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AMERICA OPENS PACIFIC OFFENSIVE

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 8.—People in this country do not get the picture of the battle in Russia, and consequently may be inclined to over-estimate what is happening there.

There is no battle line such as you see daily drawn on sketches maps.

The German advance is not that of a solid mass moving forward against a retreating mass a few miles ahead, doggedly dying for every inch of territory.

Timoshenko's army has not even fought a major battle in its Ukraine-Caucasus retreat thus far. There have been no such scenes as waves of troops, miles in length, surging and charging against a defensive line. It has been strictly a fight of fluid maneuvering without a major engagement.

The German army is broken up into numerous flocks, each an individual unit of tanks and infantry, each pounding forward individually from town to town or place to place. Frequently one advancing fist runs into a Russian unit and there is a scrap for a position.

On the whole, the German campaign can best be visualized as a thousand disconnected fists pounding forward unevenly.

THE Russians have not tried to maintain a defense line anywhere, except on the east bank of the Don, from Voronezh southwest to the Big Bend near Stalingrad. There they have established a fairly good defensive position (not as good as they can and may have to take later on the east bank of the Volga, a much wider and less shallow stream.)

South of Stalingrad, however, where the clashes between the fists have been more numerous, there has been no semblance of a line. There, Timoshenko has been involved in the desperate and amazingly successful maneuver of withdrawing an army of 200,000 men from the tight pocket in which Hitler caught them around Rostov.

If anyone had said ten days ago that Timoshenko would get

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YANKES DAMAGE JAP HELD DOCKS, BASE AT CANTON

Chungking, Aug. 8.—(AP)—American planes inflicted extensive damage on White Cloud air-drome, docks and harbor buildings and destroyed several Japanese planes in a raid on Japanese-held Canton this morning, Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced.

The fighter-escorted bombers were challenged by at least nine Japanese fighters, but only after they already had dropped their bombs, said the communique.

Two enemy planes were reported shot down and others destroyed around.

Chinese troops continued their comeback campaign in Kiangsi province. Linchuan (Fuchow) was still being besieged and the Japanese were being cleared out of the region of Huwan, southeast of Linchuan. The Chinese high command said. Ineffective Japanese attacks from a base at Kwangfeng, a station on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railways, were reported.

ORR INQUEST FINDINGS

A coroner's jury, at an inquest Thursday night, held one was criminally responsible for the death Tuesday of Jack Orr, 23, of Prospect, who was killed when he was crushed between two trucks while riding on the running board of one of them.

NIPP FORCES ON SOLOMON ISLANDS; KISKA ATTACKED

Fleet and Air Operations in Two Areas Proceed Favorably Adm. Nimitz Reports—Vital Action Underway, Details Meager.

General MacArthur's headquarters, Australia, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The first allied offensive in this Southwestern Pacific area was smashing today against Japanese bases in the islands north of Australia.

The battle appeared still to be in its early stages.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Allied planes, co-operating with the United States navy in a burst of action against Japanese bases in the islands north of Australia, have made heavy raids on New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and New Britain, a communique said today.

The announcement coupled with communique issued by the navy department in Washington and by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, disclosing a continuing naval attack on the Solomons, suggested an allied offensive might be under way in the area.

Pearl Harbor, T. H., Aug. 8.—(AP)—United States forces in the southwest Pacific have launched offensive operations in the area of the Solomon Islands which are progressing favorably, a communique by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the United States Pacific fleet, said today.

The communique, which indicated the possibility of a turning point in the Pacific war, also told of a United States fleet task force attack on the Japanese at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands.

Nimitz Reports
Admiral Nimitz communique said:

"Forces of the United States Pacific fleet and Pacific ocean areas, assisted by units of the southwest Pacific area, launched offensive operations in the Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands on August 7, east longitude time.

"These operations are progressing favorably in spite of opposition by enemy land based aircraft and garrisons.

"On August 8, east longitude time, a task force of the Pacific fleet bombarded enemy ships and installations in Kiska."

The communique showed that powerful combined American forces of sky and sea had swung into vigorous offensive action on the widely separated battle sectors of the Pacific ocean.

While only sparse information revealed the nature and extent of the operations, there were clear indications that an important turning point in the war in the Pacific has been reached and that an initial effort was being made to wrest from the Japanese some of the strategic areas they have seized.

Smashing Blows Due
The nature of the turning point was from a war of attrition to the dealing out of smashing blows to roll back Japanese lines.

Six of 8 Nazi Spies Die in Electric Chair

FR. On Air 11 A.M.

Washington, Aug. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and other leaders of the war effort will tell the nation tomorrow about the critical needs of war production.

