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LONE NAZI PLANE STRAFES ICELAND

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 3.—Vice President Wallace's board of economic warfare seems to be folding its wings—or the parts that remained after President Roosevelt clipped them in April.

BEW is certainly not flying as high as forecast in its prospectus at the start of the war, when Mr. Wallace's devotees were saying it would be the big organization of the post-war world, eventually absorbing WPB and everything else.

Instead, WPB has issued order No. M-63 restricting imports, which rather seems to have put BEW down into strictly an advisory role.

All official WPB and BEW comment on this order is vague. Both claim it had only routine aspects.

Before it was issued, however, Mr. Wallace's group had the power for preclusive buying of foreign products, and for ordering other foreign purchases on its own say-so; now it does not. Import orders are to be issued by WPB.

Inasmuch as State Secretary Hull succeeded in getting out of Mr. Roosevelt, last April 13, an executive order affirming his right over BEW, to handle all foreign affairs of the nation, Mr. Wallace and his little group of planners are now in the position of being free to think but not able to do.

THEY were supposed to plan out and blueprint the overall policy on economic warfare. (Such as buying up foreign copper before the nazis could get it.)

Speeches of Mr. Wallace, and his major domo, Milo Perkins, have been bearing down upon the further-reaching problem of making everybody happy after

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CANNERY BARTS BRING \$75 TON

The Myron F. Root company today reported a sale of cannery Bartlets at \$75 per ton for No. 1 pears, two and one-half inches and larger. Another sale of Bartlets at \$72.50 per ton was reported last week.

The price generally was \$70 per ton for Bartlets, two and three-eighths and larger. Packers reported No. 2 pears were "argued for at around \$40 per ton."

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: CBS—7, postponed premiere Norman Corwin series from London, "An American in England."

Tuesday: MBS—1:30, Saratoga Horse Race.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Fire Chief Roy Elliott failing to return the smart salute his navy blue and gold braid uniform brought from a passing sailor.

Dr. A. E. Dodson receiving a pleasant surprise when, upon returning from a vacation trip, he learned that a former Texas A. and M. classmate of his, Brigadier General Percy W. Clarkson, was stationed at Camp White as assistant commander of the 91st infantry division.

Lieutenant C. N. (Bud) Stiger and family enjoying a furlough in the home town.

SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE BY RAIDER IS ARMY REPORT

Hitler Offensive Continues To Lose Impetus—Reds Say Invaders Losing.

By James M. Long
Associated Press War Editor
A German bomb and machine gun attack on a remote military installation of southeastern Iceland was announced today by United States military authorities who disclosed that the single-plane attack yesterday was the fifth instance of Nazi air activity over the United States garrisoned island in two weeks.

There were no casualties and damage was slight. Iceland is little more than 600 miles airline from the Fjord-cut coast of Norway where reports trickling out through neutral Switzerland said the Germans have been strengthening coastal fortifications and holding extensive maneuvers in growing fear of an allied invasion to relieve the Russians, hard hit, but holding grimly on the roads to the Caspian sea and the Caucasus oil fields.

Nazis Lose Many
Adolf Hitler's Russian offensive appeared to be losing impetus against slowly tightening Russian defenses at the Don bend approach to Stalingrad and along the last rail line to the oil fields of the Caucasus as the Red army lashed back in a new show of strength.

Along the whole 300-mile arc from Kletska, 80 miles north-west of Stalingrad, to Kuschchevka, 50 miles south of Rostov, the Russians still were on the defensive; but the strengthening of their stand was indicated by counterattacks which they reported hurled the Germans back with losses of 6,000 dead in a single day.

Don and Kuban Cossacks led the counterattacks in the critical salients of Kuschchevka and Salsk, 100 miles southeast of Rostov, in the first intimation that the big garrison of the north Caucasus may have been thrown into the fight.

It was in this sector that the Germans made their deepest penetration into the northern Caucasus.

The German high command said one of its tank columns was "nearing the upper course of the Kuban river."

How far the Nazis were from the northern curve of the river was not specified.

The Kuban rises in the western glaciers of Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe, and curves to the north within 70 miles of Salsk before turning west to empty through a broad, marshy delta into the Black sea just south of the Strait of Kerch.

The Germans said the Russian rear guard was being forced south from the Yeya river which runs through Kuschchevka to Tanager bay, the northeastern arm of the Sea of Azov. The Berlin communique said other German forces which crossed the Don south of Tsimlyansk were rolling the Russians back to the east, between the Sal and the Don rivers. This would indicate a German effort to widen their Caucasus wedge between Rostov and Tsimlyansk.

The German high command acknowledged that the Red army was striking back with fresh force in the Don bend and at Voronezh, on the exposed north flank of the German offensive, but said the attacks were being withstood.

The Germans were dropping parachutists in some key regions across the Don and in addition the Russians reported finding Nazi spies in the dozens operating in that area. Forty-five were executed in one sector.

