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News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 6 — Mr. Russell Davenport, editorial offices, Life Magazine, New York City.



Paul Mallon

Dear Mr. Davenport: You asked me, and some other Washington correspondents, to express an opinion on the progress of the U. S. war effort, and to suggest concrete steps to improve it.

The question, as you put it, is: "If you were President, what would you do, immediately, to improve the war effort and make more certain of victory?" Let's get it straight at the start that what I would do must not be construed as leveling charges at Mr. Roosevelt and the government.

Perhaps we were so completely unprepared, before we were plunged into the war, that it would have been physically impossible for us to accomplish much more than we have.

No one has proved our government has not in general done a good job, only the government itself can know all the facts, because it censors the results of its efforts. The situation is that we are impatient because we cannot see better results.

But I do not mind telling you what I would do:

I would switch this country from the defensive, the "wait-awhile" attitude, into an aggressive offensive fighting spirit at once. I would start doing this by selecting only strong and aggressive personalities for every phase of government activity, civilian as well as military. I would shake all others out.

I would choose men impatient to get at the enemy, when who think courageous and daring things can be accomplished, not foolhardy daredevils, but thorough, cool men of scientific action—the type of Doolittle, Admiral Byrd, yes and even Lindbergh, if I could find anything for him better to do than advising Henry Ford.

I would bring the army and navy up on their toes and keep them there by entirely dissipating the old school tie atmosphere of easy camaraderie, indecision and compromise.

I would get the most imaginative military minds together and

ASKS COMMITTEE TO SURVEY WHOLE RUBBER PROBLEM

Chairman Baruch of Group to Recommend Best Program For Synthetic Output

Washington, Aug. 6. — (AP) — Asserting it would block progress of the war effort, President Roosevelt vetoed today legislation to create an independent agency to stimulate production of rubber from grain and simultaneously created a committee to look into the whole rubber problem.

Bernard M. Baruch, who was head of the War Industries Board in the last war, will be chairman of the committee named to recommend the best program to produce the synthetic rubber necessary for the war effort and for essential civilian use.

Serving with Baruch are Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard university, and Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Roosevelt said the bill he was vetoing—passed by congress with the backing of the farm block—would hamper instead of aid the war effort.

The measure, the president said in a message to the senate, would break up an existing logical coordination of centralized control in the War Production Board and override priorities established by WPB for materials necessary to make hundreds of products essential in war.

Noting that the board had allocated a certain amount of rubber to be made from both agricultural products and petroleum, Mr. Roosevelt said that both types of plants now are being constructed and that others are planned for construction "at the greatest possible speed."

The president said that to take the problems out of the hands of an experienced board with an over-all knowledge of military and civilian needs would disrupt a unified and expeditious war production program.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 6. — (AP) — American fliers who shot down six Japanese planes in recent battles over the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea told today of a special prize they bagged—a "Photo Joe."

They reported downing five Japanese naval zero fighters and said the sixth plane—a twin-engine craft—unmistakably was a reconnaissance plane used by the Japanese for high altitude photography.

A formation of five United States medium bombers encountered the photography plane before meeting the Zeros.

Lieut. J. S. Kale of Bellingham, Wash., said, "Photo Joe flew out of a cloud toward us as bold as anything. He knew we were in formation, probably under orders, so we wouldn't take after him."

"What he forgot," said Kale, "was our fighter escort above. My tail gunner, Sergeant Bernick, saw three fighters sweep down on Photo Joe. He didn't have a chance then."

INQUEST TONIGHT IN DEATH OF JACK ORR

An inquest into the death of Jack Orr, 23-year-old Prospect mill employee, will be held at 7:30 tonight, according to County Coroner H. W. Conner. The youth was killed Tuesday when he was pinned between two trucks while riding on the running board of one of them.

BIG NAZI GUNS POAR London, Aug. 6. — (AP) — The German radio said heavy coastal guns opened fire on British shipping in the English channel this morning.

Lindy at Pelley Trial



Charles A. Lindbergh was smiling as he walked down the federal building hall at Indianapolis after testifying at the seditious trial of William Dudley Pelley. On the right is U. S. Marshal J. J. Wichser.

Noose Decried for Convicted Traitor

Detroit, Aug. 6. — (AP) — Max Stephan, first person in 159 years to be convicted of treason in the United States, was sentenced in federal court today to be hanged.

U. S. District Judge Arthur J. Tuttle directed that Stephan, German-born American citizen, be hanged on November 13, 1942, in the Federal Detention prison at Milan, Mich.

Stephan was convicted in federal court here of aiding the flight of a Nazi flier escaped from a Canadian concentration camp.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Tuttle said that since "the lives of millions of our boys will be taken in the course of this war, the court should not be hesitant in taking the life of one traitor for the sake of the cause."

Stephan, wearing the wrinkled gray suit in which he had sat through his trial four weeks ago, gave no evidence of emotion when he heard his fate pronounced.

When he was summoned before the bench, he rose quickly and came forward. Asked whether he had anything to say, the convicted traitor, in guttural tones, asserted: "All I have to say is that I am not guilty of treason. That is all."

