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RED ATTACKS THROW GERMANS BACK

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 18 — The CIO, and other professedly liberal elements, are crying out that the new tax bill "soaks the poor," meaning the union war worker. This is some what true.

Orthodox liberalism, as professionally conducted in this country in the past 20 years, has always cried out against every tax bill on the same grounds, and successfully urged that it soak the corporations and the rich instead.

With equal political astuteness, and less success, business has generally cried "wolf" against tax bills, saying each of these would make business unprofitable, cause a breakdown in our profits system.

The wolf, gentlemen, now is here. The liberals do not want to see him, and the congressional taxmakers have become so befuddled at noticing his nose indisputably confronting them, that they have been kicking the subject of needed new war revenue around for six months or more, and now are acting as if they would like to put it all off until after elections.

WHAT has caused the delay in the new tax bill, it is now clear, is that the House Ways and Means committee and the Senate Finance committee have discovered that the ten-year-old program of increased taxes on corporations and the rich has lifted these rates to the ceiling. There is just no more blood in those turns.

Existing taxation, without the new increases of the pending bill, is already forcing down dividends, making even accelerated war business less profitable than normal peacetime business.

If you want any proof of this, turn over to the stock market page and read price quotations and dividends now, as compared with last year, or five years ago. A new and yet unappreciated situation has thus arisen in taxation.

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

New York, Aug. 18. — (Wide World)—It's a new Henry Aldrich you are hearing as the program starts its fourth season on NBC. Norman Tokar, character actor, had the part last week on the re-opening and will be on again Thursday night.

Tuning tonight: Blue, 5, Roy Porter comment; 6:30, This Nation at War; 7:15, Postmaster General Walker on "War Aims and Peace Terms."

What to expect Wednesday: NBC, 9:30 a. m., Nellie Revell interviews Pert Kelton.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bill Van Dyke having a hard time getting his 1916 Ford convertible in good running order and calling on about five persons, including several army boys for a push.

Rotary Prexy Leonard B. Mayfield being "executed" for "subversive activities" by a 61st division firing squad.

Dan (United Press) Bowerman hardly setting foot in the old home town before being called upon for a speech, and making a good one, too.

RUSSIANS REGAIN IMPORTANT LINE NEAR STALINGRAD

Timoshenko Counterattacks Show Strength—Invaders Cross Kuban.

By Eddie Gilmore

Moscow, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Red army troops counterattacking southwest of Stalingrad were reported today to have thrown the Germans into retreat and re-occupied an important line even while the invaders wedged into Don bend defenses above that area and forced two more crossings of the Kuban river in the Krasnodar sector.

Military dispatches said the Russian forces generally improved their positions in the area above Kotelnikovsky, where a German task force has been striking up the Stalingrad-Novorossiisk rail line toward the Volga.

The counterattack appeared the strongest: Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's men had undertaken since the invaders crossed the lower reaches of the Don. Several miles lost by the Russians were regained in assaults upon enemy-occupied hills and the army newspaper Red Star said several invasion firing points were destroyed.

While shock troops occupied a defense section which had been hurriedly erected by the Germans and their Rumanian allies, other Red army forces strengthened their positions guarding the lower Volga and Stalingrad.

Izvestia said Russian infantry, artillery and tanks "fulfilled their order to halt the enemy by all means" in the Kletsakaya sector, northwest of Stalingrad. Pravda reported that a Russian "descent group" penetrated the German rear in this sector, fought off attacks by German planes and troops, and killed 300 Germans in a two-day battle with two battalions of enemy infantry.

The dispatch did not specify whether the descent group were paratroopers or plane-borne troops. On the Voronezh battlefield fierce fighting was reported developing for control of a section of the west bank of the Don. Aerial activity there was restricted temporarily by heavy rainstorms.

Izvestia said Rumanian and Hungarian troops were being hurled into the fight in an effort to recapture important points which the Russians had taken in counterattacks.

KLAMATH STARTS LOAFER ROUND-UP

Klamath Falls, Aug. 18.—(AP)—"Work, fight or go to jail," was Acting Police Chief Earl Heuvel's edict today and city policemen were following it up with a sweeping roundup of all transients found loitering about the city with no visible means of support.

Heuvel said that his department was cooperating with local sawmill and farm employers in an effort to meet a critical labor shortage in this area.

"We have authority to hold transients on vagrancy charges," Heuvel said, "and we'll hold 'em if they don't go to work." He said he had placed 10 men in sawmills and on farms and the United States employment service office since the drive started Monday.

ENVOY FLYING HOME

New Delhi, India, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Lauchlin Currie, ambassador bound from a special mission to China, for President Roosevelt, left New Delhi today for Washington.

