

NAZIS DRIVE 20 MILES IN CAUCASUS

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, July 27—Cheapest political trick of a rather sordid wartime season is the strange delay in paying assistance allowances to dependents of our fighting men for more than 4 months, until the day before the coming congressional elections in November.

Further investigation makes it worse than suggested in this column published June 15. The official publicity makes no mention of who was responsible for this caloused political chicanery, saying only that printing, investigations and bookkeeping will prevent mailing out the checks before Sunday, November 1.

But if you will prowling back through the several thousand words of the law, you will find, by careful reading, a single sentence, which places the responsibility for the decision. It says: "Any allowances which accrue under this title before November 1, 1942 shall not be actually paid until after November 1, 1942."

So congress itself, the very legislators who are to face the voters on Tuesday, November 3, and not the war department, or Mr. Roosevelt, or the Democratic national committee, seems to have been the guiding force in denying monthly payments owed to women and children for June, July, August, September and October.

First it was pensions, then X-cards, and now delaying allowances to women and children.

There was some excuse for congress voting itself pensions, although when the secrecy of its action was exposed, it shamefacedly repealed the law.

There was also some excuse for X-cards to give congressmen extra (although they are not justly entitled to unlimited) gas to do public business, if they will do public business. Now that their X-cards have expired and stronger gas rationing is in force, they and all politicians are granted in the east all the gas they want to conduct their political business as usual, while

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PEEP RIDES SELL \$20,000 WORTH OF BONDS, STAMPS

It was "peeps, peeps, peeps" all day Friday and Saturday in Medford when literally thousands of people were taken for rides around the city as a reward for purchasing war stamps or bonds. W. A. Gates of the bond sale committee reported that an estimated \$20,000 worth of bonds and stamps were sold directly as a result of the promise of a ride in one of the army's little cars.

"The army drivers were swamped with customers who gathered at the Chamber of Commerce, and Saturday night at the Rialto and Craterian theatres, for their peep rides," Mr. Gates said today.

Mr. Gates praised the army personnel whom he said cooperated to the fullest extent in the special sale, and he also pointed out that sales were unusually high at the theatres on both nights. Saturday afternoon girls from both Medford bands donated time to bond selling for the Chamber of Commerce for which the bond committee to day expressed its appreciation. The "peeps" and war equipment displayed at the Victory Center belonged to the 91st Infantry Division at Camp White. Major Robert Van Roo was in charge of the display and "peeps" operation.

PATH IS BROKEN BY LUFTWAFFE IN TERRIFIC ATTACK

German Troops Storm Into Bataisk—Advance Continues Further South.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth Associated Press War Editor. Berlin announced today a 20-mile penetration of the Caucasus, south of Rostov on the Don, on the mail rail route into Russia's greatest oil fields, but farther up the Don, in the Tsimlyansk area where the invaders had forced at least two crossings, the Germans had been halted, Moscow said.

South of Rostov, said the German high command, German troops stormed into Bataisk after a day of fighting in which a terrific aerial assault broke a path for them.

Continue in South. The Germans, without details, said that farther east along the Don mechanized detachments continued their southward drive. It was there the Russians said they had been checked in the Tsimlyansk area.

To the northeast German and Rumanian infantry divisions, the German communice said, were threatening Stalingrad on a broad front, having reached a Don bend area about 50 miles from their goal. Stalingrad, industrial capital of the lower Volga, lies near an elbow of that river, within 50 miles of the Don bend.

"Northwest of Kalatsch," said the Berlin communice, "tank detachments and mechanized troops are in violent battle with Soviet tank and infantry forces which are trying desperately to hold hilly ground west of the (Don) river."

The location of "Kalatsch" suggested that the Germans meant Kachalino, just east of the Don, some 30 miles northwest of Stalingrad. "Kalatsch" does not appear on non-German maps.

Smoke Covers Steppes. A vast area of steppe land, within the big bend of the Don, was overhung by the smoke of battle through which the German planes and the Red air force, using numbers of United States bombers and fighters, plunged their bomb loads.