At Lansing, Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner of Michigan said that he would make no move to intervene in the death sentence meted out to Stephan.

There are 17 types of sergeants in the U. S. Marine corps.

Hangers Flow In But More Needed By Soldier Boys Coat hangers by the hundreds are being brought to the local USO headquarters as a result of a notice in the Tribune that they were needed by service men at Camp White. Mrs. Helen J. Small, director of the USO, said this morning that at least a thousand hangers had been already given out and that they were joyfully received by the men.

Coat hangers are one article which the army doesn't furnish its men, resulting in the local call. Mrs. Small said that many men had also been furnished with donated swimming trunks in order that they might enjoy swimming in the Rogue river and local swimming pools.

At the same time axis and puppet flags which previously were flaunted from buildings have been discreetly removed to minimize the temptation they offered to American bombers.

New Pincers Threat for Stalingrad; Russian Reserves Move Into Battle

NEW CRISIS SEEN WITH MEETING OF INDIA CONGRESS

Will Ask Mohandas Gandhi to Lead Masses in Passive Struggle For Freedom.

Bombay, Aug. 6. — (AP) — The issue of Indian independence approached a new crisis today as the all-India congress committee assembled for a meeting tomorrow prepared to put teeth in its demands by asking Mohandas K. Gandhi to lead the masses in a passive struggle for freedom.

Actually, the proposal ready to be put before the committee boiled down to this choice for Britain—make India free now and win her 350,000,000 people as fighting allies or withhold independence and face "a mass struggle on non-violent lines on the widest possible scale."

The working committee sent its proposal to the main body with an expression of hopelessness in appealing again to Britain and the united nations and all sources here agreed that the program virtually was certain to be ratified.

(Britains stand was reiterated last night in London by Sir Stafford Cripps, who headed an unsuccessful mission to India last spring. Britain, he declared in a newspaper statement, intended to "preserve law and order" in India until after the war, then give the Indian people an opportunity to attain self-government.)

First Lady Disavows Support of Left Wing American Labor Party

New York, Aug. 6. — (AP) — Disavowing any support of the left wing of the American Labor party and in so doing making one of her rare statements on foreign affairs, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt says:

"I do not wish to be controlled in this country by an American group that, in turn, is controlled by Russia and Russia's interests."

The president's wife expressed this attitude in a letter rebuking Eugene P. Connolly, ALP left wing leader, for his alleged use politically of a previous statement of hers in which she endorsed the party as a whole.

Declaring, in her letter made public yesterday, that her endorsement of the party as a whole had been used in a leaflet during the current primary fight between the ALP right and left wings, she told Connolly:

"I do not wish you to use my name or my letter again in any publication whatsoever."

front somewhere in western Europe, possibly also in The Netherlands, and hope has been expressed by the enemy that they will be able to count on the populations to help, which urges us to address to you the most urgent warning.

"Everybody must be aware that he plays with his own life if he tries in the smallest extent either directly or indirectly to assist enemy landing attempts."

"All will remember the events which took place when some bailed-out British flyers were helped by the population with money and clothes and were

PORTLAND DAIRY CO-OP INDICTED; MONOPOLY CITED

Federal Accusation Says Control Board Influenced in Association Interest.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 6. — (AP) — Federal indictment of the dairy co-operative association of Portland and 10 of its officers and representatives on charges of monopolizing milk production and distribution in the Portland area was revealed today.

Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich of Los Angeles, sitting here in the absence of local judges, set arraignment for next Thursday.

The association has 3200 producer members in the area, which comprises Portland and Salem, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., and adjacent areas. Its annual statement last spring listed net proceeds from milk sales in 1941 at \$3,448,260.

Says Board Influenced The indictment, returned by the March grand jury and revealed in court today by Charles S. Burdell, Seattle, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general, alleges that the association has opposed measures which would repeal or modify the Oregon milk control law and that it has influenced the milk control board to adopt policies furthering association interests.

Threats, coercion and unwarranted solicitations have been employed by the association, the indictment charges, to induce all producers in the Portland area to sell their milk through it. Members have been dissuaded from transferring milk board quotas to non-members, the indictment adds, and distributors have been required to purchase all their requirements from the association.

Federal agencies, including the veterans' hospital at Portland, have been required by the association's acts, the indictment says, "to expend an arbitrary and non-competitive price for purchase of fluid milk."

WILHELMINA IN CONGRESS VISIT

Washington, Aug. 6. — (AP) — Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, the first queen in her own right to visit the United States, told congress today that "no surrender" remains the motto of her people suffering though they are under the alien rule of an invader in Asia and in Europe.

The grandmotherly monarch, addressing a joint session of the House and Senate, said: "Imagine what it means for a liberty-loving country to be in bondage, for a proud country to be subjected to harsh alien rule."

sheltered which resulted in the death sentence against the Dutch helpers.

"If ever an Englishman or any of his allies enters Netherlands territory either from the coast or the interior The Netherlands people must obey these instructions—

"Stay home, try to find shelter against air raids and actual fighting."

