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YANK SUBS SINK FIVE NIPPON SHIPS

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, July 25—It was not fully clear from the text, but State Secretary Hull's fire-side chat was designed to warm the American people up to the increasing seriousness of the war situation.

Apprehensions of officials here at the turn of the battle in Russia were somewhat lost in Mr. Hull's restrained choice of statesman-like language. But you will notice the implication of his whole address was that there can be no compromise, no matter what happens in Russia that we are fighting irreconcilably for the freedom of our lives, and nation and world.

Of secondary importance were the quiet, firm warnings to Argentina and other neutrals that they cannot remain neutral in such a struggle; as well as the deft depositing of a little salt on the ambitions of the most visionary new dealers who have been conjuring up a millennium for the post-war world.

AS Mr. Hull went on the air, published maps indicated the Nazis were still on the west side of the lower Don, but they had actually crossed it at two strategic points. Timoshenko's army was then caught in two bad pockets.

The first was east of Stalingrad, where a large Russian force was faced by the Nazis in front and the Don on two other sides. The other pocket was pinching Rostov.

To extricate himself from this second net, a fast retirement by Timoshenko seemed necessary. But at both ends of the battle line in the first pocket, the Nazis already had crossed the Don, northward and southward, and were moving toward Stalingrad from three known how much Timoshenko had in reserve. It was clear he had offered no real resistance thus far to the Nazi advance, except at the extreme northern end of the battle line around Voronezh. Officials were little better informed than the public about the disposition of the Russian forces or with a knowledge of what to expect.

They could foresee the possible fall of the Caucasus developing, perhaps within a month after the fall of Stalingrad and Rostov.

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BUNCOISTS CLEAN UP IN PORTLAND

Portland, July 25—(AP)—Bunco boys are doing all right in Portland, police reported today, estimating the total taken from the gullible in less than two months at \$5,510.

Latest victim was Ellsworth D. Cook, Seattle, who told officers he lost \$500 last night in a coin game sponsored by two men who met him at a bus depot.

Police warned that the bus depots were favorite hangouts of bunco artists. They said however the heaviest losers have been Portland residents who have given bail to sharpshooters posing as detectives.

War Bulletins

Valletta, Malta, July 25—(AP)—Three German bombers and one fighter were destroyed yesterday in raids on Malta. The island's 2,800th alert since the start of the war, sounded at noon today.

London, July 25—(AP)—Reuters, British news agency, quoting a Stefani (Italian official news agency) dispatch said today Premier Mussolini had been in Libya since June 23. That was the date of the fall of Matruh, Egypt, railroad of the line to Alexandria.

PHOTO TAKEN OF ENEMY DESTROYER AFTER TORPEDOED

Secret Camera Used For First Time in Combat—No Action Details Given.

Washington, July 25—(AP)—American submarines recently sank a large new Japanese destroyer and four other ships in enemy-dominated waters of the Western Pacific, the navy announced today, adding that a sixth vessel was damaged and probably sunk.

The destroyer was hit by two torpedoes and went down in nine minutes. Shortly before it sank the submarine poked its periscope above the ocean surface less than a quarter of a mile away and made the first combat picture ever taken in the U. S. navy from under the sea.

This photograph showed the destroyer, heeled far over to port and down by the stern. The rising sun insignia painted on its forward turret for identification by airplanes was plainly visible and two men in white uniforms could be seen apparently in the act of scrambling off the ship.

Lieutenant commander John Long, navy photographic chief, said that the picture through the periscope was made with a special secret camera now being supplied to all large U. S. submarines by the bureau of aeronautics which developed it.

The accounting of undersea operations in the western Pacific, first issued here since May 28, was given in navy department communique number 100 which listed the damage inflicted of the enemy as:

Sunk—One modern destroyer, one medium sized tanker, three cargo ships.

Damaged and believed sunk—One medium sized cargo ship.

No details of the actions were given in the communique but the additional information about the successful attack on the destroyer was made available in the official description of the picture taken from the submarine.

