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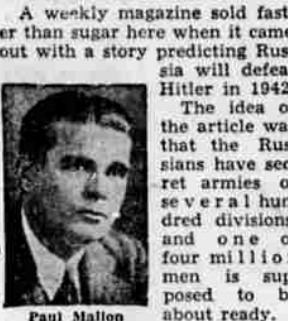
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RED LINE BRACES BELOW BATAISK

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



A weekly magazine sold faster than sugar here when it came out with a story predicting Russia will defeat Hitler in 1942. The idea of the article was that the Russians have secret armies of several hundred divisions, and one of four million men is supposed to be about ready.

The author, Van Paassen, an eminent analyst of foreign affairs, also claimed the Russians have secretly built most of their industry safely back of the Urals, and therefore are in good shape.

There is no one here who does not hope Mr. Van Paassen is correct, but more competent authorities are encountering difficulty in accepting his suggestion that the Russian retreat this time is a come-on game.

The Don river basin, which has fallen into Nazi hands contains 80 percent of the coal ordinarily used by the Russians in peace time. 75 percent of the pig iron, 60 percent of the iron ore, 85 percent of the sugar and 95 percent of manganese. Mines and sugarfields cannot be moved.

In peacetime, the reds also drew 85 percent of their oil from the Caucasus, which is now just beyond Hitler's reaching fingers. They produced 593,000 barrels of oil a day of which 400,000 came from the Caucasus.

THEY are now supposed to have safely in storage 1,000,000 barrels, which would be 200 days of a peacetime supply. This could be made to last somewhat longer now with supplies from newly-developed Ural wells.

It is no doubt true they have 4,000,000 fresh troops or more in reserve, but the equipment of these is questionable. It is no secret that they are long on manpower and short on material.

Anyone who wants to think they are fooling, thus will have difficulty convincing the proper

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SUBMARINE SUNK BY NAVAL PLANE

(By Associated Press) — American torpedo-carrying planes were credited with sinking a German submarine in the Caribbean sea and a navy plane scored two direct hits on another U-boat off the eastern United States coast, reports yesterday (Saturday) disclosed.

Meanwhile, the navy announced that submarines had attacked three allied merchant vessels, all on the same day, about 50 miles from the east coast, but only one ship was sunk and only two seamen were lost.

The vessel destroyed was a small Nicaraguan ship, which raised to 407 the Associated Press tabulation of announced United Nations and neutral sinkings in the western Atlantic since December 7. A medium-sized United States merchantman and a medium-sized Panamanian cargo carrier reached ports safely.

BARTS REPORTED SOLD AT \$70 TON

Packers reported yesterday sales of cannery Bartlett had been made at \$70 per ton for No. 1 grade, 2 1/2 inches and larger. Also another sale at a slightly higher price, for extra fancy Bartlets was reported.

Several canneries seeking Bartlets in this valley have started making boxes for shipments.

The Bartlett harvest is scheduled to start between August 10 and 15.

RUSSIANS CLAIM COUNTER ATTACK ON VOLGA HOLDS

Reserves Pour Into Stalin-grad Sector—Cossacks And Marines On Caucasian Plains—High Toll.

Moscow, Sunday, Aug. 2.—(AP)—German troops fanning out into the western Caucasus have reached the Salsk and Kuchevka areas, 75 and 50 miles below the Don river, in a move which threatens to cut Soviet communications with Stalingrad in the east, the Soviets acknowledged today.

Salsk, 100 miles southeast of Rostov, apparently was reached by a German drive which crossed the Don in the Nikolaevsk sector. It is a junction on the Stalingrad-Krasnodar railroad.

"The enemy pressed our troops back slightly" in the Salsk area, the midnight communique said. "In stubborn fighting near a river crossing 1,500 German officers and men were killed and several dozen tanks destroyed."

Kuchevka, northwest of Salsk, is on the Rostov-Baku railway which connects with the Stalingrad-Krasnodar line at Tikhoretsk.

Only on the approaches to Stalingrad itself did the Russians announce a major success in the desperate attempt to stop the Germans.

There, in the Kletskaya area some 80 miles northwest of Stalingrad, the communique said "Soviet troops withstood enemy pressure and in places counter-attacked."

The Russians have been sending huge reinforcements into the Don river elbow to plug the Nazi effort to reach Stalingrad on the Volga.

Mid-way between the western Caucasus and Stalingrad the Russians said their troops still were trying to erase Nazi bridgeheads on the Don at Tsimlyansk, 120 miles upstream from Rostov.

"Heavy fighting continues," the communique said of that sector.

"In one attack the enemy lost 800 killed and 11 tanks were destroyed."

The drive from Bataisk to Kuchevka represented a 35-mile Nazi advance. Another Nazi gain of equal distance would put the Germans into Tikhoretsk which also is the goal of the Nazis now battering at Salsk.