In other sectors of the world conflict, apart from the dominant Russian front, the RAF offensive against Germany had regained momentum, marked by further preparatory participation of United States army airmen in actual combat and a powerful overnight assault on Hamburg, while the battle of Egypt had shifted almost wholly to the air.

A heavy RAF bomber force, following up a joint British-American bombardment of Saturday night, plastered the axis Libyan supply port of Tobruk again last night, hitting an enemy ship. Long-range RAF fighters attacked barges off Sidi Barrani, axis-held port in Egypt.

German and Italian troops on the El Alamein line were digging in after last week's minor rectification of positions in favor of the British army of the Nile. Ground action consisted largely of skirmishing and the Italians claimed the British lost some prisoners.

The battle of Russia had reached its gravest stage thus far in 1942.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

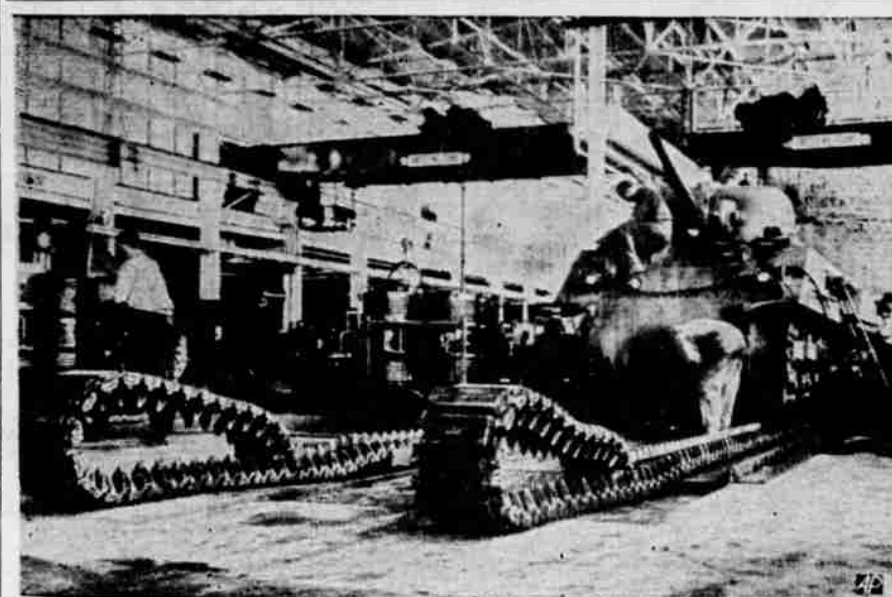
Helen Hinck being a gracious hostess to friends over the weekend.

The many friends of the Hal boths, "Doc" and Ruth, bidding them a regretful farewell.

Russ Bradford learning firsthand from army men how to distinguish officers by the type and number of bars they wear on their shoulders.

"Chow" stems from "chowder," which in turn comes from the French "chaudiere," meaning "kettle or pot."

Track For 30-Ton M4 U. S. Tank



A track is laid for one of the all-welded type M4 tanks now being turned out in train-load quantities at the new Fisher Body plant in Detroit, for which ground was broken only six months ago. Weighing 30 tons, these mechanical giants mount a 75 mm. cannon in the turret.

Public Invited to Camp White For 91st Division Ceremonies

Activation of the Ninety-First Infantry Division Saturday, August 15, at Camp White is to be effected amid impressive ceremonies and demonstrations of military training and might to which Major General Chas. H. Gerhardt, commanding the 91st Infantry Division, is inviting veterans of the World War I divisional organization, all ex-servicemen, and the general public.

In form, the event will afford opportunity for the public to view the great new Southern Oregon army center, and will provide opportunity for the civilian and military populace of the region to become acquainted. It marks the passing of colors, spirit, and tradition of the first fighting "Wild West" Division to the new generation.

A stirring program, in which the "ninety-first" War I vets will have a major part, is being formed under the chairmanship of Brigadier General E. S. Ott, division artillery commander. It will consist of appropriate talks, demonstrations, music, memorial service honoring deceased veterans, and will be climaxed by the presentation of the regimental colors and standards, carried in France, to the units of the same designation being brought back into service on August 15.

