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ALLIES PLAN KNOCKOUT IN TUNIS

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Northwest Labor
Problem Remains
Transport Seen
Army Bottleneck
Tire Salvage
Return Too Low

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Where the help is coming from to relieve the labor situation in the northwest has not been answered. Throughout that area small restaurants, meat markets, garages are going out of business—some because of rationing, others on account of workers leaving. Auto camps, other than those within driving range of a war industry, are being boarded up. If something goes wrong, trouble follows because there is no mechanic available to repair heating plant, water pipe, clean spark plugs, grind pistons (look for a drive to have motorists surrender old spark plugs), or service the refrigerator.

It is roughly estimated that 180,000 workers, at least, are needed on farms, but the number is probably nearer 200,000. From one to half a dozen milkers are wanted on every dairy farm. More man power is asked for transportation companies—railroads and common carrier trucks. Every hotel and restaurant, small and large, is begging for help. One source of labor, inexperienced but available for training, is being drained out of Washington and Oregon—the teen-age boys who are being inducted into selective service. There are no available statistics on the teen-agers, as hundreds have already volunteered in navy, coast guard, marines and army. Many of these helped out in harvesting crops the past year but their services will no longer be available. In addition to these youngsters, the northwest must furnish thousands of older registered men and, of course, these will weaken the labor reservoir. Where or how labor, skilled and unskilled, is to be found to take the place of the selectees is, presumably, a job for Paul V. McNutt of war manpower commission. Mr. McNutt hopes that manpower can be transferred voluntarily to the north-

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MORE JOIN STRIKE AT GUN FACTORY

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 22.—(U.P.) The number of strikers at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. gun plant rose to 1,600 today as workmen in two other units joined cannon division employees who walked out in a dispute over Sunday work.

The stoppage halted production of cannon and fuel tanks for warplanes. The strike started Saturday when 650 workers in the cannon division laid down their tools because of the management's alleged refusal to hire a full Sunday staff at double pay. The same shift refused to work yesterday, and last night workers in gun plant and fuel tank unit joined the walkout.

DIG FOR BODIES

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Rescue workers dug in the ruins of three tenement houses today for the bodies of two women and a man believed to have been killed last night in an explosion and fire.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Ellsworth "Santa Claus" Schuler telling the kiddies at the Episcopal Christmas party about his bicycle trip from the North Pole.

Friends wondering whether Ed Kirtley's injured arm is the result of the "commando" training he is giving Medford high students.

COMBINED FORCES WILL STRIKE WHEN SUPPLIES READIED

Eisenhower Works Out Program For U. S. and British—Nazis Continue Race.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has worked out a plan to unite Allied forces in Tunisia with the British Eighth army for a grand assault on the Axis, and preparations are going forward under the motto of "take your time and make sure of success."

The grand strategy of the Allies in North Africa, it can be revealed today, is to chase the German Afrika Korps all the way into Tunisia, and then hit the Axis forces with all the combined weight of Eisenhower's troops and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army which is chasing the Germans across Tripolitania.

By Edward W. Beattie
(United Press Correspondent)

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Axis radios reported new allied attacks in Tunisia today and indications mounted that a grand-scale British and American assault on the enemy's coastal footholds was imminent.

African dispatches reported that the allies were sending masses of supplies and reinforcements to the Tunisian front lines, preparing for united action with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army which was pushing across Tripolitania at a rate of 15 miles a day.

Nearing Sirte

Montgomery's forces were believed to be on the outskirts of Sirte, more than 170 miles west of El Agheila in pursuit of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's fleeing Afrika Korps. There were some indications that the imperials might have occupied Sirte.

Both the German and Italian radios reported new Allied attacks in Tunisia. Both, of course, said the new thrusts were turned back by Axis forces.

Significantly, however, radio Rome said activity in Tunisia had become "somewhat more intense," and radio Berlin asserted that a major Allied action was imminent.

French Advance

French troops made a new advance in the protectorate and were operating near Kirovan, only 32 miles from the strategic east coast port of Sousse, radio Morocco said, quoting a French communique. A successful drive to the east coast would deprive the Germans and Italians of a major reinforcement port.

There was no confirmation of Spanish reports that the Germans were massing a relief force in French ports. British observers believed it unlikely because of the probability that Axis North African resistance at best could be only a holding operation.

It was considered more probable that if Axis transports were concentrated in French harbors, they would be used to take a German expeditionary force to Sicily as a defensive garrison, relieving some of the strain on inadequate Italian railroads already hamstrung by smashing Royal Air force raids.

FOWLER SEES BIG FARM INCOME HIKE

County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports his annual survey of agricultural conditions in Jackson county, now at the Oregon State College at Corvallis, for binding and other details, will show an increase of approximately two million dollars in farm income in the county over 1941. The increase was due to a higher price for produce and farm crops, the county agent said.

