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HITLERITES SPLIT RUSSIAN ARMIES

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 7—Japan is doing all the obvious things preparatory to an attack on Russia. Her naval press chief, Capt. Ogawa, has broadcast around the world an immodest warning of "a huge offensive" to come. More and more troops and equipment are being filtered into Manchuria.



And now, no less important, comes evidence that the Japs are fortifying those Aleutian islands of Attu, Agattu and Kiska as submarine bases, which could mean only the same thing—that they intend to prey on our Pacific supply line to Russia and isolate the nearby port of Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka peninsula, the only sizable harbor in Siberia aside from Vladivostok.

Those three rocks of Attu, Agattu and Kiska could mean nothing to Japan unless she intended to make war on Russia. No air fields could be established on them, and even carrier-based planes there must constantly fight fog.

Consequently, many American news readers have been inclined to over-estimate their importance, some indeed suspecting their occupation is a first step toward conquest of Alaska or invasion of our Pacific coast. Those suppositions seem fantastic.

But these three islands would have a real live military value as sub bases, in case Japan intends to break up Russian trade. No one except the Russians, of course, have any trade in that part of the world.

PRICE Fixer Leon Henderson was squeezed into making what he called the first break in the price ceilings, raising prices on a number of fruits and vegetables.

As a matter of fact it was not the first break. A few weeks

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BRAZIL FREEZES
Rio De Janeiro, July 7—(P) Freezing gales and snow have brought widespread suffering to Brazil's southern states (where it's winter now) and a tempest at sea was reported today to have sunk the schooner Rosa with a probable loss of eight lives.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight, MBS 5:45 to 8—Baseball from Cleveland—Major league all-stars vs. Service men's all-stars, also short wave.
CBS—5:30 Nature of the enemy, Alfred Rosenberg; 7:30 Rep. W. C. Ciolek on "small business."
Wednesday: CBS—2:30 free French week Gen. Charles de Gaulle from London and Wendell Wilkie.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Practically no customers saw the greatest one-man rodeo ever put on in Southern Oregon over any July 4th week end when President-General—Major Domo Jackson devoted his entire vacation this year to cutting the "rough" in the Medford Country club with a tractor-mower which he drove over hill and dale like a cataleptic war tank. Jackson puffing his kiewpie pipe meanwhile, like Barnum's wood burning "cannon-ball".
300 tons of unbaled hay was the product of this patriotic solo flight, also—according to golf G. H. Q.—9 new golf balls, 24 old ones, 6 digger squirrels and one bull snake!
Joe Crawford looking the other way while passing the guy he promised a new set of telephone bells.

120-MILE WEDGE PRODUCES GRAVE TURN OF EVENTS

Important City on Moscow-Rostov Railroad Captured by Invaders Is Claim.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor

Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, exploiting a swift 120-mile break through, appeared to have cut direct communications between Russia's northern and southern armies in a grave turn of events in the Soviet campaign today, while in Egypt the British reported they had bent the Axis southern flank back to the west for a third successive setback.

A bulletin from British imperial headquarters said Gen. Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck's 8th army, bolstered by fresh troops and big American tanks, "continued their pressure on the enemy, who extended his southern flank to the west."

Rommel Line Weakened
This evidently meant that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel had been forced to weaken his forward line, within 70 miles of the great Alexandria naval base, and build a protecting or "extended" wall against British flying columns hacking at his flanks.

"Our battle groups engaged and dispersed several small enemy columns," British headquarters said, while front-line dispatches indicated that Gen. Rommel's weary troops were refusing battle.

A German communique asserted tersely that "in the fight for El Alamein, several enemy counter-attacks supported by tanks failed."

Voronezh Captured
On the Soviet front, Hitler's headquarters reported, tank-led Nazi troops had captured the important city of Voronezh, on the Moscow-Rostov railroad which is the principal rail communication between the Red armies of the north and south.

Simultaneously, the Nazi-controlled Paris radio asserted that "the Germans are advancing from Voronezh in the direction of Provins," 140 miles east of Voronezh.

Voronezh, a city of 212,000 population lies 10 miles east of the Don river, about half way between Moscow and Rostov. The Paris radio said the Moscow-Rostov railway, the last major rail connection between Moscow and the Caucasus, had been cut. The line runs through Voronezh.

Reds Fall Back
While the Russians gave no indication that Voronezh had fallen, Red army headquarters indicated that Gen. Heinz Guderian's Nazi tank columns, sweeping 50 miles beyond the line of their greatest 1941 advance, had fought their way across the upper Don.