Hand to Hand Tilts Cossacks and Soviet marines joined the Red army in the effort to stop the German flow southward from the Don. But the Nazi advance raised the imminent possibility of an additional German broadside directed from the Crimean peninsula just a few miles off the Caucasian mainland.

Press dispatches said a heavy mass of men, tanks, divebombers, artillery and Russian cavalry was fighting on the fertile West Caucasian plains. There were frequent hand-to-hand tilts.

The 350-mile frequent Russian southern front now runs from the Kuchevka area through Salsk and other points on the North Caucasian rail system to the east, leaps the Don some where beyond Tsimlyansk, and then zig-zags along the Upper Don to the Voronezh sector.

At the latter point in the north the Soviets announced their troops were consolidating captured positions, and hurling back Axis counter-attacks south of Voronezh City.

But it was obvious that Hitler's desperate gamble to seize the oil and mineral deposits of the Caucasus, to split the central and southern Red armies, and block allied supplies from the middle-east, was making steady headway.

BUSES ORDERED Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—President Gordon G. Steele of the Portland Traction company said today 150 buses will be leased from the U. S. maritime commission to alleviate the city's transportation problem.

No Harm Asking

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1.—(AP)—An unnamed Adams county farmer wants to know if the government owes him money on his income tax.

V. Y. Dallman, collector of internal revenue, said the man reported a net income of \$2,300—but he has 11 children entitling him to a deduction of \$5,900.

Dallman added the farmer wanted to know if the government owed him anything.

LADY "MAILMAN'S" FEET CAN'T STAND 13 MILES A DAY

Puyallup, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Cedella Polick became a letter carrier for Uncle Sam last week, but her days as a mail "man" were short.

She liked to work and Postmaster Andrew Hunter wanted her to continue.

But her feet just couldn't take it.

"I tried different kinds of shoes," she said. "I massaged my feet. I soaked them in salt water and did everything I could think of."

"I'm going to see a doctor and see if he can't help me. I'm afraid that maybe I've broken down the arch of my right foot. If he can help me I'll go back to work. I like the work fine, but 13 miles a day with a heavy load of mail is a little too much for me, I guess."

Before she applied for a job as letter carrier, Mrs. Polick confessed, she was accustomed to walking only five or six blocks to town now and then.

LOS ANGELES HAS AIR RAID ALERT

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The army's fourth fighter command ordered a preliminary air raid alert and a radio silence in the Los Angeles area for more than a half-hour tonight when "unidentified targets" were reported approaching offshore.

There was no blackout.

The all-clear was given at 10:11 p. m., 37 minutes after the alert began.

PRICE VIOLATION FINES REPORTED

Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Emergency price control regulations, effective today, provide a \$50 fine for small violations and a fine equal to three times the overcharge on large purchases, said T. W. Veness, chief state OPA attorney.

The measure affects all commodity purchases and excessive retail charges, Veness said.

DUNCAN JOINS MARINES

Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—R. F. Duncan, Jr., Central Point, was among enlistees announced today by the marine corps recruiting headquarters.

BASEBALL

With Pvt. Joe Dickinson, making his last appearance in the box, due to being transferred by the army elsewhere, the Medford Craters defeated Dorris here last night, 8 to 3, before one of the largest crowds of the season. Dickinson with the rest of his platoon depart today.

AXIS PORTS AND CONVOYS BOMBED BY YANK FLIERS

Power In Egypt Revealed—Nazi Shell Cairo Area—Land Battle Lulls.

Cairo, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The U. S. army air force of the middle east, in its third weekly summary of operations, today announced new successes against axis port and harbor facilities and convoys at sea and added that repair facilities in the seldom-mentioned American "arsenal of democracy" in Eritrea "are beginning to show results."

Axis activity as reported by the daily British communique consisted of raids by a small number of enemy bombers last night in the area of Cairo and Alexandria where three were downed by Allied night fighter planes. Bombs were dropped in the Cairo area again and alarms were sounded at Alexandria and in the Suez sector, far behind the dust-bound desert front.

The week's aerial operations by Americans included a daylight raid on a large transport under escort of seven destroyers and a cruiser off southern Greece and at least one bomber reported hits on the transport in the communique from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.

Earlier in the week, Brereton's third communique added, U. S. airmen left many medium fires raging on the Tobruk dock area and one great spreading blaze that started appeared to have been in a gasoline storage dump.

Several hits were claimed on ships in Suda Bay, Crete, in an evening raid by the Americans.

Brereton reported that as the result of the Eritrea repair facilities many planes wrecked in previous operations are flying again.