The report is scheduled to be returned from Corvallis around the first of the year.



After recovering from his most recent brush with death—this time in the South Pacific—Captain Eddie Rick, left, is safe again in the United States. He's shown with Maj. Gen. Barney Giles in San Francisco as "Rick" was en route to Washington to report to War Secretary Stimson on the Pacific war situation.

SEDITION CHARGES TERMED DISGRACE BY SEN. WHEELER

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., said today that the indictment of 28 persons by a federal grand jury on sedition charges was "a disgrace and ought to be investigated."

Wheeler released an exchange of correspondence with Attorney General Francis Biddle in which Wheeler protested that the justice department has resorted to "entrapment" measures to obtain the indictment in Washington "where the greater part of the population is made up of government workers or people who are dependent upon the government, either directly or indirectly."

Wheeler said in his letter to Biddle he had read the indictment, naming Gerald Winrod, Kansas isolationist editor; Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, Chicago, and others, and found it to be "an attempt to smear the America First Committee which was headed up by a group of the most loyal and patriotic citizens in America."

In answer to Wheeler's first letter, Biddle replied that the indictment was voted by a grand jury which studied the case for 71 days and explored thoroughly the connection of each individual.

(Henry Shapiro, United Press Moscow manager, gives the first eye-witness account by an American of the disaster overtaking the Axis armies on the Stalingrad front, in the following dispatch. He alone of American correspondents in Russia has actually seen the battlefields.)

By Henry Shapiro
United Press Correspondent
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With the Red Army on the Stalingrad front, Dec. 19.—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—For hundreds of square miles around this battle square in the Don river bend, there stretches a mammoth Axis graveyard.

Red army salvage squads have been working day and night for weeks, removing war materials of all sorts to base points in the rear, whence they will be thrown into action against the enemy soon.

Burial squads have been collecting and burying the bodies of soldiers, along with those of horses and the wreckage of machines, lie in the snowdrifts, prey to carrion crows and wild cats.

Thousands Prisoner
Military police are rounding up tens of thousands of German and Rumanian prisoners.

9 of 12 Children In Single Family Serving Country

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Van Coutren of St. Louis announced today that with the enlistment of two of their three daughters in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, nine of their 12 children are serving in some branch of the United States armed forces.

Of the nine boys in the family, six are in the navy and one in the army. One is a policeman. The third daughter is a social service worker in New York.

PORTLAND GIVEN OK ON HOUSING

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—John B. Blandford, Jr., administrator of the National Housing agency, today approved immediate construction of 5,040 barracks-type dormitory accommodations for war workers in the Portland, Ore.—Vancouver, Wash., area.

The project, designed for temporary housing of incoming workers, will be completed 30 days after selection of a site and will cost \$1,900,000, Blandford said. When it is completed it will bring the total of public housing units in the area to more than 40,000.

BAPTISTS BALK AT VICTORY TAX PAY BY CONGREGATION

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Kentucky Baptists declared today that many of their congregations will have to "go to jail" because of their refusal to pay the Victory tax on ministers is collected at the source.

In the case of ministers, the source would be the church and the Baptists, in a committee report by the executive board of Kentucky Baptists, object to the church being considered a corporation and their pastors as "employees."

John D. Freeman, editor of the Western Recorder, publication of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, who issued the protest, said his church's objection "hinges on the traditionally rigid Baptist tenet of the separation of church and state."

Freeman said ministers do not object to paying the five percent Victory tax, but declared the provision to collect it at the source "will force our churches to become agents of the federal government."

THIRD BIG FIRE

Quebec, Dec.—(U.P.)—The third big fire in two days blazed in Quebec today, sweeping through six stores in the St. Roch section of the city.

JACKSON COUNTY SLAYER GRANTED PRISON PAROLE

Albert W. Reed Given Conditional Commutation—Ten Years Served on Term.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A conditional commutation of sentence became effective today for Albert W. Reed, convicted in Jackson county of second degree murder and a prisoner for over 10 years.

Commutation of Reed's life sentence was granted by Gov. Charles Sprague on recommendation of the state parole board.

Reed was convicted in Medford, February, 1932, for the murder of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, on the night of November 18, 1931. Indicted with him were two companions, Paul McQuade and Lee Jackson. All were from Denver, Colo., and were on an auto trip through-out the Pacific Coast. McQuade and Jackson were never apprehended. Reed, arrested at his home in Longmont, Colo., on Christmas eve, 1931, was returned here shortly afterwards.

Knott was slain when, with Roy Layman, another policeman in a police prowl car, he stopped two men for questioning near the Enders warehouse. Great excitement prevailed in Ashland, and there was talk of lynching. The car in which the thugs escaped was found near Footh Creek, the following day. Reed claimed he was drinking a cup of coffee in an Ashland hamburger stand when the killing occurred, and witnesses provided affidavits to this effect after his trial.