Soviet dispatches said the Red armies were falling back in good order, inflicting a bloody toll on the invaders, with half a dozen battles costing the Germans 3,550 in dead alone.

"During July 6, our troops waged fierce battles west of Voronezh and southwest of Stari Oskol," the Russian command said.

"Our troops evacuated a number of populated places," Voronezh is 130 miles east of Kursk, the starting-point of the new German offensive. Stari Oskol lies 65 miles southwest of Voronezh.

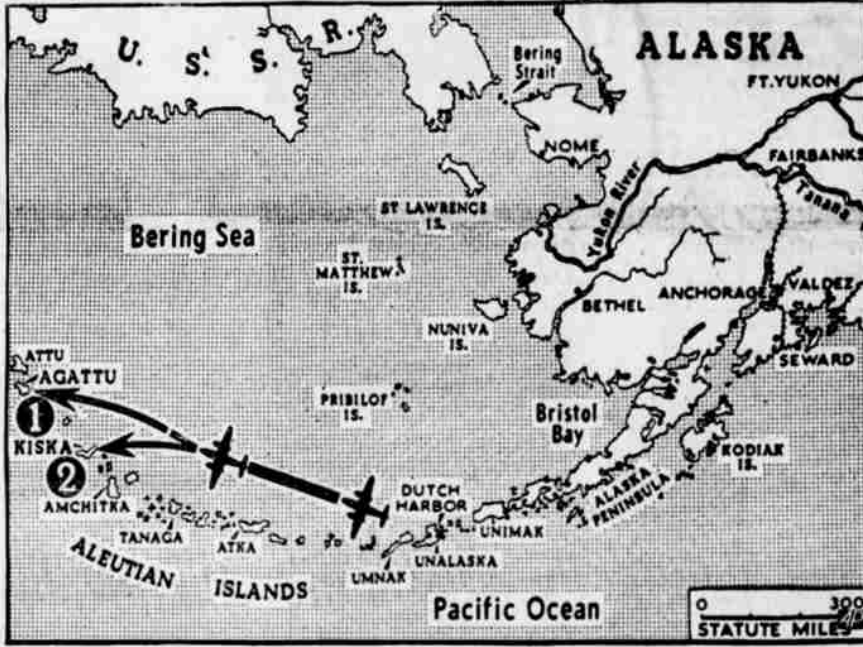
Soviet dispatches said fresh German divisions were moving into the battle and that almost 200,000 Nazi troops were now throwing their weight into the drive, which ultimately could turn either south for a thrust into the great Caucasus oil fields or north for a flanking sweep around Moscow.

Although military experts expected Hitler to strike for the oil treasures of the Caucasus, they did not discount the possibility that he might also be intent on the prize that so bitterly eluded him in 1941—the capture of Moscow.

Japanese Transport Bombed Off Kiska



The first action picture of the fighting off Kiska, Alaska, released by the navy shows a Japanese transport ship being hit by a bomb from a U. S. army plane over the Kiska Harbor. The army and navy are continuing their aerial assaults against the Japs at Kiska and Attu in the Aleutian chain.



Five new attacks by U. S. army and navy planes on Jap forces in the Aleutian island, including one bombing attack on transports and escorting vessels of the island of Agattu (1) and the others on enemy shore installations on Kiska (2), were announced by the Navy.

MAY TAKE TIRES FROM ALL AUTOS

Washington, July 7—(P)—President Roosevelt asserted today that if things get worse it might be necessary for the government to commandeer all the automobile tires in the country.

He told a press conference that he was not trying to save rubber or gasoline, but the nation. And he added he thought the nation was willing to make any sacrifice in the emergency confronting it.

The conferees expressed a hope that the tire and gasoline problems could be separated, and he said no decision had been reached yet on nationwide rationing of motor fuel.

Life Raft Designed By Insurance Man

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—A newly-designed life raft, equipped to carry 18 men and built entirely without nails, will be produced here in quantity as soon as Washington gives the go ahead.

The raft, approved by U. S. maritime officials, is built of Oregon fir and cedar and galvanized iron. It passed rigorous tests specified by maritime regulations.

The raft was conceived by Leon Bullier, a Portland insurance man.