SCRAP IRON ITEM

Cleveland, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Dis-mantling of Cleveland's "steel ball hospital" for war scrap was under way today. The odd 38-room metal sphere will yield 1,000 tons of scrap.

Bomber Raid Leader Known Here



Brigadier General Ira C. Eaker, who personally lead the first all American bombing foray against Germany Monday, is known in the Rogue river valley. General Eaker, then a colonel, was commander of the 20th Pursuit Group which had a two weeks' training period here last summer and was bivouaced at the Elks picnic grounds on Rogue river. Planes of the 20th Pursuit Group operated from the Medford airport.

YANKEE BOMBERS HIT TOBRUK AND MATRUH IN RAIDS

Cairo, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Middle east headquarters of the United States army forces announced today another series of successful operations by heavy bombers against Tobruk and in the Mediterranean August 14 and 15 and disclosed that for the first time American medium bombers had gone into action with a raid on Matruh.

The heavy bombers set fire to an Axis merchantman guarded by two destroyers, and hit Tobruk harbor installations and a wreck which was being used to moor torpedo-boats there.

It also disclosed that since the series of attacks by German and Italian fighters on American bombers, there had been no cases of enemy fighting interception, the foe having met with more than he bargained for.

Use of the medium bombers which scored several hits at Matruh brought to within a step of "full participation of the United States army heavy bomber, medium bomber and fighter air forces in the Egyptian fighting."

PRE-WAR PATENT QUIZ TOMORROW

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Chairman Bone (D-Wash.) of the senate patents committee said today that W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, would appear before the committee tomorrow to answer charges that his company participated in a pre-war patent pool under German control.

Farish two weeks ago asked the committee to let him explain peacetime agreements with I. G. Farbenindustrie, great German chemical trust, involving Catalytic processes in the manufacture of high octane aviation gasoline, toluol for explosives and butadiene for synthetic rubber. The patent pool recently was dissolved by a consent decree.

R.F.C. LOAN GIVEN OREGON INDUSTRY

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R., Ore.) said today he had been notified the Reconstruction Finance corporation had approved a loan of \$600,000 to the Oregon Electric steel rolling mills in Portland.

The loan, it was understood, would supplement the corporation's own expenditure of an estimated \$1,000,000. Present plans call for operation of one furnace with a 30,000-ton annual capacity, which will be fed entirely from scrap steel.

AXIS SINKING OF BRAZIL VESSELS FANS WAR FEVER

Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Street demonstrations spread war fever in Rio De Janeiro today as resentment rose over axis submarine sinking of five Brazilian ships in the past three days.

The Brazilian steamers Bage and Cuyaba, due to take axis diplomats to Europe were held in port. Just before noon a crowd tore Brazilian flags from the offices of two pro-axis newspapers and marched to the foreign ministry, where a spokesman for the demonstrators declared:

"This demonstration is to show the Brazilian government that people will flow the government anywhere."

A functionary of the foreign ministry accepted the flags, and then the demonstrators, estimated to number 2,000, observed one minute's silence "in memory of all who have died throughout the world in the struggle against aggressors."

Special police prevented damage to the newspaper buildings but there were other cases of attacks on German property by enraged Brazilians.

AUCHINLECK OUT AS DESERT CHIEF

London, Aug. 18.—(AP)—British has sent General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, "the last man out of Dunkerque" and recently commander in Burma, to take command in the middle east, where Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's reinforced army menaces the Suez life line and the German advance in the Caucasus daily brings another arm of the axis pincers closer to British defenses.

The substitution of Alexander for Gen. Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck was considered here as a move to inject into the stale-mated western desert action the drive of an officer considered by many one of the most aggressive and ablest leaders of the British army.

STALIN'S SON ON SOUTHERN FRONT

Moscow, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Col. Vasily Stalin, son of the Soviet premier, was disclosed today to be in command of a pursuit aviation group on the southern front. An article in Red Star said he supervised the work of fighters in an aerial combat over a river crossing recently. On June 21 it was announced that Colonel Stalin, who still is in his twenties, had been awarded the Order of the Red Banner for bravery in front-line battle.

AMERICAN FLIERS TO HIT GERMANY FAST AND OFTEN

Bombing Offensive Opens With Raid Over Rouen—All Fortresses Return.

An American bomber station in Britain, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A growing American bombing offensive to smash at Nazi strongholds in Germany and occupied Europe in coordination with the RAF until the war is won was under way today after a highly successful, all-American bombing attack on the German-held railway yards at Rouen, France.

Twelve flying fortresses, with Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker in one of the leading planes, flew yesterday through all the anti-aircraft fire the Germans offered, mastered the best of Germany's fighter planes and left their target under "a great pall of smoke and sand."

Six other flying fortresses executed diversion attacks on Dunkerque and Cherbourg. All eighteen of the giant bombers returned safely to their base.

