

LAST DITCH DEFENSE HALTS GERMANS

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 15.—Congressman Andrew Jackson May set the military men a-muttering when he announced the war might be over this year, certainly next. Mr. May is an exceptionally able legislator and chairman of the house military affairs committee, but he is also known as a teller of tall stories. He has long insisted, for instance, that down in Pike county, Kentucky, he never shoots at a squirrel directly, but at the limb on which it is perched, so he can kill it by concussion.

An offset to Mr. May's amazing prediction has been offered by Senator Tydings of Maryland, who thinks the war will not end until 1944.

Everyone likes to hear good news, and such statements as these are given prominence in the press for that reason, although they are not worth the breath it took to utter them.

No one in authority knows when the war will end. No one can have a good guess. And such wild stabs as are being made fluctuate from day to day with news from the front.

One official, who knows as much about it as either Mr. May or Mr. Tydings, says the war will last five years, if Egypt falls. All that can be truthfully and safely said is this:

Many air-minded authorities hope for great things from the second front of air bombing which has been opened by the British. It has been announced this is to be greatly intensified with our help soon.

Those who think the war can be won this way naturally expect an early conclusion. They are in the minority. The vast majority of authorities see the end nowhere in sight.

It will snow gold for dependents in the armed services next November 2, the day before election. On that peculiarly

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Army Says Corvallis Sewage Will Poison Camp Water Supply

Portland, July 15.—(P)—The army wants the city of Corvallis to put in a sewage purification plant at once to protect the Camp Adair water supply.

A letter from Major Gen. Kenyon A. Joyce, commander of the Ninth Corps area, to the Oregon sanitary authority yesterday said the camp's supply would be contaminated otherwise.

The camp's water intake on the Willamette river will be below Corvallis.

RUSSIANS REPULSE NAZI ATTEMPT TO CIRCLE VORONEZH

Hitlerites Stripping Reserves From Western Europe Is Claim of Defenders.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth
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Locked in a great, consuming battle for which Germany is stripping reserve divisions from her garrisons in Western Europe, the Russians reported today that they had repulsed enemy attempts to encircle Voronezh, on the north flank of the Germans' Don Valley offensive.

Resistance to Hitler's 1942 blitzkrieg, as symbolized by the defense of Voronezh, has so sapped the enemy's reserve that several divisions from Belgium and France have been reported put into the battle.

The official Russian announcement to that effect today was a tacit implication that the way was being opened in western Europe for creation of an allied front.

London reported Russian pressure for a prompt invasion of the continent and one informant declared that all preparations for a full-fledged attack were being made. How soon was left unanswered.

The Germans who more than a week ago were claiming Voronezh as theirs actually were stopped by a last ditch defense at the outskirts, Russian front dispatches said today. In recounting the struggle for that anchor of the southern Russian army.

So long as Voronezh stands it remains a sharp flanking threat to the German's deepest penetration of Russia, a thrust which has carried beyond Boguchar, down the Don from the Voronezh sector, to within 200 miles of Stalingrad on the Volga.

Axis reports, unconfirmed, said that another drive, further south, had carried within six miles of Rostov, at the mouth of the Don gateway to the Caucasus.

Thousands Killed

While admitting territorial losses which constitute a dire threat to isolate the vital Caucasus and perhaps to force a general Russian withdrawal in the south to the line of the Volga River, Moscow said that 35,000 of the enemy have been killed or wounded in a 10-day period in the Voronezh sector. An important point west of Voronezh was reported recaptured.

Juvenile Officer Selection Delayed

County Judge J. B. Coleman said yesterday it would be a week or 10 days before the juvenile officer for Jackson county, provided for in the 1942-1943 budget, is named. War-time conditions have increased the need for a trained welfare officer of experience who can contact both the juveniles and their parents.

Nazis Nearer Caucasus Oil



New drives in the Rostov area (1), and fighting at Boguchar (2), brought the German menace closer to Caucasus oil fields. Shaded arrows indicate possible objectives. Struggle for Voronezh (3), continued with indications (shaded arrows), that Nazi triumph would bring further drive to split Moscow from the south and a push toward the Ural industrial areas. Russians claimed they fought off new attacks in Kalinin area (4), but Germans claimed new victories southwest of Rastov.

ROGUE RIVER MEN AMONG INTERRED BY JAP CAPTORS

Washington, July 15.—(P)—The War department today announced 156 American civilians known to be interned by the Japanese at Shanghai. All were captured on Wake Island and in each case the next-of-kin has been notified by the navy department.