They will speak in connection with an army-navy production award program on CBS from 11 to 11:30 a. m. PWT.

The President's message will be read by Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information. Other speakers will include:

Admiral William D. Leahy, making his first radio appearance since he became chief of staff to President Roosevelt.

SECOND FRONT IS FRETTING NAZIS; PEOPLE ANXIOUS

Tension High in Europe as Belief Grows Decisive Event Near.

London, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The peoples of Europe were reported tonight to be in a state of mounting tension as their Nazi conquerors took strong preparatory measures against the threat of an allied invasion and at the same time tried to persuade them a second front would fail.

A Czech government source said the tension was particularly acute in Bohemia and Moravia because the Germans were sending more and more workmen to Western Europe to labor on fortifications. Prague reports showed a belief among the people, this source said, that "decisive events will take place this year."

"Travelers reaching Istanbul, Turkey, were quoted as saying the Nazis were so fearful of a possible invasion somewhere along the extensive coastline from Norway to the Pyrenees that they had established large aerial intervention points far behind the probable front lines from which veteran parachute troops could be swiftly carried by transport planes.

"These concentration points are scattered through Westphalia in Western Germany, the Rhineland district and Southern Norway. Planes and troops are held in constant readiness.

Stockholm Press reports quoted by Reuters said the whole Norwegian coastline has been under a state of alert since August 1.

The Norwegian government in London said the Germans were constructing a great airbase in the Vesterasten Island area apparently for use of Focke-Wulf bombers which could operate against Iceland and convoys bound for Russia over the Arctic sea route.

At the start of the seventh inning, the Craters were leading the Grants Pass Merchants 14 to 4, in an Oregon-California league game at the fairgrounds last night.

Medford knocked Johnson out of the box in the third inning, and Steve Crippen who followed him was warmly greeted. Snyder hurled for the locals, and was doing a creditable job. In the seven innings Medford collected 14 hits and the visitors four.

ALL-INDIA PARTY LEADERS JAILED; GANDHI DEFIANT

Gandhi Defiant — British Start Roundup Few Hours After Powers Voted Mystic

London, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Reuters, British news agency, reported today that a broadcast, which it said apparently was from New Delhi, India, heard in London reported that Mohandas K. Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, president of the all-India congress party, had been arrested in Bombay.

(There was no confirmation from any source of this report.) Reuters in distributing the report said it should be taken "with all reserve."

Bombay, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The British government of India, accepting the challenge of the all-India congress party in entrusting a campaign of civil disobedience to Mohandas K. Gandhi, early today began a roundup of congress leaders in the city of Ahmedabad.

The government acted just a few hours after the full committee of the all-India congress party had handed complete authority to the mystic 72-year-old leader of the India nationalist movement for a drive aimed at forcing an end to British rule in India.

Seventeen arrests had been made up to early hours today in Ahmedabad. They were the first reported after the congress committee adjourned.

The government has placed a ban on gatherings of more than five persons, issuing the order under the criminal procedure code.

"I am pledged to the congress and the congress is pledged to do or die," Gandhi declared in concluding a two-hour address that wound up the meeting of the party's general committee.

SHADY COVE BOY DROWNS IN BOAT TRAGEDY FRIDAY

Louis Gerald Turner, 17, of Shady Cove, son of Master Sergeant and Mrs. Clare V. Turner, drowned in the Rogue River near Shady Cove about 3 p. m. Friday when the boat in which he was riding with two companions struck a rock and overturned.

Bob Cline and Richard Young, also of Shady Cove, were able to swim and make shore, but Louis, unable to swim, sank in about 15 feet of water, according to Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris. The boys were rowing downstream when the tragic accident occurred.

Carl Robinson of Shady Cove, with a rope tied to one wrist, dove to the bottom of the river, pulled the rope to the youth and pulled him ashore. In the meantime Morris, state police, Deputy Sheriff Bill Grenbeyer and a city fireman were rushing to the scene with an inhalator. Aided by Dr. E. N. Mallory the inhalator was put into operation but the boy could not be revived, the deputy coroner stated.

Louis Gerald Turner was born in Council Grove, Kas., July 6, 1925. With his parents he came to Shady Cove last February. His mother resides at Shady Cove while his father is at present attending officers' candidate school at Fort Sil, Okla. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner of California, former Shady Cove residents, had been visiting in Shady Cove and had left for their home the day before the tragedy. Louis was also a nephew of the Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Millard.

War Bulletins

London, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Enemy aircraft bombed the nearby home counties and drew gunfire from the London suburbs in daylight today while the city itself was under a half-hour air raid alert.

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Aug. 8.—(AP)—German newspapers published for the first time today pictures and descriptions of a new Nazi warplane—the Dornier 217—said to be the last word in dive bombers.