FDR. CONTROL OF MANPOWER NEARS

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A proposal soon may go to congress, a government official said today, to give President Roosevelt authority to assign any one of the nation's 55,000,000 to 60,000,000 workers to the job where his skill is most needed.

The official, who stipulated that his name not be published at this time, said this power would be aimed at total mobilization of human resources behind the war effort, and if approved by congress would be administered through manpower chief Paul V. McNutt.

This power, no doubt, would put an end to "labor piracy"—the practice whereby one plant entices the workers of another by offers of larger pay and opportunities of longer overtime.

DEMOCRATS NAME FISK STATE HEAD

Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Fred Fisk, Eugene, former Lane county judge and Portland collector of customs, was elected chairman of the Democratic state central committee today.

He succeeds Charles H. Leach, who declined to seek the post again because of ill health.

The committee elected Celia Gavin, The Dalles, vice-chairman; W. L. Josslin, Portland, secretary; and C. A. Lucas, Portland, treasurer.

Fisk and Howard Latourette, Democratic national committee man, urged party workers to register and get out the vote for the November general election.

COOS OFFICIAL PASSES

Coquille, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Raymond C. Vaughn, 32, tax deputy in the Coos county sheriff's office, suffered a fatal stroke while at work yesterday. Surviving are the widow and two children.

War Bulletins

Chungking, Aug. 1.—(AP)—United States fighter pilots shot down nine Japanese planes over Hengyang yesterday, raising the Japanese losses over that Hunan province air base to at least 17 in two days. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today as the Chinese reported a new Japanese landing on the coast of Chekiang province.

Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Acting Wing Commander Howard Clive Mayers, Australian ace, was reported missing today after being shot down behind the Axis lines in the western desert.

MILITARY COURT PONDERES FATE OF NAZI SABOTEURS

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The trial of eight alleged Nazi saboteurs ended today and their fate was in the hands of a military commission appointed by President Roosevelt.

No indication of when a decision might be reached was given in a brief announcement that the 18 day trial had been concluded.

Generally it was expected that its recommendations would be submitted to the President without any previous announcement even that a decision had been reached, and that first word of a verdict would come from the White House.

If the commission should recommend a death penalty, President Roosevelt would have the responsibility of fixing the time and place of execution. This is provided in courts-martial regulations which direct that in this case the President—shall issue orders for execution of a sentence.

The commission would be required to direct the manner of death—either by a firing squad or by hanging. It was pointed out that a sentence to death by hanging is considered more "ignominious" and customarily is used for execution of spies.

CHANDLER LEADS KENTUCKY VOTING

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler took a substantial lead tonight over his opponent, John Young Brown of Lexington, on the basis of unofficial returns from today's Democratic primary.

Returns from 194 of Kentucky's 4,355 precincts gave Chandler 9,982 votes to 3,106 for Brown.

PAY AIR WATCHERS

Dallas, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The air-traffic observation post here, manned by volunteers, will soon be handled by paid workers, the civilian defense council reported today.

PRIBILOFS CLEAR OF ENEMY NAVAL SPOKESMAN SAYS

Estimate 10,000 In Aleutians—Congress Uneasy Over Far North Situation.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Some congress members expressed uneasiness today upon hearing the navy's estimate that 10,000 Japanese were in or near the western Aleutian islands.

A navy spokesman made the estimate yesterday, at the same time reporting that aerial reconnaissance had failed to disclose any of the enemy on the Pribilof islands, a group 250 miles northwest of Dutch Harbor in the Bering sea. There had been indirect reports that Japanese had taken over those undefended islands.

Commenting on the navy's estimate of the total number of Japanese either on the western Aleutians or on ships in the area, Senator Johnson (D., Colo.) asserted that "that's 10,000 too many."

"However," he added, "the occupation of these rocks is a nuisance to us more of a nuisance to us than it is of any military value to the Japanese, since air bases are not possible on those islands."

Senator Thomas (D., Utah) added the comment that he regarded the presence of the Japanese there with "grave misgivings." He suggested however, that global strategy might be such that no Japanese could be made to oust the Japanese until more favorable conditions prevail elsewhere.

Anthony J. Dimond, the congressional delegate from Alaska, said he assumed the navy knew "what it was talking about" in announcing its 10,000 figure.

He added, however, that his own information indicated the Japanese force to have been much larger in late June, perhaps as many as 25,000.

"But 10,000 is still too many," he said.

CEILING PRICES FOR LAMB, MILK

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The office of price administration broadens its control over food prices today by placing wholesale and retail prices of lamb and whole milk under ceilings.

In another field, Secretary Ickes laid before the bituminous coal division of the interior department recommendations for an overall revision in the minimum prices of soft coal, increasing prices at the mine an average of 15 cents a ton for the country as a whole.