1,000 Mill Workers Walk Out at Eureka

Eureka, Calif., July 7—(P)—Approximately 1,000 mill workers employed by the Hammon Redwood Company began their second day of idleness today as the result of a strike called by the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, Local 2592.

Cliff Richter, union organizer, said the workers were called out after employers refused union demands for a closed shop in two big saw mill plants.

June Busiest Month Here for Dan Cupid

June was the busiest month of the year in Jackson county for Dan Cupid, and the county clerk's office issued 49 marriage licenses. In May 29 were issued. The June total was as heavy as the average month in the years when this county was a "Gretna Green" for Northern California couples, evading the so-called "gin marriage" law.

No special reason was given by clerk office deputies for the unexpected increase in romance.

England Executes Two Enemy Spies

London, July 7—(P)—Two enemy spies—one of them a British subject—were executed today in Wandsworth prison.

The Briton was Jose Estrella Key and the other, a Belgian National, was Alphonse Timmerman.

They were convicted under the Treachery Act, a home office announcement said, and their appeals later were dismissed.

STOP-GAP BILL IS AGREED UPON

Washington, July 7—(P)—The senate and house finally agreed today on stop-gap legislation to provide funds for the department of agriculture pending settlement of a bitter dispute over items of the \$800,000,000 annual supply bill.

The senate accepted house amendments to its own resolution, sending the temporary legislation to the White House.

Milk Board Refused Restraining Order

Astoria, July 7—(P)—Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman refused a temporary restraining order yesterday against the Forney dairy's delivery of milk to Fort Stevens. The state milk control board asked the order, charging Forney with selling below the board's minimum price.

The dairy had agreed to sell for 10.99 cents per quart. The board minimum is 11 cents.

14,000 STAGE STRIKE IN CANADA WAR PLANT

Montreal, July 7—(P)—A spokesman for the Montreal metal trades council said today that a munitions plant at nearby Chertsey, Que., had been closed following a strike of 14,000 workers.

The spokesman said the strikers were protesting dismissal of several employees for union activities.

Death Blow Aimed at Bund

SECOND FRONT IN PACIFIC IS URGED BY CHINA LEADERS

Open of Sixth Year of War Is Marked by Plea for Full American Support.

By The Associated Press

In the far Pacific theater, China marked the beginning of her sixth year of bloody struggle against Japan's invasion armies with a renewed plea that the Pacific, instead of Europe, be made the United Nations' "second front."

A Chinese government spokesman declared the United States and China could knock out Japan this year if full American power were thrown into the Pacific.

So far, the spokesman said, "very few" planes are being flown into China to aid Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's beleaguered armies.

Million Japs Slain
Meanwhile, a Chinese army spokesman declared Japan had lost 1,000,000 killed and 1,500,000 wounded since the war began on July 7, 1937, as well as 2,504 planes and 29,924 prisoners in 14 major battles and 10,375 minor engagements. The spokesman estimated 900,000 Japanese troops were involved in the China campaign.

In Tokyo, Imperial headquarters said only 111,000 Japanese had been killed in China and asserted that Chinese losses exceeded 5,000,000 killed, wounded and missing, including 2,338,000 slain.

Salute From U. S.
In Washington, War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox saluted the Chinese as comrades in arms and in a joint order-of-the-day read to all army and navy forces pledged America's determination to help China "expel the aggressor from every foot of Chinese soil."

In the battle of Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced allied bombers struck again at Tulagi, Japanese-occupied base in the Solomon Islands, while 33 enemy planes raided the allied outpost at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

NAME DIM-OUT CHIEF
Seattle, July 7—(P)—Assistant director of the civil defense was announced today by Stanley Donogh, sector director. He will have charge of lighting control and will direct the dim-out on the Washington-Oregon coast.

LAUNCH JESSE APPLEGATE
Portland, Ore., July 7—(P)—The Oregon shipbuilding corporation launched its 50th hull today, the Jesse Applegate named for an Oregon pioneer.

The launching was 47 days after keel laying, 11 days over the yard's record.

Short Circuit—The city fire department was called to 113 West 11th street at 11:53 a. m. today when a short circuit in the wiring system caused a small blaze. No damage was reported.

PM Editor Says Draft Call Issued Account Prejudice

New York, July 7—(P)—Ralph M. Ingersoll, editor and publisher of the newspaper PM, accused his draft board in an open letter today of attempting to draft him because of prejudice against PM.