Presumably these were fifth columnists. It was not clear immediately from what group of the soviet peoples they had been recruited. However, large German settlements had developed before the war in the German Volga area, a large section some 150 miles north and northeast of Stalingrad. Germans in this area were understood to have been rounded up and moved back from the potential battle area soon after the war started.

Russians Break Up Flying Wedge



Russian troops reported they broke up a novel flying wedge of massed German infantry wall-ed by tanks in the Kletska area. But below Rostov the Reds continued to fall away before the advancing Nazis. There was no confirmation of Vichy dispatches that Nazi troops had landed on the Taman peninsula (A) in a thrust from the Crimea.

PRESIDENT MULLS COURT FINDINGS IN SABOTEUR HEARING

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—The military commission which tried eight alleged Nazi saboteurs reached a decision today on the guilt or innocence of the men and Major General Frank R. McCoy took the findings to the White House for President Roosevelt.

The chief executive must review the findings, and he is expected to take his time and go into the case thoroughly.

The commission's recommendations probably will not be made public until Mr. Roosevelt has completed his review.

The defendants and government and defense counsel were summoned before the commission again as it met in the justice building today after private sessions Saturday afternoon and yesterday.

After a brief meeting, the commission issued this statement which indicated it had reached a judgment:

"The commission reconvened at 11:05 a. m. The commission announced that the findings and sentence will not be announced by it. The commission adjourned at 11:07 to meet at the call of the president."

PORTLAND HIT BY LIGHTNING STORM

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—(P)—Widespread minor damage occurred early today as a lightning storm of unusual severity struck the Portland area.

Sixteen streets and buses were put out of service as lightning burned out motors; streetcar traffic over the Morrison and steel bridges was halted as current was shut off when the spans were hit; traffic signals burned out; both police and commercial radio stations were off the air briefly; nine minor fires were occasioned in residences; the tower of Rose City Presbyterian church was shattered, bricks being strewn across the street.

Imposter Solicits In Name of U.S.O.

A man dressed in khaki trousers and shirt was reported today by the U.S.O. office as seeking donations about the city in the name of that organization.

No one is authorized to solicit in the name of the U.S.O. It was pointed out, as the local fund drive for the body was concluding some time ago. It was urged that anyone approached by the solicitor report his presence to the police.

Nazi Raiders Shoot Up British Beach Resorts

London, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Britons spending the August bank holiday at seaside resorts or celebrating at home were targets of German air raiders who swooped from the clouds to bomb scattered towns in England this afternoon.

A trail of bomb damage was left across a southwest seaside town, but casualties were believed slight and there were no immediate reports of fatalities. Crowds watched a Spitfire pursue one raider.

A north Midlands town, where a carnival was held for those heeding the government's admonition to enjoy the holiday at home, was subjected to low-level bombing by a lone raider. Two bombs fell in a park near an outdoor theater, but only minor casualties resulted.

Considerable damage was done to business and residential properties of a northeast coast town where a single Nazi bomber stuck during the lunch hour. Rescue parties searched the debris for possible victims.

GIRL CHOKED BY NIGHT PROWLER

Stating that a man had entered the room where she was sleeping and attempted to choke her, a 16-year-old girl called police to the Paul Bulklin home, 516 S. Grape Saturday night. The girl is employed by the Bulklin.

Although hysterical from fright the girl described the man as being about five feet seven inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. Patrolmen searched the neighborhood, but found no trace of the attacker. The girl stated the man ran when she screamed for help.

Mrs. Inez Smith, who operates a fruit stand on South Riverside avenue, reported Saturday that a prowler entered the fruit stand the night before, but awoke the watchman when he stepped on a box. The watchman called out and the prowler took to his heels.

Find Chilochin Girl Dead in Elevator Pit

Lewiston, Idaho, Aug. 3.—(P)—Police today investigated the death of Aileen Pearson, 18, Chilochin, Ore., whose body was found Saturday at the foot of an elevator shaft in a five-story building in the business district.

The girl was a student at a business college in the building. She was sent here by the Klamath Indian reservation administration to take a specialized course, the school said, and was a model student. She was last seen entering the building early Friday.

Undersea Freighters Advocated By Simon Lake to Foil U-Boats

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SECOND BIG FIGHT STAGED IN CHINA FOR AIR CONTROL

U. S. Airmen Hold Advantage In Hengyang Skirmish—Get 17 Jap Ships.

Chungking, Aug. 3.—(P)—A second big air battle for control of the skies over China was reported fought today over Hengyang air base between United States planes and new Japanese fighters apparently massed for an attempt to wipe out the Americans' outpost in Hunan province.

Although no details of the fight were available immediately, word reached here that the outcome had been favorable to the Americans.

A spokesman at Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said no information would be given out until the communique tomorrow.

Stilwell's headquarters had announced earlier that the scale of the first big Japanese attack on Hengyang last Thursday and Friday indicated that the invaders had assembled a special force of improved fighter planes for the express purpose of trying to wipe out the American air base.

A total of 119 Japanese planes participated in a 36-hour attack on the airfield which began before daylight last Thursday, a communique said.

The bulletin confirmed previous official reports that 17 of the attacking planes had been shot down and that at least four more probably were destroyed.