While no information had been released on sub operations in the western Pacific for almost two months, the activities of American undersea raiders in the Aleutians have been reported; the latest account being issued last Tuesday when U. S. subs were credited by the navy with sinking three Japanese destroyers in the vicinity of Kiska Island.

The score of successful submarine attacks on Japanese ships as reported by the navy here now stands at 55 sunk, 15 probably sunk and 14 damaged—a total of 84 vessels.

O'DANIEL AHEAD IN TEXAS VOTING

Dallas, Tex., July 25—(AP)—Ten o'clock tabulations in the senatorial race tonight showed W. Lee O'Daniel clearly in the lead over James V. Allred. Copyrighted figures of the Texas election bureau showed O'Daniel holding 42 per cent of the votes, with 37 per cent going to Allred and 19 per cent to Moody. Coke Stevenson had a lead of nearly three to one in the governor's race.

In the race for lieutenant governor, J. L. Smith led Harold Beck, while Pierce Brooks was ahead of Beauford Jester for the unexpired term of railroad commissioner. For other state offices, incumbents held strong leads. Meager returns on congressional races showed all incumbents leading except in district 21, where Fisher had a slight lead over South.

PLANE IN KLAMATH
Klamath Falls, July 25—(AP)—A navy amphibian plane piloted by Ensign J. E. Coulson, making a forced landing five miles west of here last night, struck a power line and flipped into a farmer's pasture upside down.

Air Corps Captain



William H. Fluhrer

William Henry Fluhrer, well-known Medford and southern Oregon and northern California bakery owner, Friday night received notification of his commission as a captain in the U. S. army air force and was ordered to report Tuesday morning to the commanding officer of the officers' training school at Miami Beach, Fla.

Captain Fluhrer, who plans to leave here either today or Monday morning, said Saturday that it was his understanding he would be stationed at Miami Beach for a six-weeks' conditioning course, after which he would be assigned to the air transport command at Morrison Field, Palm Beach, Fla.

Captain Fluhrer is the second prominent Medford citizen to enter the army air force in a little over a month. The other was Floyd Hart, manager of Timber Products company, who also received a commission as captain and left here June 22 for the officers' training school at Miami Beach. Captain Fluhrer, who talked with Captain Hart long distance Friday night, said the latter was still at Miami Beach and apparently had not yet been assigned to a permanent post.

Captain Fluhrer, who has recorded approximately 2,000 hours in the air since taking up flying here in 1927, is the manager of Fluhrer's bakeries, plants of which are located in Medford, Klamath Falls, Eureka and Yreka. Operation of the bakeries will continue in the usual fashion, he declared, there being no changes contemplated.

BULLETIN

Pvt. Joe Dickinson racked up his fifth Oregon-California league victory against one defeat here last night as he fanned 11 and yielded but six blows in pitching the first-place Medford Craters to a 5 to 1 conquest of the Grants Pass Merchants.

Led by Dickinson, himself, and Paul Hoffer, each of whom collected three hits in four trips, the Craters tallied once in the first, once in the fifth and thrice in the seventh. Grants Pass ruined a Dickinson shutout by scoring its lone run in the ninth frame.

Score:
Grants Pass 1 6 2
Medford 5 11 2
Johnson, Martindale and Henley; Dickinson and Worthley.

Philadelphia, July 25—(AP)—Showing over two runs in the first inning and adding two more in the seventh the Chicago Cubs won a 4 to 1 victory over the last place Philadelphia Phillies at Shibe park tonight.

Chicago 4 11 0
Philadelphia 1 5 0
Warnke and Scheffing; Podajny, Nahem (7), Johnson (8) and Livingston.

Seattle, July 25—(AP)—Seattle won its eighth consecutive victory and Pitcher Dick Barrett easily registered his 18th triumph of the season tonight, downing Portland, 6-1.