Oregonians include: Ward H. Deimler; Mrs. S. G. Jacobs, box 118, Rogue River; Lester W. Harbeck; Mrs. Lester Harbeck, 628 North Fourth, Grants Pass; Buren G. Kennedy; Mrs. Buren Kennedy, Rt. 1, box 1110-A, Rogue River; Charles A. Moe; Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Rt. 3, box 685, Grants Pass; Raymond W. Roberts; Mrs. Mary Roberts, box 673, Grants Pass; Lewis H. Smith; Mrs. Mary B. Smith, Rogue River.

Five For One Is German Penalty

London, July 15.—(P)—The German-controlled Brussels radio reported tonight that five Frenchmen had been sentenced to death at Lille for killing a German soldier.

The announcer added that two other French nationals had been executed for distributing propaganda described as communist, and for possession of firearms.

Japanese losses—20 ships sunk or damaged including four aircraft carriers sunk and three battleships hit; 275 planes destroyed, and 4,800 men killed or drowned.

American losses—the 10,900-ton aircraft carrier Yorktown put out of action, the destroyer Hammann sunk, an undisclosed number of planes destroyed, and 92 officers and 215 enlisted men lost. Loss of the destroyer and damage to an aircraft carrier had been reported previously, but this was the first time their names were given.

The immediate result of the battle was that safety of the vital Hawaiian area, the American west coast and the Panama canal were at least temporarily secured.

House Breaks Farm Bill Deadlock

FOUR SABOTEURS FOUND ON BEACH BY COAST GUARD

Young Service Man Surprised Quartet Now on Trial Is Official Revelation

Washington, July 15.—(P)—The coast guard disclosed today that a 21-year-old guardsman, on beach patrol at Amagansett, Long Island, surprised four of the eight alleged Nazi saboteurs now on trial as they waded ashore carrying explosives.

The guardsman, John C. Cullen of Bayside, Long Island, sounded the alarm which eventually led to the capture of the four men he surprised and four others.

In a narrative description drawn from official coast guard files, the announcement disclosed that Cullen at one time feared he was about to be hypnotized by one of the saboteurs. Also, the Nazis, in giving him a bribe he pretended to accept, shortchanged Cullen \$40.

The official record quoted another coast guardsman who participated in the search for the four saboteurs as saying he saw "a long, thin object, about 70 feet long, about 150 feet off shore," while Cullen was reported to have heard the noise of powerful Diesel engines just off shore.

VINSON SCORCHES CONTRACT AGENTS

Washington, July 15.—(P)—Chairman Vinson (D-Go) of the house naval committee maintained today that three "sales engineers" had an "inside track" at the navy department which helped them obtain war contracts for manufacturers and a profit of \$846,701 for themselves during the first six months of this year.

"You three men, sitting here in Washington," Vinson bluntly told the trio during the committee hearing, "are getting \$1,150 each a day, every day for the first six months of this year, including Sunday, while boys are dying at Bataan and Corregidor and on the Lexington."

"I am going to see if I can break up this practice of contingent fees. There's no justification for it."

His assertion came during examination of A. P. Shirley, a one time army major, and F. R. Olcott, and F. C. Nichols, both former civilian employees of the navy. The three are partners in a firm which secures contracts for manufacturers throughout the country on a commission basis.

The slogan "Pike's Peak or bust" originated in 1859 with the gold strike at Pike's Peak.

Gay, of Houston, Texas, survived.

Another deed of valor was attributed to Major Lofton R. Henderson of Gary, Ind. During the marines' first attack on the Japanese fleet on June 4, his scout bomber was hit and set afire. Henderson was last seen diving his blazing craft into the smokestack of a Japanese carrier.

After the Coral Sea victory on May 4-May 8, the navy said, the high command decided the enemy's next thrust would be directed against some other section of America's Pacific defenses—Hawaii, Alaska, the Panama canal or the Pacific coast.

Navy Set Trap

Consequently U. S. naval

JAPANESE GIRDING FOR SIBERIA BLOW IS LONDON REPORT

Main Fleet Concentrating in Home Waters Waiting German Victory, is Claim.

(By the Associated Press)

Apparently by coincidence, London sources voiced opinions today that the Japanese main fleet is concentrating in home waters and that a smashing German victory in Russia would precipitate a Japanese attack on Soviet Siberia.

Simultaneously the Tokyo radio broadcast a report that Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, speaking at Osaka, disclosed that the soviet government had assured Japan that Moscow's mutual assistance pact with Britain and her agreement with the United States contain no provisions regarding Japan.

May Mean Little

It was significant perhaps, in the light of past Japanese actions, that Tokyo thus sought to reassure her Russian neighbor but a reassuring gesture by Japan may or may not mean a thing, depending on whether it accords with military strategy.