Reed was defended by Attorneys Gus Newbury and Don R. Newbury, appointed by the court.

Japanese Massacre 13,000 Chinese Poor

Chungking, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A Central News Agency dispatch today charged that Japanese troops, in their campaign in Kiangsi and Chekiang provinces last summer, massacred 13,000 Chinese peasants.

The Kiangnan district on the border of the two provinces suffered particularly, the agency said. But the agency reported that Chinese in that area obtained some revenge by killing about 500 Japanese soldiers during the three-month occupation.

BULLETIN

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.) The Office of Price Administration announced today that it will adopt a "new and tougher" policy next week to cover issuance of "B" and "C" gasoline ration books in the east.

MORE MENTIONED FOR LEGISLATURE

New names have appeared in the list of prospective appointees to fill the shoes, pro tem, of Representative-elect Frank J. Van Dyke of Ashland, unable due to army duties to attend the legislative session, starting January 11. An appointment by the county court is scheduled within the week.

Newly mentioned possibilities were Ben Harder, former banker, and Attorney J. F. Fliegel, both of Medford, and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point district farmer. Reports said Harder's name was mentioned by Medford businessmen.

Previously mentioned candidates were Charles A. Wing, R. F. Kyle and Ike Staples, Medford, and Fred Holmes, Ralph Billings and William Briggs, Jr., Ashland. Billings is understood not to want the berth.

BIGGEST BOMBERS PUMMEL MUNICH

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A powerful force of Great Britain's biggest bombers raided Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party, during the night and started large fires, the air ministry announced today.

A "great weight" of bombs were dropped.

Battling through a heavy screen of enemy night fighters and thick clouds, and over a furious bombardment of anti-aircraft fire, the great British bombers penetrated 500 miles into enemy-held Europe to blast the Bavarian capital where a shabby, frustrated Hitler 20 years ago nursed his hatred for mankind.

Twelve British planes were lost, the air ministry announced—an indication that perhaps up to 250 planes had engaged in the raid.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The Agriculture department announced today that it will pay a subsidy of 28 cents a hundred pounds for milk delivered in Chicago during December.

AMERICANS BLAST JAP SUB BASE ON ISLAND OF KISKA

Violent Explosions Noted—Attackers All Return—Solomons Bases Suffer.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—U. S. bombers have heavily blasted the Japanese submarine base on Kiska Island in the Aleutians, setting off violent explosions, and at the other end of the Pacific front have smashed again at enemy bases and shipping in the Solomons.

The attack on Kiska, second in three days, was carried out Sunday. Apparently it was unusually severe. The American bombers were escorted by fighter planes, a navy communique said, and executed "a heavy, coordinated attack."

"Hits were scored and heavy explosions were observed in the vicinity of the submarine base," the navy said. "Camp areas and buildings were bombed and strafed. All U. S. planes returned."

On December 17, army consolidated B-24 heavy bombers had left several fires burning after blasting shore installations on the enemy's northernmost outpost.

Busy in Solomons
In the Solomons, army flying fortresses on Monday (last night), attacked two Japanese cargo ships off the southern end of Bougainville island, northwest of Guadalcanal, and scored one direct hit and several near hits. One enemy ship was setting fire to the stern when last seen.

This attack brought Japanese ship casualties in the Solomons to 143—33 sunk, five probably sunk, and 85 damaged. American ship losses in that campaign stand at 28 sunk and an undischarged number damaged.

On Sunday and Monday flying fortresses carried out the 11th and 12th attacks since December 9 on the enemy's new air base at Munda on New Georgia island, 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

BRITISH SOFTEN UP NIP BURMA ROAD

New Delhi, India, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A British communique reported today that Royal Air Force fighter planes again had attacked the vital Japanese base of Akyab in western Burma, apparently softening up enemy defenses in preparation for an assault by ground forces believed to have advanced to within less than 45 miles of the city.

The RAF formation, the communique said, swept over the city and neighboring area yesterday at low level, blasting objectives with cannon and machine guns. The British reported damage specifically to the important Akyab airfield, gun positions and a medium-sized steamer in Satyogya creek.

RED ARMY TAKES LARGE DON TOWN

Moscow, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Red army forces on the central Don front stormed a big town today and swept on toward their objective of trapping the bulk of the armies Adolf Hitler used in his 1942 summer campaign.

(Although the Soviet noon communique did not disclose the name of the town, it might be Millerovo, an important junction on the Voronezh-Rostov railway, only 120 miles from Rostov.)

The Germans, knowing that if Col. Gen. N. K. Vatutin and his Red armies, reached Rostov, all their forces from high above Stalingrad to the Caucasus mountains would be trapped, counterattacked with desperate violence southwest of Stalingrad.