COMMUNISTS PLAN SHOWDOWN TODAY ON SECOND FRONT

Tons of Leaflets Broadcast—Benes Predicts Hitler Will Sue For Peace.

London, July 25—(AP)—The small but highly vocal communist party of Great Britain drummed up insistence for a second front tonight with a gaudy campaign of leaflets and chalked signs while President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia predicted Hitler would sue for peace by October 15 if he had not won a decisive victory by then.

The communists prepared for a great demonstration tomorrow in Trafalgar Square and Benes added his potent voice to the uproar for a western front to relieve the hard-pressed Russians.

Benes, one of the best informed statesmen in exile, has extensive underground information channels. He said Germany would be exhausted by spring if the Russians hold out and, he added, "I think they will."

The length of the war, he told Czech soldiers, would depend on how soon the British and U. S. troops massed in these islands spring across the channel at the Germans.

"If a second front could be established within the next three months to divert a certain proportion of the German forces from the eastern front it is probable that things will develop quickly and we might be home within a year," he said.

The efforts of the 53,000 British communists were thrown into their drive to "open the second front now."

Within three days after the campaign started, district reports came from many places of mass meetings and distribution of hundreds of thousands of leaflets and posters.

Harry Pollitt, party secretary, declared the "Second Front Now" slogan was born when Hitler invaded Russia and will continue until fruition.

The campaign includes sending deputations to homes of members of parliament demanding that they fight in commons for a second front now, a postcard campaign addressed to Prime Minister Churchill, factory meetings of workers, a nationwide chalking up of slogans, and a wide distribution of pamphlets.

ARMS PRODUCTION NOW AT HIGHEST

Washington, July 25—(AP)—War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson told the nation today that this country's June output of planes, tanks, ships, guns, ammunition and all campaign equipment was almost triple production of last November—but he admonished against "undue optimism."

In the first six months of this year, Nelson said in a communique from the production front, the volume of such war munitions turned out was one-and-a-half times as large as production during all of 1941.

While Nelson reported that in general the arsenal of democracy was doing a good job, he asserted that serious raw materials shortages were impending, new bottlenecks forming, and "too much boasting is altogether premature."

GO TO NAVY
Oscar Jack Miller of Medford and John Grimm of Central Point left tonight for Portland to enlist in the Naval Construction Battalion. If enlisted they will be returned home awaiting call until their company is formed. Jack Grimm has been employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the past 13 years. Enlistments are now being accepted in all branches of the Naval Construction Battalion, according to J. M. Carpenter, local navy recruiter.

Saved Rabbit at Midway



T. L. J. Saxon, U. S. sailor from Columbia, Miss., had his ship torpedoed under him in the battle of Midway and lost all of his possessions, but he did save Midway, his pet rabbit. Here Saxon, wearing all the clothes he owns presently has Midway peering out of the gas mask bag in which the rabbit stayed while Saxon floated with him in the Pacific awaiting rescue. They are in San Francisco. (U. S. navy photo.)

PREACHER TELLS OF JAP TORMENT

Laurencia Marques, Portuguese East Africa, July 23—(Delayed)—Americans can take it.

There is the case of Edwin Koons, Presbyterian missionary who was imprisoned by the Japanese in Korea where, he said, he received the "water cure" when other less elaborate methods of punishment failed to make him agree he had been engaged in espionage.

He is here now where he has been exchanged along with other Americans for Japanese repatriated from the United States.

The water cure simply is a method of forcing quantities of water down the throat of the victim until he is unconscious and in a semi-drowning condition.

Koons said "they tried it once and I fainted."

Somewhat apologetically he explained that he had a chronic heart condition.

A few days later, beating my back and soles of my feet with rubber hose, they said I needed more water, but at the last minute they decided otherwise.

"Well, sir," said Koons, "just to show them I wasn't scared I said I really was thirsty after so much talking and asked for a small drink."

He said he had the satisfaction of overhearing his tormentors remark that that was the first time anybody ever actually asked for a drink in that chamber.