In land fighting, Central News, a Chungking government agency, reported recapture of Tsing-tien in Chekiang province on July 29 after the town had been occupied for 24 hours by the Japanese. This would be the fourth time that the town has changed hands.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 3.—(P)—The possibility that the Japanese have reinforced their garrison at Buna was acknowledged by an allied spokesman today as General MacArthur's headquarters reported a renewal of savage fighting in the New Guinea jungles midway between that enemy base and Port Moresby.

The communique announcing allied troops had routed Japanese outposts near Kokoda, 60 miles east of Port Moresby, and said allied bombers had set fire to enemy supply dumps in that area.

It was the first reference to the existence of such supply dumps, and an allied spokesman said it was not impossible the Japanese had been moving men and equipment in from Lae—some 165 miles north of Buna.

San Diego, Calif., Aug. 3.—(P)—Pvt. George W. Steep, Jr., of Eldora, Ia., counted up the proceeds from his share of an estate, the sale of his car, and money from other sources, and astonished officers in the Camp Calhoun postoffice when he placed the total—\$6,325—on the counter and asked for that amount in war bonds.

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Choice for Navy



Miss Mildred H. McAfee (above), president of Wellesley (Mass.) college, is expected to be the choice of Navy Secretary Knox to head the women's naval reserve organization which was recently authorized by congress. The organization will be similar to the army's WAACs. She will hold the rank of lieutenant commander.

PELLEY DENIES TRYING TO DAM RECRUIT FLOOD

Indianapolis, Aug. 3.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley took the witness stand in his own defense today in his sedition trial and testified that he "hadn't the slightest idea of interfering with recruiting of the nation's war effort" in his writings.

The goateed, 52-year-old founder of the Silver Shirts of America was the first witness for the defense. Two associates, Lawrence Brown and Miss Agnes Marian Henderson, are on trial with him. The government charges that articles published by Pelley's printing firm at Noblesville, Ind., were intended to obstruct America's conduct of the war.

Describing his organization of the Silver Shirts in February, 1933, Pelley said the order "sole purpose was to combat the inroads of communism." The only requirements for membership, he testified, "were Christian faith and a willingness to support the constitution of the United States."

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FIRE SMOKE UP JEWELRY STORE

Fire in the basement under the John F. Lawrence jewelry store, 8 North Central avenue, late Sunday morning sent smoke billowing up into the jewelry concern but caused no damage. Mrs. Lawrence said that many articles were smudged but that they could be cleaned.

According to Fire Chief Roy Elliott the blaze started in a pile of old papers and rubbish, but exact cause of the fire could not be determined. A pumper was dispatched to the scene at 11 a. m. and firemen succeeded in extinguishing the conflagration and airing out the store in about an hour and a half, the chief said.

Another blaze Sunday afternoon damaged the interior of a small house in the rear of the D. M. Lengle residence, 644 Palm street. Some clothing was destroyed and a bed damaged but a pumper and crew, answering the call at 4 p. m., saved the house from complete destruction. Origin of the fire was not determined.

STRIKERS TO RETURN

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Kurt Koehler, manager of the strikebound Eastern & Western sawmill, said today he had been informed by a union committee that 400 CIO workers were ready to return to work.

OFFICERS JANGLE OVER CONDUCT OF TONY MARTIN QUIZ

Words "Put In Mouth" Of Rario-Screen Star During Testimony Is Charge.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—(P)—Judge Advocate Irving Klein was charged with "the rankiest kind of misconduct" for allegedly putting words into the mouth of witness Tony Martin, handsome radio and screen singer, at a naval court martial today.

The charge was hurled by Lieut. C. Ray Robinson, attorney for Lieut. Commander Maurice N. Arnoff, former assistant naval procurement officer here who is accused of accepting a \$950 automobile from Martin for facilitating his enlistment in the navy.

A minute later Lieutenant Klein told Robinson, "I think you should offer an apology."

No Apology
Robinson jumped to his feet and shouted, "I not only do not offer an apology I—"

He was cut short by the shouted words of Captain Powers Symington, president of the court martial board, demanding:

"Stop this! Stop this! Take that out of the record." The verbal fireworks came during questioning regarding Martin's story of a conversation with Arnoff, in which the singer offered his automobile to the officer shortly after he was sworn in as a chief specialist January 2.

During the conversation, Martin said, "I told Maury, 'you can have the car.' We were discussing the Studebaker. (The car Arnoff is accused of asking and accepting.)"

"He said, 'you're not giving me anything: I spent a couple of hundred dollars on telephone calls and you would have saved me four or five hundred if you had driven one out for me.'"

Asked to Buy Car
In a long distance telephone call to Boston, Martin said, Arnoff asked him to buy a Cadillac and drive it out to the coast for him.

Lieutenant Klein asked, "was anything ever said about purchasing the car from you?"

"Not that I recall," Martin replied.

"You understood and the accused understood you were making a gift of the car?"

"I said, 'you can have the car.'"

"Did the accused ever offer to pay for the car?"

"No."