Special efforts are being pressed to have all the colors, and as many as possible, members of the first "ninety-first" here for the occasion. The program, itself, will be of two hours duration, commencing at ten o'clock, progressing in rapid continuity until the noon hour.

All ninety-first veterans will be guests at the mid-day mess with the units with which they served in 1917 and 1918. Prior to ten a. m., visitors will be led on conducted tours of Camp White.

Same Old Battle Cry. As in the old unit, today's division will consist principally of selective service men, whose military training begins with Activation Day. To insure the readiness of facilities and a comprehensive training program for the budding force, a cadre of officers and enlisted men came here early in July and since then has been busily engaged in working out the many details and problems incident to activation.

Major General Gerhardt has adopted the old division battle cry — "Powder River—Let 'er Buck"—for his forces, and, already, the challenge is ringing across the Agate Desert, on which Camp White is situated. The "evergreen tree" symbol, likewise, has been retained as the division insignia.

The new ninety-first has, in western language, a "powerful lot" to live up to. For, when the "westerners" left Europe in 1919 they carried with them the highest rewards of combat proficiency.

The original 1917 division was activated at Camp Lewis, Wash., its personnel drawn from California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

In Major Battles. During its career in active service, the 91st Division saw action in several major engagements, including the Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys offensives. It captured almost twenty-five hundred prisoners.

sustained better than five thousand seven hundred casualties to have one of the largest proportion of battle dead and wounded in any division. It brought high credit to American arms.

Four men of the division received the Congressional medal of Honor—the highest honor that can be conferred by the American people—for valorous exploits. Those men—Major O. F. Miller of Los Angeles, Calif.; Sergeant L. M. Seibert of Salina, Calif.; Sergeant P. C. Katz of San Francisco, Calif.; and Sergeant Chester H. West of Idaho Falls, Idaho—will be significantly honored and remembered at the memorial service.

The Third Battalion, 363rd Infantry, was presented with English colors by the Governor General of Canada.

For its splendid battle performance, the division, in the late stage of the war, was selected as a "picked" unit and placed in service of the late King Albert of Belgium.

Great Tradition. Perhaps the highest tribute paid the old 91st was indicated by the following extract from a letter sent the division commander by the commander of the fifty army corps:

"At a time when the divisions on its flanks were faltering and even falling back, the 91st pushed ahead and steadfastly clung to every yard gained."

Traditions and spirit of this fighting organization has been kept intact in the activation program on August 15. The new commander, Major General Chas. H. Gerhardt, is a soldiers' soldier. Under his guidance, the new 91st will bring additional honor to the battleflags of the division.

GUN WOUND FATAL FOR LEVI YOUNG

Grants Pass, July 27.—(P)—Levi Young, 41, died Sunday evening in the county hospital of gunshot wounds which District Attorney Orval J. Millard said Levi's older brother, Charley, 51, admitted inflicting a week earlier.

The district attorney had postponed filing of charges awaiting Levi's recovery or death.

Mrs. Charley Young, 44, also wounded when her husband returned from Castlerock, Wash., to his home near Williams and found her with her brother-in-law, was reported recovering from flesh wounds.

It was the first time the brothers had met in years, the husband said, according to Millard.

Voting in El Salvador is compulsory for men, optional for women.

\$75,000 MANSION RAZED BY BLAZE

Cottage Grove, Ore., July 27.—(P)—A \$75,000 residence, owned by Walter A. Woodard, Cottage Grove lumberman, was completely destroyed by fire late Sunday evening. The home, one of the finest in Lane county, was located near Woodard's mill, a short distance from this community.

Mr. Woodard's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swanson, are residents of Medford, living on Summit avenue. Mrs. Swanson stated that the home had been completed only within the past few days.

VILLAGE WIPED OUT. London, July 27.—(P)—Witnesses reaching Britain declared today that the Gestapo had wiped out the Norwegian village of Sotva, near Bergen, in reprisal for the shooting of two members of the secret police.

