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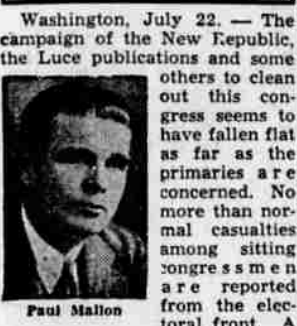
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GERMANS CLAIM ROSTOV HEMMED IN

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



Washington, July 22.—The campaign of the New Republic, the Luce publications and some others to clean out this congress seems to have fallen flat as far as the primaries are concerned. No more than normal casualties among sitting congressmen are reported from the electoral front. A tabulation made by the democratic congressional campaign committee, for its own information only, shows that out of the first 115 congressmen to face the voters in primaries this far, no more than 10 have failed of re-nomination. Most of the losers were involved in personal situations, having nothing to do with the isolationist-interventionist dispute.

The temper of the electorate thus obviously is shown to be extraordinarily complacent. The antagonism to congress which has gained so much popular publicity has nowhere been reflected in the results.

Furthermore, voting everywhere has been extremely light and less than the usual number of congressmen are even faced with serious opposition.

THIS seems to be a war without a song. A war of grim public quietude. Public opinion on the surface seems confused, and at times embittered by such regulations as gas rationing and other displays of Washington inefficiency, but so far it is wholly lacking in the enthusiasm required to go to the polls and vote "no."

The politicians explain this phenomena with the assumption that everyone is busy in war work.

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Radio Highlights

Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, commander of the 91st Division at Camp White, will speak over KMGD tonight at 7:30 o'clock on "Relationship of Camp White to the Community." Brigadier General Edward S. Ott, artillery commander, will speak on "What an Infantry Division Is." Chaplain Vernon T. Jaeger will speak on "Activities of a Division Chaplain."

Secretary of State Hull will tell the nation of the seriousness of the war in a speech Thursday between 6:30 and 7:15 p. m., PWT over all networks.

President Roosevelt, announcing the broadcast, said he considered the speech an able and conclusive summary.

(Pacific War Time)

Alvin Steinkopf, returned German correspondent from Germany where he had been interned since December 7, is the guest speaker for "This Is Our Enemy" on MBS Sunday night, when the theme of the program is to be "Race and Education."

Tonight: CBS—4:30 Records for Fighting Men. MBS—8:30 Pass in Review.

Thursday: NBC—10:15 a. m. Army air force band, new series. BLU—12:30 Men of the Sea.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Farrell graciously taking a chair at the foot of the council table when, after an unavoidable belated appearance, he discovered Recorder Morse Alford occupying the city attorney's throne near the head of the municipal workbench.

A. S. "Rosey" Rosenbaum, the demon war bond seller, checking in with a total of \$28,475 for five weeks' effort and promising to make it \$30,000 by the end of the week.

The annual Santa Fe Fiesta, held over the Labor Day weekend, was established in 1712.

RED RESISTANCE SAID BROKEN IN VITAL SECTION

Lower Course on Don Crossed on Broad Front Says High Command.

Berlin, (from German broadcasts), July 22.—(AP)—The German high command said today "organized resistance of the enemy in the Rostov region has collapsed" and reported that "to the east of the Donets the lower course of the Don was crossed on a broad front."

Rostov was described as hemmed in by Axis troops "standing before a defended bridgehead which runs in a semi-circle outside the town."

Moscow, July 22.—(AP)—Stalin and Rostov both were imperiled gravely by fresh German advances today as the million men of Marshal Fedor von Bock pressed relentlessly south and east against bitterly fighting but outnumbered Russian forces.

Red Star, the army newspaper, said ominously that the Germans were approaching the border of Stalingrad province. A furious German assault beat against the men of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko along the Moscow-Rostov railway. The drive was moving on Rostov from southeast of Millerovo and from Voroshilovgrad, both of which have fallen to the Germans in the 300-mile wide Don basin offensive.