They were escorted to their targets by RAF, Canadian and United States fighters and two of these were lost. But the fighters shot down two German planes and 21-year-old Sgt. Kent L. West of West Kokomo, Ala., "belly gunner" in one of the fortresses, blasted another German fighter out of the sky.

Gen. Spaatz Enthusiastic
Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the U. S. air forces in the European theater, was plainly enthusiastic.

"We will bomb Germany as fast and as often as possible until we win this war," he said. "This marks the real start of an ever-increasing American bombing offensive."

He predicted devastating high-altitude "precision" blows at selected targets from the gracefully flying fortresses while the giant RAF bombers continued massive assaults on German cities, one by one at night. The fortresses, with 13 guns each, are the most heavily armed bombers in the air today.

"The Germans seemed to pull away and appeared leery about attacking us," said Maj. Paul Tibbet, 28, of Miami, Fla., co-pilot of the "butcher shop." Eaker warned that one successful flight did not prove that a heavy daylight attack would always work, but he said "the raid went exactly according to plan and we are well satisfied with the day's work."

Rail Center Blasted
London, Aug. 18.—(AP)—British bombers struck at Osnabrueck, railroad and industrial center in Northwestern Germany, last night in the eighth RAF attack on Germany this month. Five British bombers were reported missing on the mission, indicating a raid of moderate strength.

While Osnabrueck was under attack, other bombers and fighters bomber airfields in German-occupied territory, destroying one enemy bomber. Another enemy aircraft was shot down by the bombers attacking Osnabrueck.

Osnabrueck is one of the main railroad outlets for the German arsenal in the Ruhr valley and has big steel works and other factories. It already had been raided once this month, on the night of August 9, when the British bomber it for the 40th time in this war.

FEDERAL DEBT UP, BOND SALES LESS

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The federal debt climbed \$3,652,869,601 to a new high of \$85,382,775,002 in the first half of August.

War savings bond sales in the fortnight amounted to \$365,855,088, which was somewhat less than half the month's quota of \$815,000,000.

GENERAL STRIKE VITAL ALUMINUM INDUSTRY URGED

CIO Chiefs Dislike War Labor Board Ruling Denying Wage Boost.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18.—(AP)—International headquarters of the CIO Aluminum Workers union reported today its members have urged that a general strike be called in the war-vital aluminum industry unless the war labor board reconsiders its decision denying them a wage increase or President Roosevelt "intervenes directly" in the case.

Union President Nick A. Zonovich said in a statement that the board's decision, issued last week, was "not acceptable" to the union and the industry "now is confronted with demands from the rank and file for a general strike." He called union committeemen to a meeting here tomorrow.

The WLB had said the union's demand for a \$1-a-day pay boost was denied because the workers already had received more than a 15 per cent increase since January 1, 1941. In reaching this decision, the board applied its formula of the "little steel" case, based on a 15 per cent rise in the cost of living since January, 1941.

Zonovich claimed the board disregarded the "true facts" in the dispute between his union and the aluminum company of America, which produces approximately 95 per cent of the nation's raw aluminum.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Work at eleven Reynolds Metals Company plants here was slowed today by a labor stoppage.

R. V. Pasnick, field representative of the International Union, CIO Aluminum Workers of America, said "This thing started when the company yesterday fired Ray Stober, our chairman in the No. 7 plant for no good reason."

BERLIN REPORTS 11 ALLIED SHIPS SUNK IN A DAY

Berlin, (from German broadcasts), Aug. 18.—(AP)—German submarines were declared officially today to have sunk eleven Allied vessels totalling 72,000 tons, a 12,000-ton auxiliary cruiser and two rows of troop-carrying barges in the Atlantic and Arctic oceans and the Mediterranean in the past 24 hours.

(There was no confirmation of the Nazi claim. Last week's announced Allied ship losses to axis submarines in the western Atlantic—seven merchantmen—were the lowest in 16 weeks.)

The Italian high command said its submarines in the Atlantic had sunk three merchant ships totalling 18,885 tons, and damaged another of 10,000 tons.

The Rome claim listed the British motorship Medon and the American merchantman California as two of the three ships reported sunk.)

A special communique said the 24-hour total was piled up in operations against convoys and in the case of lone vessels.

Juxtaposition of the reference to the auxiliary cruiser and the reported destruction of "two rows of barges in tow carrying troops" suggested that all were sent to the bottom in a single action.

WAR TIME DIET

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Bananas, favorite dish in smart Philadelphia zoo circles, lately have been harder and harder to obtain. So the other day the zoo cautiously introduced a substitute, boiled sweet potatoes.

War Bulletins

A southwest English coast town, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Two high-flying German planes bombed this seacoast town today causing widespread property damage.