Stockholm, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The entire Norwegian coast is being held in a state of alert under orders of German occupation authorities and arrangements have been made to evacuate the civilian population at short notice, the newspaper Social Demokraten reported today.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A medium allied passenger ship was shelled by a Japanese submarine off Australia's southern coast a few days ago but escaped without damage, an allied announcement said today. No injuries of personnel were reported.

CHANDLER CHEERS NEWS OF DRIVES ON ENEMY NESTS

Senate Military Chairman on Alaska Trip Sees "Grand Offensive."

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—(AP)—American attacks on Japanese troops in the Aleutian and Salomon Islands were applauded today by Sen. A. B. (Happy) Chandler (D-Ky.) as possibly the start of "a grand offensive" in the Pacific.

"The news sure tickles me," the Kentucky senator said. Chandler, chairman of a Senate military affairs subcommittee, was interviewed just before he left for the Pacific Northwest en route to Alaska to inspect war preparations there and in the Aleutian Islands.

"The information released by the navy indicates a widespread operation in force," he declared. "It's marvelous news and the most reassuring we've had in this country for some time."

"I'll admit now that the attacks were not entirely unexpected by the committee. In fact, we have been anticipating them. But they will have no bearing on our trip. We are going right on, even if they have every Japanese driven out of the Aleutians by the time we get up there."

"We expect to go as far out on those islands as the military situation will permit when we get there."

"If people will look at their maps, they'll see that this is a terrific operation. If our forces can get at those babies, we can drive them back to bases nearer Japan. And if we can add to the terrific losses they suffered in the Coral sea and at Midway—they did, you know—we're going to be able to establish bases in their front yard one of these days."

"When we do that, those Doolittle flights over Tokyo, Kobe and other Japanese cities will be a common occurrence."

BURNS UP HOUSE AND ROUTS BEES

Morristown, N. J., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Michael Naughton had a nest of bees in his house, and the pesky insects were giving him no end of trouble. So he decided to "burn them out."

GERMAN ADVANCE NEAR STALINGRAD AND MAIKOP OIL

Russia Still Reeling Above and Below Don Elbow—Situation "Very Tense."

Moscow, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Two German columns were reported converging on the Maikop oil fields today after cracking Russian defense in the Krasnodar-Armavir area 60 miles above that prize at the foot of the Caucasian mountains.

Red Star announced the German breakthrough toward Maikop whose wells supply seven per cent of Russia's oil, but the midnight communique did not elaborate on this grave development.

The red army defending the southwestern approaches to Stalingrad "fought with varying success" against a German tank and infantry wedge into the Russian positions northeast of Kotelnikovsky. The phrase "northeast of Kotelnikovsky" indicated the Germans were gaining ground in that area, too.

A communique yesterday had located the fighting as "north" of Kotelnikovsky, which itself is about 95 miles southwest of industrial Stalingrad.

Thousands of German reinforcements were hurled into battle both above and below the Don River in the effort to reach Stalingrad, and another ominous development reported in the latest communique was that the Nazis had concentrated a huge tank force south of Kletskaya, which is 75 miles northeast of Stalingrad in the Don elbow.

The Germans were said to have left thousands of dead Nazis in the wake of their advance, but their reserve flow thus far has filled the gaps.

The German drive on Maikop apparently mostly from the northeast Kuban River bend because the Russians said their troops also were fighting the Nazis in the Kropotkin sector, 50 miles northwest of Armavir.

(The Germans claimed their troops had crossed the Kuban River to capture Armavir, then seized Kurgannaya 30 miles to the west on the Laba River, in the drive toward Maikop. That would place the Nazis only 30 miles from the oil city.)

(The Soviet plight in the Maikop area admittedly was so critical that it was possible the Russians already had planted demolition forces in the oil fields.)

NEW TRIAL PLEA FILED BY PELLEY

Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—(AP)—In a 39-page motion for a new trial, William Dudley Pelley today accused government counsel of "misconduct" in calling him a "traitor," "a Benedict Arnold" and "an Aaron Burr" in final arguments before the jury in his criminal sedition trial.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson (Wide World War Analyst)

Another week bitter with defeat and retreat for red armies, closed with heightening prospects that a second-front attack is impending—but it may be launched in the east and by Japan before Russia's Anglo-American allies are able to strike effectively in the west.

If Japan, still without a decisive victory in China, bruised by American air-sea blows and at least checked in the southwest Pacific, is to move at all against Russia under her axis commitments, the time seems ripe.

Weather conditions for a Siberian assault are right as they will not be again for a twelvemonth. Chungking and London bristle with rumors of Japanese preparations. The German-trained Japanese conqueror of Singapore and Corregidor now is reported in command in the north. Tokyo has called up all males from 18 to 50 years of age for military service.