Danger Realized
Red Star pointed to the danger thus: "Terrible days face the country. The enemy is rushing to the vital centers of our country." The newspaper called on red soldiers to repeat the example of 28 Soviet troops, who in defending Moscow last winter, fought tank charges with their hands, all dying in the struggle.

Even as the Russian armies in the south strove to stem the German advance, the forces at the northern end of the front around Voronezh were reported holding the initiative and counterattacking vigorously. The Russians announced four bridgeheads had been seized.

But the Russian press showed that the greatest urgency was before Rostov and Stalingrad, both vastly important industrial and communication centers and guardians of approaches to the Caucasus, oil lands and fertile farmlands.

The loss of either city, it was acknowledged, would be a tragic blow.

MAY ASK LEGION TO OPEN RANKS

Louisville, Ky., July 22.—(AP)—The American Legion may be asked to open its ranks to "all military-minded men with training."

G. Lee McClain, chairman of the resolutions committee for the Kentucky department's 24th annual convention now in session here, said today such a proposal was being drafted by his committee and would be submitted to Kentucky Legionnaires tomorrow.

Membership in the Legion now is limited to veterans of the first World War, but a constitutional revision to take in members of the armed forces now fighting the second world war has been approved by some state departments and will be submitted to the legion's national convention at Kansas City later this summer.

ISAAC STAPLES DIES
Portland, July 22.—(AP)—Former Senator Isaac E. Staples, who represented Multnomah county in the state legislature for 16 years, died yesterday.

Staples also had been president of the Oregon Jewelers' association, Oregon Poultry association, Oregon Poultry association, and treasurer of the Willamette Wool Growers' association.

Waiting For Japs To Try Again



Jap bombing planes had been there once when this picture of the attack on the U. S. naval base at Dutch Harbor, June 3 and 4, were made, witness the burning oil tank in the background. But these marines were alert in their trenches for another attack.—(U. S. Navy Photo)

White House Conference Called On Russian Peril, Ship Losses

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff and members of the Pacific war council came to the White House today for separate conferences as grave developments appeared on the Russian front and in the shipping situation.

President Roosevelt had an opportunity also to discuss with his callers the sharpening warfare in the Aleutian Islands too near to Siberia.

In the bitter Russian fighting, Stalingrad and Rostov both were imperiled by fresh German advances and it appeared

CITY WILL RENEW PLEA FOR LARGER DISPOSAL PLANT

The city health committee and Dr. L. D. Inskeep, city health officer, were instructed by the council last night to submit a letter to the Federal Works Agency renewing Medford's application of last fall for funds to enlarge and increase the capacity of the city's sewage disposal plant.

In a letter read by Larry Schade, health committee chairman, it was indicated that the army, through its own channels, would request enlargement of the plant. The letter was from Dr. Inskeep, and followed a conversation he had had with Colonel Charles G. Hutter, camp white surgeon, medical corps.

Enlargement of the plant, it was understood, would practically double its present capacity, said to be inadequate under the present conditions caused by a local population increase of an estimated 5,000 persons since last September, at which time the original application was made and rejected.

Dr. Inskeep's letter to Councilman Schade indicated that the army now feels an enlargement of the plant is justified, due to the additional load it is carrying. It was believed that with the army, through its own channels, recommending an increase in the plant's capacity, the city's original application would be reviewed in a more favorable light.

Aside from the discussion concerning the renewal of the application to increase the capacity of the sewage disposal plant, little official business was transacted. Reports of the finance committee and the boxing commission were adopted. In order to provide funds for 56 days of vacation for city firemen, the emergency fire department fund was transferred for this purpose.

Mayor H. S. Deuel read a letter from Colonel Owen R. Meredith, commander of Camp White, in which the city was thanked for providing a room in city hall for Medford headquarters of the military police, now operating.

WANT MORE TIRES

Spokane, July 22.—(AP)—Henry George of Clifton & Applegate & Co., Spokane contractors, today called a meeting of all war industry contractors in the area to seek a larger quota of tires for war industry employees.

Japan now controls over 90 per cent of the world's rubber plantations!