\$60 TON OFFER FOR HOOD BARTS

Hood River, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Independent pear growers of this area have been offered \$60 a ton for No. 1s by canneries, they reported today.

Orchards in the higher valley elevations will have a small crop because of a late frost, but elsewhere a heavy crop is expected. Picking will start next month.

HERO AT GEIGER. Spokane, Wash., July 27.—(P)—The second air force announced today Capt. Hewitt T. Wheeler, flying officer cited by President Roosevelt for bringing home his bullet-riddled bomber after a battle with 18 Japanese fighter planes in the Philippines, is now on duty at Geiger field here as group operations officer.

OMINOUS ACTIVITY SEEN IN PACIFIC ABOUT AUSTRALIA

Land Action In New Guinea Among Signs of New Climax—Many Clashes.

By The Associated Press. Advances from the insular battlefield of the southwest Pacific facing Australia, pictured that theater today as ominously astir in an upsurge of air activity over the week-end and land action between the Allies and the Japanese in New Guinea.

A simmering crisis in India evoked a sharp British warning to Mohandas K. Gandhi over his projected civil disobedience campaign.

In addition to the battle of China, the fog-bound aerial sparring of the United States against the Japanese lodgements in the Aleutian islands and the long-standing possibility of a Japanese move from Burma against India or from Manchukuo against Russia, the Australian theater now is reassuming a more critical aspect.

Skirmish With Japs. Jungle warriors of the Allies, evidently patrols from the Port Moresby outpost on New Guinea's south coast, warmed their way across most of the formidable Papuan peninsula and over the week-end skirmished with Japanese at Awala, about 25 miles inland from Buna.

A small Japanese invasion force had been landed under air attack near Buna last Wednesday. General MacArthur's headquarters also reported a minor clash between Allied outposts forces and Japanese recently at Mubo, near Salamaua, 150 miles northwest of Buna, where 60 of the enemy died in a patrol attack on the Allied-held village.

This clash followed upon an Allied commando swoop early this month on Salamaua in which a like number of the foe were killed.

BURGLAR TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

Frank A. Roberts was sentenced to a prison term of not more than three years by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna Saturday on a plea of guilty to burglary not in a dwelling. He was taken to Salem yesterday by Sheriff Syd I. Brown.

Roberts was charged with entering a cleaning establishment on North Central avenue several weeks ago. The police records show Roberts was released from the Alcatraz federal prison last September. The authorities told the court Roberts earned \$75 per week doing cantonment electrical work before his arrest.

12 AXIS PLANES LOST IN ATTACKS ON MALTA

Valletta, Malta, July 27.—(AP)—Twelve Axis planes, three Nazi bombers and eight fighters, and one Italian fighter, were destroyed by the RAF in two attacks on this British Mediterranean island today, a communique announced.

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BASEBALL

National. St. Louis at Brooklyn, Chicago at New York, postponed. Cincinnati at Philadelphia, postponed. American. New York at Chicago, postponed.

RADIO STAR WON NAVY POST WITH AUTO, IS CHARGE

San Francisco, July 27.—(P) Lieut. Commander Maurice N. Aroff, U. S. N. R., who was removed as naval procurement officer here on charges of accepting an automobile from Tony Martin, radio singer, went on trial before a naval court-martial today.

Reading of detailed charges at the public trial revealed the officer was accused of accepting an automobile from Martin "as a fee, compensation and reward" for facilitating the enlistment of the radio singer as a chief specialist in the navy.

Commander Aroff was also charged with accepting a pair of hematite studs and cufflinks from Lawrence Stromberg and a pair of gold cufflinks from Irving Cummings, Jr., to facilitate granting commissions as ensigns to the pair.

Further charges included listing San Francisco addresses for two Los Angeles men applying for commissions. Los Angeles is in the 11th naval district, San Francisco in the 12th for which Aroff was chief procurement officer. The men were Ernest J. Friedman and Cummings.

Martin enlisted in the navy January 2 at a time when he faced imminent induction into the army. The 28-year-old singer and actor was immediately assigned the job of enlisting other men in the navy.