A major portion of the newspaper's front page headlines was devoted to the letter and the next three pages contained the text and an explanation by Ingersoll, who said in an editorial preface that he was ready to go into the army or continue as editor but added:

"What I am kicking about is the decision being made by a draft board which has betrayed prejudice in my case—apparently because it doesn't like PM."

Classified 1-A by his local board, Ingersoll appeared for induction June 24 only to find that this had been delayed because of an appeal for deferment by Marshall Field, owner of PM who said Ingersoll was indispensable to the paper's continuance.

The editor was scheduled to appear before the board tonight for a new hearing to determine his status.

Ingersoll prefaced a list of accusations with a demand that his case be "handled by an impartial board."

Persistent Vet Riddles Self in Vain Suicide Try

Tacoma, June 7—(P)—David C. Montgomery, 69-year-old Spanish-American war veteran, decided today he wanted to die.

He took down his little single .10-22 caliber rifle, went to the woodshed and shot himself in the head. He then loaded the rifle and shot himself in the left chest near the heart.

He loaded his rifle again and shot himself again in the forehead. Hospital attendants said he would recover.

LOST BOY FOUND PLODDING DOWN TRAIL ON ROGUE

Grants Pass, July 7—(P)—Donald Thompson, 5, lost in the lower Rogue river since Sunday afternoon, was discovered plodding hungrily and wearily homeward on the Rogue river forest trail at 9 o'clock this morning.

Ranger Rolfe Anderson telephoned Assistant Supervisor L. L. Colvill of the Siskiyou national forest that the lad, who wandered away from his father, Memory Thompson of Reedsport, on a fishing trip, was unharmed. He had not eaten since Sunday, Anderson said.

Following standard practice for any person lost in the mountains, he had followed the downward course of streams and was located about 10 miles upstream from Lowry's landing.

More than 100 residents of the coastal and mountain district had joined in the search.

BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH NEATH TRACTOR WHEELS

Salem, July 7—(P)—Ernest H. McAllister, 15, was crushed to death today when he fell beneath the tractor he was driving on a neighbor's farm near Aumsville.

Denaturalization proceedings were instituted against Kuhn, serving a term for larceny, and Kuhn was charged with evasion of the selective service act, a charge upon which he was held in \$50,000 bail yesterday.

Kuhn is wanted also in Hartford, Conn., to answer a federal charge of violation of the 1917 espionage act.

Nominally defunct since the outbreak of the war between the United States and Germany, the Bund was charged in the indictments with continuing certain acts which Corra said confirmed a belief that the Bund was operating with underground tactics.

Corra said that numerous singing societies in the Yorkville section of New York and elsewhere had taken over Bund activities and continued to foster Nazi beliefs. He said these would be the subject of further investigation.

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Vichy Reveals Damage To Cherbourg Dikes

Vichy—(U.P.)—The four-mile dike at Cherbourg protecting the port from heavy sea blown across the channel at its widest point was damaged seriously by R.A.F. raids early in May.

German military authorities have ordered the immediate repair of the dike despite the shortage of cement in France, and priority has been given to the delivery of materials to prevent the widening of the breach and serious damage to the installation.

TWO SHIPS SUNK

Washington, July 7—(P)—The navy announced today that two small merchant vessels, a British ship and a Norwegian, had been torpedoed in the Caribbean and survivors had landed at a Caribbean port.

FEDERAL AGENTS ROUND UP HEADS OF NAZI OUTFIT

New Indictments Charge Conspiracy to Evade Defense Regulations.

New York, July 7—(P)—A smashing blow at the German-American Bund involving 57 of its highest officers and active members over the nation was begun today by federal agents on newly returned indictments charging conspiracy to evade national defense regulations and institution of denaturalization proceedings.

Twenty-six were named in indictments charging conspiracy to evade the selective service act and conspiracy to counsel Bund members to resist service in the armed forces of the United States and of conspiracy to conceal Bund affiliations in filling out alien registration forms. Three more were accused of all but selective service violation.

28 In Custody
P. E. Foxworth, assistant FBI chief, announced that all 29 were in federal custody. He said four had been in internment camps.

The balance of those sought—among them national and sectional officials and principal leaders of the Bund—were the object of denaturalization proceedings.

"We intend to put the Bund out of business," said United States Attorney Mathias Corra. Fritz Kuhn, former National Bund leader now in prison, and Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, a subsequent Bund chieftain arrested recently in Mexico and returned to this country yesterday, were involved in the federal proceedings. Also indicted was William Ottersbach, Seattle.

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