Drastic new dim-out measures along the west coast hint that Washington expects Japanese diversion forays. They might be designed, like the Japanese toe-holds in the western Aleutians, to balk or impede American aid to Russia in Siberia.

If that front is opened, Siberian bases could afford expanding American air power opportunity to strike at Japan itself. That possibility still is the most powerful influence upon Tokyo not to jump on her traditional Russian foe prematurely.

Yet beyond a shadow of a doubt Tokyo has two-way commitments with her European axis mates concerning Russia. That the Japanese war lords are merely biding their time until Hitler and his Italian and Balkan satellites have fulfilled their part of the conquest bargain goes without saying.

The axis offensive in Russia has obviously reached a point where Tokyo must be weighing the question of joining the attack on the Soviet. Hitler is so close to having driven Russian armies in the west behind a short line from the Baltic to the Caspian and to seizing the rich Caucasus resources that Berlin pressure upon Tokyo to fulfill axis commitments must be imperative.

WORKER PRAISES ALASKAN TROOPS

Portland, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Praise for the efficiency of American armed forces in Alaska was voiced today by Colton D. Harper, McMinnville youth, on his return from Dutch Harbor.

The construction worker said that "as long as we have boys like that up there, we are not in any danger."

Of Japanese raids on the naval base, he said. "The townspeople nearly went crazy but the soldiers and sailors and most of the construction workers took it on the chin like men."

Asked by an interviewer about the number of Japanese planes in the raid, he replied: "The official announced there were 15 fighters and four bombers."

NAZI BUREAU IN FRANCE BLASTED

Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A building housing a bureau for recruiting French workers to go to Germany was demolished by an explosion, the Swiss telegraph agency reported today in a dispatch from Annemasse in Haute-Savoie, France. The dispatch said the French prefect had expressed regrets to the chief of the German commission at Annemasse and that many arrests were expected to be made.

TATTLERS GIVEN LIFE, 30 YRS., FOR BETRAYING PALS

Aid to Law Rewarded—Records Hide War Secrets—Quick Justice Follows F. R.'s Approval of Findings.

Washington, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Death by electrocution today snapped short the shadowy careers of six Nazi saboteurs, men who sneaked ashore from enemy submarines bent upon crippling the American war effort by fire, explosion and terrorism.

Two others, adjudged equally guilty by a military commission of seven generals, escaped the death penalty fixed by the law of war for their intended crimes, by tattling on the rest.

Because they helped the government prepare its case, they were given prison sentences, one for life, the other for 30 years, both at hard labor.

British Spread Word
London, Sunday, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Beginning at 8 o'clock last night (Saturday) the British radio spread throughout the continent of Europe the news that the United States had executed six of the eight Nazi saboteurs seized after they landed from German submarines.

The broadcast, made in several languages, emphasized particularly for the Germans the swift capture, trial and death in the electric chair of the men before they could begin their sabotage campaign.

Up to an early hour today the German radio had refrained from any comment on the men's fate.

At noon, the first of the agents of destruction to pay with his life was led from a cell at the District of Columbia jail to its execution chamber. In grim succession the five others followed. The six were:

Heinrich Harm Heinck, Richard Quirin, Edward John Kerling, Herbert Hans Haupt, Werner Thiel and Hermann Otto Neubauer. Ernest P. Burger was sentenced to prison for life, and George John Dasch was given a term of 30 years.

Just before 1:30, the White House announced that President Roosevelt had approved the findings and recommendations of the military commission and that the six had been executed. The record of the case, containing much information of an important military nature, it was said, would be sealed until after the war.

So, nearly two months after the arrival of the eight men on American shores, their cases were ended. They were closed, however, only after exhaustive legal proceedings, undreamed of in the dictator-ridden land from which they came. At one point an appeal for writ of habeas corpus was taken to the civil courts, and the supreme court, meeting in a hurriedly summoned special session, upheld the legality and constitutionality of the method of trial which President Roosevelt had established.

The military commission finished its work last Sunday. On Monday, the record of the case, the sentences imposed and the recommendations for leniency to Burger and Dasch were placed in the president's hands for review.

NAVY ENTRY EASED
The navy will accept men for enlistment up to time they are sworn in under selective service, Lieut. Cmdr. G. F. DeGrave, Portland district recruiting officer, announced today.

LAND FEE SOUGHT
Washington, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Sen. McNary (R-Ore.) has introduced legislation providing payment of \$5,000 to M. Senders & Company, Albany, Ore., for land acquired by the military at Wells, Ore., on which the company had a warehouse.