NAVY ASKS FUND FOR TRAINING ON SECRET WEAPON

\$30,000,000 Wanted—Testimony on Plans Omitted From Records.

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—The navy's intention to spend \$30,000,000 "for a kind of secret training and a kind of secret weapon" was disclosed by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) today as the house voted authorization of a \$975,634,000 outlay for naval shore facilities.

In discussing the secret phase of the bill, Vinson told the house that this "is a matter the naval affairs committee should leave entirely to the prudence of the men who are going to carry out this secret work."

The naval committee chairman added that he had ordered testimony concerning the secret plans omitted from even the private records of the committee.

Location Veiled
"I do not know," Vinson said, "except in the most general way where they will be located—within so many miles of the coast and so many miles back of that."

The bill including the funds was passed and sent to the senate by voice vote after an attempt to eliminate authority for the secretary of navy to negotiate contracts for expenditures under the measure was defeated, 57 to 17.

From Rep. Mott (R-Ore.), the naval committee's ranking minority member, came the statement that a number of the shore facilities provided by the bill would be located in Alaska.

Earlier, Vinson had informed the house that others would be located at Panama and on island outposts in the Pacific.

Portland, Ore., July 22.—(AP)—Kenneth Jernstedt, Oregon's only Flying Tiger, came back home today with an appeal for enough airplanes to knock the Japanese invaders out of China and Burma.

The quiet, soft-spoken Yamhill farm boy said, "get the planes to the far east; that's the answer to beating the Japs."

Decorated by the Chinese government for his part in destroying 10 Japanese planes (his bag included scores more unconfirmed), the former Linfield college athlete predicted better war news from the far east now that the U. S. army has superceded the old American volunteer group.

Jernstedt was reluctant to talk about the AVG's phenomenal combat record which often netted 20 or 30 Japanese planes without loss to the Americans.

MEDFORD YOUTH BULLET VICTIM

Spokane, Wash., July 22.—(AP)—Discharge of a rifle which he was examining resulted in the fatal injury of Robert Olson, 14, of Medford, Ore., near here yesterday.

Coroner I. S. Collins said young Olson died after being hit in the mouth with the rifle bullet. He was with a cousin, Vernon Comstock, 10, at the Comstock ranch four miles west of here when the accident happened.

The Olson family had moved only recently to Medford from Redmond, Ore., Collins said.

CURT MECHAM SIGNS FOR PRO FOOTBALL

New York, July 22.—(AP)—Curt Mecham of the University of Oregon, one of the most sought-after football players in last year's pro football draft, sent a signed contract yesterday to the Brooklyn Dodgers, professional eleven.

Our navy needs rubber. The \$3,000-ton battleship pointing its guns at Tokyo uses 75 tons of it.

BASEBALL

Score:	National	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	2	12	1	
Boston	1	2	0	

Passeau and Scheffing; Javery and Lombardi.

FEW AXIS PLANES LEFT TO BATTLE ALLIES IN EGYPT

Cairo, July 22.—(AP)—General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck sent his eighth army into an attack all along the El Alamein battle front last night and the battle has raged throughout today with the British making progress but definite results still not in sight.

Cairo, July 22.—(AP)—The allied air forces have virtually driven the Germans out of the sky over the north African battle area, British military sources said today.

These sources, whose identity it was not permitted to disclose, said hardly any enemy air activity was observed yesterday by bombers and fighters which ranged far beyond the El Alamein front, blasting at large concentrations of axis vehicles and attacking the Nazi supply base in Crete.

Suda Bay, Island of Crete, was attacked "in force" and direct hits were scored on two vessels, the communique reported. A near miss was scored on a larger ship and a pier was set afire.

United States air-men probably took part in the raid, RAF sources said. American Liberator bombers have been employed frequently on assignments in the Mediterranean and the mention of "heavy allied bombers" indicated that Americans had participated, these sources said.

Helena, Mont., July 22.—(AP)—Senator James E. Murray, ardent Roosevelt supporter who accused his colleague Burton K. Wheeler, of attempting to purge him, took a growing lead today in his race for renomination on the democratic ticket.