Legion Would Have All Men Serve at Same Scale of Pay

Portland, July 27.—(P)—Universal service, with men in the industrial army on the home front receiving pay comparable to that paid men in the armed forces, was advocated by Oregon delegates who closed the annual session Saturday with election of Hugh A. Bowman, Pendleton, as department commander.

"The universal service resolution proposed that the industrial force be recruited through draft and enlistment; that uniforms or insignia be provided and that the army system of rank and pay be instituted.

Another resolution advocated lowering of draft ages to reach 18- and 19-year-olds. Deportation of aliens who do not become naturalized citizens within five years also was urged.

Scrapping of Oregon Only When Junk Gone

Salem, July 27.—(P)—Acting Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal wrote Governor Charles A. Sprague today that the battleship Oregon should not be scrapped until all other sources of material had been exhausted.

Japan Determined to Crush U. S., Britain Says Hideki

Berlin (from German broadcasts), July 27.—(P)—Japan's prime minister, General Hideki Tojo, told an audience of 20,000 at Osaka today that "Japan is determined to destroy the United States and Great Britain," the Transocean News Agency reported in a Tokyo dispatch.

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ORIENT INTRIGUE

TOLD BY A. P. MEN FREED BY JAPAN

Face-Saving Effort That Backfired—Bitter Suffering Related By Newsmen

(By Associated Press). Accounts of a Japanese face-saving effort that backfired, of a vast web of oriental intrigue with which Japan prepared for her conquests and of bitter suffering of American and other nationals who fell into Japanese hands were given over the week-end by Associated Press correspondents newly freed from Japanese detention.

Their dispatches came from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, where the exchange of some 1,100 citizens of the United States and other American nations for a similar number of Japanese and Thai nationals has just taken place. The liner Gripsholm, now bearing the American—diplomats, newspapermen, missionaries and others—is to sail for New York tomorrow.

The face-saving attempt which flopped was related by Max Hill, chief of the Associated Press bureau in Tokyo when war came.

Small Fresh Paint. After first trumpeting to the world that nine of the American bombers which raided Tokyo April 18 were knocked down, the Japanese reduced their claims to one and put the "wreckage" on display in Tokyo to prove it. But Japanese who came to gaze at the wreckage, sure enough, the red, white and blue of the U. S. air force which had been freshly daubed on still was wet.

Hill told of long weeks he spent in solitary confinement in freezing weather, bereft of his shoes and with scant food; of the taunt of a sullen guard: "American! This is Japan!"

Reiman Morin, Associated Press chief of bureau in Tokyo from 1937 to 1940 who travelled through southeast Asia on a pre-war assignment, told of the workings of Japanese-Thai intrigue and fifth column activities which laid the groundwork for Japan's quick successes in Malaya and Burma.

Hostility Pretended. While Japan and Thailand were pretending mutual hostility, he said Thailand actually was a party to Japan's plans to use transport fleets moving into the Gulf of Siam as early as August and September last year.

Morin said the Japanese intelligence service learned of British military dispositions in Malaya down to the last detail, and had special landing forces practicing on the French Indo-China coast long before the December 7 attack. Then invaders in Malaya led the traitors through the jungle, forcing the British to retire continually to prevent severance of their communications. In Burma, he said, it was the same story.

Flight Pictured. A picture of the plight of some 2,000 Americans left in Japanese-occupied China was presented by J. D. White, former Associated Press correspondent at Peiping who was in Shanghai when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

In all, he said 32 American civilians were detained by the Japanese at Shanghai but were later released.

White said the most serious case was that of J. B. Powell, editor of the China Weekly Review, who was held from December 20 until shortly before the Americans were put aboard the exchange ship.

Powell, normally a 180-pounder, was reported to weigh around 75 pounds, and had lost all but the heels of his feet as a result of beriberi and gangrene which developed during cold, solitary confinement, inadequate food and lack of medical care until recently.

BRITISH ATTACK

Cairo, Egypt, July 27.—(P)—The lull in action of the ground armies on the El Alamein front was broken last night when British forces launched a limited attack in the northern sector, British sources said today.