rubber situation and drive to the lakes or into the forests for picnics and relief from the weather. Some may even venture as far as the Oregon coast.

Missing this July 4 will be Ashland's famous celebration and fireworks display, which was called off because of conditions. For that matter, there won't be any fireworks, even of the most minor, firecracker variety, for such things have been barred by law.

Soldiers stationed in Medford and at Camp White will be entertained by the local USO, a community sing being scheduled for 10 a. m., a symphonic musical program for 4 p. m. and a quiet hour from 5 to 6 p. m.

For civilians remaining in Medford there will be the baseball game at 2:30 between the Craters and the Owl Drug company team from San Francisco at the fairgrounds park, programs at four theatres and ice skating at the Medford Ice Arena.

By the Associated Press
A nation fighting to protect the freedom it won in other wars celebrates tomorrow its first wartime Fourth of July in a quarter-century under conditions that may make it really "safe and sane."

Most war factories will hum on, many fireworks have been abandoned and, on the populous eastern seaboard, gasoline rationing will keep the greater part of the area's 10,000,000 motorists off the highways.

Typical of big inland shows will be Minneapolis' annual American Legion show at Powderhorn park, where 200,000—largest crowd in the event's 13-year history—are expected to attend an all-day program featuring the mass induction of 1,500 navy recruits.

FIRST CONVICTION OF TREASON IN U. S.

Detroit, July 3.—(P)—German-born Max Stephan sat in a prison cell today convicted of the highest crime in the land—treason—while Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle pondered the punishment, which could be execution.

Judge Tuttle promised sentence "very shortly" after a jury yesterday finished one hour and 23 minutes of deliberation with the declaration, "We find the defendant guilty as charged," to a courtroom packed and silent.

Stephan, a naturalized citizen, who was accused of 12 over acts of assistance to a fleeing German war prisoner, was the first man to be convicted of treason in the history of the United States.

PROSPECT NAVY MAN LISTED AS MISSING

Washington, July 3.—(P)—The navy department today released for publication its casualty list No. 6.

The list included two dead, one wounded, six missing from Oregon.

Missing—Seaman, second class, Harold V. Bahr; Otto W. Bahr, father, prospect.

The Medford navy recruiting office was unable to give any information on time of enlistment or other facts concerning Harold V. Bahr. His father could not be located by telephone.

Postoffice Open Saturday Morning
Medford postoffice will remain open to noon, as usual, Saturday, July 4, but the substitution on North Bartlett street will be closed all day. There will be one city delivery, but none in the rural districts.

Banks, county and city offices and many stores and plants will be closed all day, giving employees a two-day holiday.

BLAZE DESTROYS ST. MARY'S GYM ON IVY AND 12TH

Building Constructed Six Years Ago at Cost of \$4,000—Cause Unknown.

Fire of undetermined origin swept through St. Mary's gymnasium, located on the corner of Ivy and 12th street, about 1 o'clock today and Sisters in charge of St. Mary's Academy reported the building a total loss. Plans for reconstruction were indefinite late this afternoon although the building was covered by insurance.

The janitor noticed a blaze in the window of the woodshed about 12:45 p. m., and told the Sisters who notified the fire department. Estimated cost of the building at the time of construction six years ago was \$4,000. Despite efforts of the fire department the fire spread from the shed to the gymnasium leaving only a skeleton framework standing.

Sisters said a supply of wood for the gymnasium furnace was in the woodshed. The fire department successfully kept the blaze from spreading to the surrounding neighborhood and trees about the academy were badly scorched.

Dedicated in 1937
The gymnasium, modern in every respect, was dedicated January 23, 1937. It was 100 by 60 feet with floor space measuring 75 by 54 feet. The building was constructed on the academy grounds to replace a playshed which had been destroyed by fire during the winter of 1936. The gymnasium was used also for many social events sponsored by St. Mary's Academy and Sacred Heart parish.

Cline Damage Case Nears Jury's Hands

Final arguments and testimony in the approximately \$31,000 damage suit of Stephen J. Cline against the Pacific Greyhound Stages were completed in circuit court late yesterday. Instructions were given to the jury today, following a conference between the court and counsel in chambers. The trial started last Monday and has lasted all week.

The suit is based upon a crash between a car driven by Cline and a Greyhound bus on the Pacific highway near Beall Lane, July 14, in which Cline and nine bus passengers were injured.

TWO ASHLAND FLIERS EARN COMMISSIONS

Randolph Field, Texas, July 3.—(Sp.)—Two men from Ashland were among the 16 from Oregon who received their wings at seven advanced flying schools in the Gulf Coast Air Force Training center today.

The Oregon graduates include Lieut. John R. Pratt, 438 N. Main street, Ashland, and Lieut. Jack W. Whitsett, 128 Nob Hill street, Ashland.

War Bulletins

London, July 3.—(P)—For the first time in nearly six months German aid raiders were over an area in north-west England tonight.

London, July 3.—(P)—General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the Free French, told his countrymen in France tonight that the final battle of the war, "which decides everything," would be fought there and urged them to prepare for it.

London, July 3.—(P)—The British cruiser Hermione was lost in recent Mediterranean convoy operations. It was announced officially today. Also lost were the destroyers, Beadoun, Hasty, Grove and Ardouin and the Polish destroyer Arp Kuyawick.

The machine gun used by American troops in World War I was developed by John M. Browning of Utah.