The ceiling on lamb, effective for a 60-day period beginning Aug. 10, set maximum prices of carcasses and cuts at the highest level prevailing between July 27 and 31. The order does not apply to live animals.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson (Wide World War Analyst)

Increasingly grave as Russia's plight in the Caucasus and along the Don River below Voronezh has grown, it offers no explanation of the most recent nabi propaganda phenomenon.

Herr Goebbels' present war-of-nerves target appears to be German and French nerves. He has concentrated on many devices an out-givings, including a Paris parade of Hitler's own special corps of elite guards, reputedly back from new victories in southern Russia, to impress Germans and restive Frenchmen alike with the idea that while an Anglo-American second-front attack may be and probably is coming, adequate preparations to smash it have been made.

The Paris parade of Nazi SS troops—not German army regulars—allegedly recalled from Russia to bolster western defenses in conquered France, came while Hitler had withdrawn a score or more divisions from the west to fill gaps in his expanding Russian lines.

Hopes of encouraging or expediting allied second-front efforts could underlie such Russian reports. It is obvious, however, that if they are true, 800,000 or more German troops have been withdrawn from occupied France, the low countries, even Denmark and Norway to bolster the Russian campaign, the restless and sullenly resentful peoples of those regions know, it.

Word of such large withdrawals of occupation forces would be bound to drift about by underground channels.

The people of Germany living along the routes of troops being rushed from west to east must also believe that something not indicative of an impending Nazi triumph in Russia is in process.

Just how well informed they are as to the growing land, sea and air strength of Britain and the United States is doubtful. It is an unforgivable crime in Germany to listen to enemy broadcasts, but the air has been filled with American and British reports on those preparations for many weeks. The Goebbels technique is proof-positive that there are whispers of second-front apprehension afloat in Germany and that the people of occupied countries are agog with expectation, eager to help.

To meet that, the Nazi master propagandist has poured out assurance that the 2,000 mile coast line from northern Norway to the Franco-Spanish border is bristling with guns, forts, pill boxes, tank traps and every other defensive device. Goebbels wants it believed that there is a defense belt many miles deep walling off any Anglo-American invasion project.

MILL CLOSED

Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Eastern & Western sawmill here closed down yesterday after 400 CIO employees walked out in demand for a 5-cent hourly wage increase to a minimum of 87 1-2 cents.

Shruming cream butterfat; first grade 45%; second grade 43%.

DUESSELDORF HIT BY BRITISH RAID; HIGH LOSS, FIRES

Vital Nazi Industrial Spot Blasted By Tons Of Explosives.

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The RAF scoured the Rhineland munitions city of Duesseldorf last night with 150 two-ton block-buster bombs and a great weight of other explosives and incendiaries in a concentrated 50-minute attack probably without destructive precedent in aerial warfare.

The usually reserved air ministry announced the raid was made in very strong force and added that the deluge of destruction was a "ceaseless rain" of bombs and "fire-setters."

Smoke billowed up almost four-fifths of a mile from the industrial plants crushed under the weight of the two-tonners and daylight reconnaissance found fires still burning in the city of 350,000 population in mid-day.

The number of planes was not specified beyond the mention of a great number of 4-motored Lancaster bombers as well as a great force of all other types of heavy and medium bombers.

But from the announced loss of 31 British planes it can be guessed that there were hundreds participating, perhaps somewhere between 500 and 1,000.

Duesseldorf is heavily defended against air attack, being a Nazi arsenal of prime importance, but the ground gunners and searchlight crews were confused by the unprecedented momentum of the bombing, the air ministry said.

"Hundreds of searchlights came on at once and the sky was filled with bursting shells," said the official account.

"To overcome such opposition it was necessary that bombs should fall in a ceaseless rain. They did."

"Fires sprang up quickly as bombs were dropped and above them were columns of smoke up to 4,000 feet."

It was the 47th assault on Duesseldorf but the first since last Sept. 27.

Official circles reported the RAF shot down four German fighters during the raid.

Among the prime targets were the sprawling Rhineland iron and steel works and the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, both vital sources of German military might.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TAX PLAN COMING

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A "daylight savings" tax plan for the painless advancement of individual income tax collections to a current basis was under serious consideration today by treasury experts and members of the senate finance committee.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the latter group said the plan had some "intriguing" aspects which were being analyzed by both treasury and congressional leaders.

Although George would not commit himself, he said the proposal held out some possibility of simplifying the problem of collecting taxes from individuals who would be hard hit by the higher rates of the pending revenue bill.

The bill is designed to raise \$6,271,000,000 in additional taxes, bringing total federal revenues this year to between \$22,000,000,000 and \$24,000,000,000.

"IRON BANDITS" SILENT

Portland, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Operation of virtually all slot machines in Portland has been stopped in compliance with a request from Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, western defense commander, Police Chief Harry M. Niles said today.