He said he did not blame his inquisitors personally, as he believed they carried out orders from above and that he hoped to return to his mission field some day.

OREGON SKY HERO IS BETTER NOW

McMinnville, July 25—(AP)—Kenneth Jernstedt, AVG flier from Yamhill showed improvement yesterday despite the illness that kept him in a hospital here.

WILD CAREER OF MAD STEER ENDED

Evert, July 25—(AP)—A wild steer which had terrorized residents of the Fernwood district about seven miles from Bothell in southern Snohomish county for three days was shot and killed today by Deputy Sheriff Joe Tuttle.

The animal was cornered in some woods on the farm of Mrs. Lena Kohler, Route 1, Bothell, who said she had been afraid to go out of her home to water her stock since she first saw the steer.

Deputy Sheriff Fred French accompanied Tuttle into the woods and started the steer running down a path. Tuttle hid behind a stump and calmly shot the animal.

SAME OLD STORY, BOYS AND A GUN

Seattle, July 25—(AP)—Two small boys for whom their father's revolver held a deadly fascination took advantage of their mother's brief absence from home today to examine the weapon more closely.

The inevitable happened, and both were wounded—the young critically—by the gun's discharge.

Paul and Chris Chakos, aged six and seven, were the victims. Their mother said the gun was empty but that they apparently loaded it when they found it. Paul was wounded in the abdomen. Chris suffered a minor wound on his left hand.

MORE TAXES SEEN
Portland, July 25—(AP)—Sen. Carl A. Hatch, member of a committee investigating war production, said in an interview here yesterday, "I don't think we've ever been touched yet in the way of taxes."

PORTLAND PRICES UP
Portland, July 25—(AP)—Portland food prices lifted 22.1 per cent in the year ending June 16, compared to a national average of 16.3 per cent, the Oregon office of the federal bureau of labor statistics reported.

NO POWER HEARINGS
Portland, Ore., July 25—(AP)—Congress is too busy with the war to conduct hearings on the Columbia river power authority bill in the Pacific northwest, Sen. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington said.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson
(Wide World War Analyst)

Another July fateful with grim portents for Russia is passing into history with little yet to indicate that Anglo-American might can be thrown into the battle scales in time to avert a disaster in southern Russia for the allied cause.

Compared with her situation just a year ago, when it seemed gloomily enough, Russia's plight is incalculably more serious. She is all but cut apart from the Baltic to the Caspian by Nazi hordes pouring southeastward down the Don valley.

Not only is her vast Ukrainian breadbasket in enemy hands, but her treasure-trove of oil in the Caucasus and the armies that defend it are in terrible jeopardy of being cut off. Her enemy now stands virtually upon the Don from close to its source below Moscow to its mouth below Rostov. Even eastward in Siberia she is now menaced by the Japanese, flushed with victories in China, the Philippines, Malaya, the Dutch Indies.

Yet harking back to those dark days in Russia in July, 1941, the essential fact is that she has endured through disaster upon disaster for twelve months as few British and American military authorities then believed she could. Even now, and at the worst, there is small prospect that Hitler can force her to her knees or do more than prolong the war indefinitely if he succeeds in throwing Russian armies back eastward of a Volga-Don-Moscow-Leningrad line from the Caspian to the Baltic, which seems his purpose.

Not only Russian ability but Russian will to fight against all odds have been proven in blood, German as well as Russian, in these twelve months. It is just about a year ago that President Roosevelt's emissary, Harry Hopkins, traveled from London to Russia by air. Just what he learned then of Russian determination never to yield to the axis or of Russian ultimate resources for war was not revealed.

The time will come, it must come, for Hitler as it came for the Kaiser when the limit of his powers of aggression has been reached while that of his aroused foes still climbs month by month, day by day. There is evidence of desperation in the nature of his far-spread attack on Russia. He is pouring out German blood in a frantic effort to attain some objective before the doom he has challenged can overtake him.