Senator Wheeler, a staunch isolationist before Pearl Harbor, is not up for re-election this year.

Murray claimed renomination on the basis of returns from 573 of the state's 1,185 precincts which gave him 27,078 votes and former Congressman Joseph B. Monaghan of Butte 16,704 and said this showed the voters had "repudiated any attempt to dictate Montana politics."

FEBBYE-MINDED
Salem, July 22.—(AP)—Four boys, ranging from 16 to 18 years old, escaped last night from the Oregon Fairview home for feeble-minded.

The Ozarks are believed to be one of the oldest mountain ranges in North America.

Second Front Clamor Increases In England

London, July 22.—(AP)—Appeals for a British and American invasion of Europe to establish a second front this year mounted today while the Russians reeled back under the blows of German armored forces.

The electrical trades union unanimously adopted a resolution similar to the one in which the mine workers federation yesterday urged the government to open a second front. The communist party in London called a mass meeting for tonight and planned a mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square Sunday to voice its demands for invasion.

Speculation on the opening of a second front was sharpened by reports that Sir John Dill, Britain's chief military representative in the United States, was returning soon, presumably to join discussions among Prime Minister Churchill and high leaders of the British and American armed services.

Dill's job is one of liaison between the U. S. and British general staffs, a fact which unofficial British quarters seized upon to link him with second front speculation.

In the midst of the feverish undercurrent of military and political activity in London the British press suddenly soft-pedaled its heretofore persistent talk of an allied invasion of the continent.

Editorial pages of morning newspapers were devoid of comment. The Daily Express disposed of Churchill's talks yesterday in three paragraphs on page one.

ALCOHOL RUBBER AGENCY BILL HAS SENATE APPROVAL

Independent Program For Production Favored Despite Nelson Protests.

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—The senate passed a measure today to create an independent agency for the production of synthetic rubber from grain alcohol, despite administration protests against interference with war production board control of the rubber program.

The measure now goes to the house, where the rules committee has given approval to an identical measure sponsored by Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the agriculture committee.

Senate passage was on a voice vote, with fewer than a dozen senators actually on the floor at the time.

Nelson Opposes
Majority Leader Barkley read a statement from Donald M. Nelson in which the war production chief contended that creation of a separate rubber agency would be a "rash act," authorizing diversion of critical materials from vital war needs to construction of producing plants.

The bill was pushed to passage by a farm bloc whose spokesmen, Senators Thomas (D-Okla.) and Gillette (D-Iowa), charged that the WPB program of 800,000 tons of rubber next year was largely confined to production based on "untried laboratory experiments" from petroleum.

Barkley protested against a division of responsibility for the rubber program over which Nelson has assumed control. He asserted the attempt to provide for civilian, as well as war needs, was a mistake in view of the critical shortage of steel plate, steel, copper and aircompressors.

U. S. CASUALTIES 44,143 TO DATE

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—United States forces have suffered 44,143 casualties since the war began—4,801 dead, 3,218 wounded and 36,124 missing.

An office of war information statement last night said that since most of the missing were at Bataan and Corregidor and in Java, they are believed to be prisoners of war. No definite report as to their status has been received from the international Red Cross.

The casualties by services:
Army: Killed—902, Wounded—1,413, Missing—17,452.
Philippine Scouts: Killed—479, Wounded 754, Missing—11,000.

Navy: Killed—3,420, Wounded—1,051, Missing—7,672.
Prisoners of war: Navy: Officers—52, Enlisted men—249.
Marine Corps: Officers—40, Enlisted men—681.

FIRST BART BUYER LOOKS CROP OVER

A representative of Willamette valley canneries is now in the local field presumably looking over the Bartlett canning situation for the coming season and conferring with local growers and packers. He is the first to arrive and others are due on the scene shortly.

No cannery Bartlett price has been mentioned. Harvesting of the Bartlett crop is scheduled to start between August 10 and 15.

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt designated Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes today as fishery co-ordinator.