"Those walking out in the streets take a great risk of being shot."

"Those helping the enemy will not escape the consequences of their action."

BASEBALL

American Cleveland at St. Louis, double-header, postponed, weather.

Philadelphia 0 4 1
Boston 2 6 1
Christopher and Swift; Butland and Peacock.

PARTIAL PAYMENT GRANTED OWNER IN CAMP WHITE AREA

Upon motion of Bernard H. Ramsey, special attorney for the U. S. department of justice, Judge James Alger Fee this morning granted an order authorizing the disbursement to a former land-owner in the Camp White area of 80 per cent of the appraisal price offered by the government. Three or four more similar orders are expected to be granted during Friday's session of federal court, which will convene at 10 a. m.

Ramsey, following this morning's session, which was recessed until tomorrow, explained that such measures were being taken to relieve certain former land-owners who have vacated their property and are in immediate need of money to relocate. He said, however, that such payments did not cancel the land-owners' rights to contest the government, through condemnation suits, for higher prices.

The current session of federal court is a continuance of the 1941 term and is being held for the purpose of preparing for condemnation proceedings the many cases involving Camp White land.

SKY-BORNE FORCE TO BE ORGANIZED

Washington, Aug. 6. — (AP) — Formation of the first two of an undisclosed number of entire divisions of infantry to move to a battle front by air was announced today by Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, along with creation of a new American-Canadian force of super-specialists in offensive warfare.

The 82nd and 101st infantry divisions at Camp Claiborne, La. will be the first of the airborne units, which will be streamlined down to a strength of about 8,000 men each. All their weapons and equipment will be moved by planes and gliders.

The air-borne divisions will fight as infantry in the air after the manner of similar German army divisions. The commander of the 82nd is Brigadier General Matthew B. Ridgway, and Brig. Gen. William C. Lee commands the 101st division.

Simultaneously, a fresh flood of Nazi-inspired propaganda emphasized the asserted strength of German defenses to combat a cross-channel invasion attempt. One dispatch told of "mighty fortifications of concrete and iron" extending deep inland from the English channel coast.

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CAUCASUS PERIL GROWS AS NAZIS DRIVE IN WEDGES

Fall of Tikhoretsk Gives Invaders Caucasian Railway Point Near Rostov.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor) Germany's mechanized armies, fast closing an octopus-like stranglehold on the upper Caucasus, reported the fall of Tikhoretsk on the Caucasian railway 90 miles south of Rostov and developed a new pincer threat to the great Volga river steel center of Stalingrad.

Tikhoretsk is on the Stalingrad-Novorossiisk railway terminating at the Black sea, just below Kerch strait.

Soviet advisers said Russia's carefully saved reserves were going into action against the terrific Nazi offensive, fighting bitterly to stem the new threat to Stalingrad.

Dispatches from Moscow said the red armies, taking up new positions along a strong line east of the Don river, were driving back powerful German tank assaults 95 miles southeast of Stalingrad.

A second big-scale battle was in progress in the Kletska sector, 80 miles northwest of Stalingrad, where the Russians said the upper claw of a German pincer aimed at Stalingrad was stopped dead.

The danger in the Caucasus increased, however, as the Germans drove new wedges into soviet lines at a great sacrifice in lives, front-line dispatches said.

A bulletin from German field headquarters said Nazi spearheads, racing southward from Voroshilovsk, had reached the main trans-Caucasian railway linking the Black and Caspian seas.

This apparently meant that the invaders had seized the rail line below Armavir, key junction on the route, somewhere in the vicinity of Nevinnomysskaya, which lies due south of Voroshilovsk. It would represent an advance of about 235 miles into the Caucasus.

As the crisis mounted, with the red armies hurled back in two key sectors during bitter all-night fighting, Europe's capitals rang with new talk of an allied second front in western Europe.

"Every day brings nearer the time when the agreement signed between Britain and the U. S. S. R. on the urgency of establishing a second front in Europe will be put into effect," the Moscow radio said.

In London, Premier Pieter S. Gerbrandy of the Netherlands government-in-exile broadcast to his countrymen in Nazi-occupied Holland, declaring that the tide of war was turning.

"Await with wise patience the moment when the call comes from here not only to take a passive but also an active part" in the opening of a new allied front, he said.

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
The situation surrounding the production of war material will be aired Sunday in a special CBS broadcast at 11 a. m. which will bring to the microphone nine army, navy, labor and government officials including Elmer Davis, director of the office of war production.

March of Time over NBC at 7:30 tonight will present Tom Girdler, chairman of the board of Consolidated Aircraft Corp. and of the Vultee company, in addition to a pickup direct from Cairo, Egypt, bringing the voice of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.

There are some 125 grades of iron and steel in a modern automobile.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

An unidentified little boy spending his entire capital of 30 cents for two war stamps and wishing he had more, after the "Victory House" Chevrolet gave him such a nice smile.

Bill Barker so engrossed in listening to his car radio he almost failed to note a change in the traffic lights.

Gertrude Young shining up a new domicile preparatory to occupying same.