An entire row of shops was demolished by a 1,000-pound bomb which scored a direct hit, but only one woman was hurt. A church and several other public buildings were damaged.

Cairo, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Fresh contingents of United States army troops, including ground staffs for American air force desert and other units, have been debarked in this war theater, it was disclosed tonight.

PRIME MINISTER SURE NIPS KNEW OF ATTACK PLAN

Navy Says It Was Surprise—Censorship Becomes Political Issue "Down Under."

Sydney, Australia, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin, replying to criticism of censorship, declared in a speech today, "I am more than ever convinced that the Japanese had some knowledge of the Solomons attack."

"There were men yelling for offensives when they knew they were being undertaken," (Curtin's further remarks indicated that the censorship was an internal political issue between Curtin's labor party and the opposition.)

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander of the U. S. navy, in an announcement August 10 on the Solomon Islands landing said, "an initial surprise was effected."

(A U. S. navy communique of yesterday reiterated: "the attacks were a complete surprise to the enemy.")

Australian circles said it was believed that Curtin was considering calling an election if parliament should adopt what he deemed harassing tactics, and that was to be seen in his challenge to the opposition to try to defeat the government on the censorship issue.

"Newspapers in Australia are afraid when the war is over the labor party will still be in control and the capitalist wolf will be unable to feed on the lambs in factories and workshops as in the past 50 years," Curtin asserted.

LIGHTNING STORM CAUSES 16 FIRES

A dry lightning storm early last evening started 16 fires in the Butte Falls and Union Creek districts, but except for one on Red Bluff creek on the Cascade Divide all were under control this afternoon. It was reported by the Rogue River National Forest service.

The blaze on Red Bluff creek, a tributary of the middle fork of Rogue river, was being fought by a crew of 10 men, the forest service said and was partially under control. The fire, in rough back country hard to reach, had burned over about one acre.

Last night's lightning storm increased to 20 the number of fires started by the elements since Saturday night, four others having been reported previously. Eleven of the fires are in the Butte Falls district nine in the Union Creek area. Two or more men were dispatched to each blaze, all of them small except for that on Red Bluff creek.

ROUTINE COUNCIL MEET

The city council will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting in city hall tonight at 7:30. Only routine business is on the official agenda.

MARINES HOLD ON SOLOMONS TIGHT OFFENSIVE GROWS

Japs Caught Flatfooted by Swift Attacks—Allies Win by Land, Sea and Air.

Melbourne, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Big sea battles still brewing in bitterly contested waters of the Solomon island chain may prove the turning point in the fight for the barrier bases north of Australia, a special correspondent of the Melbourne Herald reported today from a south Pacific port.

He said that although allied headquarters in the south Pacific area was issuing no statements about the progress of the Solomon operations, it was clear that naval developments in the islands are attracting the greatest attention.

General MacArthur's headquarters, Australia, Aug. 18.—(AP)—United States marines have won solid footholds in the Solomon Islands, the first step to victory in the first Allied offensive in the Pacific, while Allied "armies" comb the southern seas to blast the Japanese in their ships and harbors wherever they may be trying to go to the rescue.

That was the broad picture today over thousands of square miles of the south Pacific where the fighting forces of the United Nations have begun to roll back the enemy in a campaign of growing magnitude.

It was the official story of the United States navy and of General MacArthur's headquarters.

A navy communique issued in Washington showed the attack on the Solomons to have been a mighty onslaught which caught the Japanese flat-footed on Aug. 7 (Australian time) in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area, one of their most valuable bases.

The harbor of Tulagi is one of the best in the southwest Pacific and the airfield on Guadalcanal makes that island a gigantic aircraft carrier anchored athwart the sea lane from America to Australia.

Without divulging details of the still continuing and still growing battle, the communique gave these assurances that the first phase has ended in defeat for the Japanese in the air, ashore and afloat:

1. The marines have made several landings in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area. "Rapidly" overcoming enemy resistance, and their captured shore positions "have since been developed and are now well established."

2. Japanese naval forces closed in for action with the Allied fleet on only one night, Aug. 8-9, and backed off "before reaching the vessels engaged in the landing operations."

3. Enemy air attempts on the first two days of the landings inflicted only "minor damage" on the American troops.

The communique mentioned damage to both sides in the naval encounter but it kept the enemy guessing, of course, both what the United States lost and what the United States knows of Japan's cost in trying to defend the Solomons' shores.

BEER DROUTH IN PRINEVILLE NEAR

Portland, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission today suspended licenses of 16 dispensers in Oregon for periods ranging from 10 to 30 days. Four licenses were revoked and one new license granted.

The city of Prineville faced the possibility of being without a beer or wine dispensary inasmuch as seven license holders there faced suspension of permits because of charges they operated slot machines on the premises. The commission indicated it might take more lenient action because the machines were licensed by the city.