In the theaters of active war in the far Pacific, the MacArthur headquarters in Australia reported a new bomb raid yesterday on the Japanese airport at Salamaua, New Guinea, and the Chinese acknowledged that the Japanese had captured Wenchow, an important port of southern Chekiang province.

The Chinese, thus confirming a Japanese announcement of last Saturday, said that the attackers were impelled by fear that the port would become an allied air or naval base.

CAMP ADAIR AREA SHORT OF HOUSING

Corvallis, Ore., July 15.—(P)—Governor Sprague paid tribute to America's military leadership at a chamber of commerce dinner honoring a score of newly arrived army officers for Camp Adair last night. He pointed to Camp Adair as an example of "amazing accomplishment" and an indication of the army's ability to get things done.

More officers are arriving daily for Camp Adair posts and housing has already become an acute problem here.

War Bulletins

London, July 15.—(P)—Two hundred Spitfire fighter planes made a daring low-level attack early tonight on German troops along a 200-mile front the Cherbourg Peninsula to Etaples, the air ministry news service announced tonight.

Held By FBI



Mrs. Hans Haupt (above), of Chicago, mother of Herbert Haupt, who was being tried by a military commission as an alleged saboteur, was arrested by the FBI. The FBI charged Haupt's parents knew of his activities.

COPCO EMPLOYEES, POSTAL WORKER ENLIST IN NAVY

Three employees of the California-Oregon Power company, one of the Medford postoffice and a local business man enlisted in the U. S. naval construction battalion in Portland Monday, and will be called to active duty when their companies are formed, probably in about two months, according to Jack M. Carpenter, local navy recruiter.

Stanley G. Sherwood of 1019 West Main street, money order clerk at the postoffice, enlisted as a postal clerk, first class.

Copco employees joining the navy were Sidney Glen Watson of 742 West 14th street, as a storekeeper, second class; Donald B. Falwell of 723 West Second street, as a storekeeper, first class; and Owen K. Phelan 732 West Second street, as an electrician's mate, second class.

Fourth local man to enlist was Harold Carver of 20 Portland avenue, owner of Hal's Camera shop. Carver enlisted as a photographer, first class.

Transfer Japanese From Fresno Center

Fresno, Calif., July 15.—(P)—Transfer of 4,750 Japanese, most of them from Oregon and Washington, got underway at the nearby Pinedale assembly center today.

Some 4,000 of the Oregon and Washington Japanese at Pinedale will go to the Tule Lake center in Modoc county. The remaining 750, mostly from Sacramento, El Dorado and Amador counties, will go to the Poston, Ariz., center.

AGREE TO SALE OF WHEAT UNDER PARITY ON CORN

Change in Sentiment Permits Sale Around 33c a Bushel Had Sought \$1.35.

Washington, July 15.—(P)—Final agreement was reached today on the long-disputed \$680,000,000 farm bill after the house finally backed down and decided to permit sales of government-owned wheat at below parity.

The senate, following the house action, accepted a conference committee's recommendations and the legislation was ready for the president's signature.

After rejecting a new compromise proposal, the house accepted a senate demand, backed by President Roosevelt, that sales of government-owned wheat for livestock feed and industrial uses at 85 per cent of the parity price of corn—or about 83 cents a bushel—be allowed.

Previously, the house had insisted that such sales be made at not less than parity for wheat, or about \$1.35 a bushel.

The deadlock grew out of a senate demand that sale of 125,000,000 bushels for feeding purposes be allowed at 85 per cent of corn parity, or about 83 cents.

NEW DEALERS WIN OKLAHOMA VOTES

Oklahoma City, July 15.—(P)—Oklahoma Democrats, who re-nominated New Dealer Josh Lee for the U. S. Senate, built up a lead for a Roosevelt backer as their choice for governor today with three-fourths of the unofficial returns from yesterday's primary election tabulation.

Robert S. (Bob) Kerr, the party's national committeeman, added bit by bit to his narrow margin over second place Gomer Smith, attorney and former congressman.

With 2,709 of 3,674 precincts reported the count stood Kerr 105,386, Smith 97,438.

Senator Lee won nomination over nine opponents and clung to a clear majority.

Among Senator Lee's nine opponents was 72-year-old W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, former governor and congressman.

BLY POSTMASTER

Washington, July 15.—(P)—President Roosevelt has sent to the senate the following nominations for postmaster in Oregon: Bly—Georgia G. Casebeer.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank VanDyke trying in vain to get the kink out of his back, caused when he hoisted his little boy's tricycle clear up into an automobile.

Lieut. W. H. Puntney breezing around with breezy news of Camp White.

Frank Runtz tipping a reporter off to what may make a good story soon.

Ken Denman, saving rubber, being picked up on his long trek to lunch at home.