BOWMAN TO HEAD LEGION IN STATE

Portland, July 25—(AP)—Hugh A. Bowman, Pendleton, was elected Oregon department commander of the American Legion today as the 24th annual convention neared its close.

The 45-year-old hotel operator succeeds Joseph K. Carson, Portland. Bowman is a native of Pendleton. In the last war he served with the 91st infantry, stationed at Camp Lewis.

Dr. E. J. Corcoran, Mount Angel, was named vice commander and the Rev. John Magoon, Gresham, chaplain. Thomas D. Stoughton, Portland, was re-elected finance officer.

District commanders, elected for two-year terms included: Lloyd Williamson, Medford, No. 4.

BUY WAR STAMPS, HALT INFLATION

Portland, July 25—(AP)—Sen. Harold H. Burton of Ohio urged the people today to comply with rationing regulations and purchase war bonds and stamps as a means of avoiding inflation.

"Nothing could be worse than if our soldiers and sailors and marines should win the war while we at home allowed the value of the dollar to collapse," he told an audience at a Victory Center bond sales program.

GERMANS PIERCE MIDDLE DON AREA IN ROSTOV DRIVE

Russians Battle Fiercely For Vital Centers—Bombers Blast Tobruk—No Egypt Decision.

(By Associated Press)
A German drive into the outskirts of Rostov was reported by the Russians early today as the mighty military machine of Adolf Hitler threw reserves into the heavy fight for that Russian city and pressed against the Russians defending Stalingrad and the Caucasus.

The Soviet midnight communique officially acknowledged that the battle for Rostov had roared into the outskirts of the city but the Russians said they were fighting fiercely for that vital center.

Indicating no change in the other critical areas, the Russians this morning said their men were pushing the Germans back at Voronezh, the northern end of the 300-mile front, and at Tsimlyansk and Novocherkassk, in the Don basin.

Dispatches indicated this disposition of the fighting forces: Rostov's fortifications were breached in sectors. A tentative German bridgehead was established on the lower Don near Tsimlyansk, 120 miles upstream from Rostov. The Germans reached the middle Don and conceivably could be within 45 miles of Stalingrad. The Reds still were attacking and gaining at Voronezh.

On the Egyptian front, U. S. bombers were disclosed to have heavily damaged axis ports and shipping at Tobruk, Benghazi and Suda bay in Crete in seven raids. The RAF added the destruction of more than 20 grounded axis planes at ElDaba while the land fighting dwindled to artillery exchanges and patrolling 80 miles west of Alexandria.

The balance of power was so delicate that London sources said the arrival of a single convoy—axis or British—could swing the outcome. That an allied ship train might be approaching was evidenced by the Italian claim to have sunk a loaded troop transport in the eastern Mediterranean.

Across the world, allied fliers attacked ceaselessly the latest fruit of Japanese conquest—toeholds on New Guinea at Buna and Gona. Experts were inclined to the view that the landings on the great island above Australia was a Japanese attempt to clinch control of the sea to the Solomon Islands, rather than another threat to the northernmost allied base of Port Moresby.

Remembering the amazing Japanese campaign down Malaya and into Singapore, however, they did not rule out the possibility that the foe might cut his way through the jungle-clad mountains to attack the base, 110 miles away.

NAZI INDUSTRIAL CENTERS BOMBED

London, July 25—(AP)—Mannheim and Frankfurt, Germany, were attacked in daylight raids by the RAF today, the air ministry said tonight.

Other British planes making an offensive sweep over Belgium destroyed nine railway locomotives with machine gun and cannon fire at Cortemarck.

The air ministry news service said the engines were standing close together and one pilot was so eager to hit them that his wing tip brushed a railway signal arm as he swooped down. He returned safely.

Tonight's air and home security ministries communique said British fighters destroyed three German planes during the day—a fighter of the south coast this morning, a bomber off the east coast this evening, and another bomber off the southwest coast this evening.