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ALLIES, GERMANS SWAP BOMBS

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Berlin propagandists heralded the landing of their paratroopers on Kos island as a great offensive through which their bombers eventually might range to Cairo and cut off the Suez trade canal route. The fact is that the Nazis have insufficient bombers to cut anything anywhere. They cannot even make a showing in their British night raids.

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HITLER picked out these fly specks as objectives solely for home propaganda effect. The attack merely measures the extent of German desperation in search for some victory to feed the home people. The condition of the German air force likewise is growing desperate. A signifi-

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SCU REVIEW TO ATTRACT THROG

Hundreds of civilians are expected to attend the retreat ceremony and formal review of the Service Command Unit at Camp White today between 5 and 6 p. m. The review will be held on the SCU parade grounds. The new elephant train, constructed by post engineers, to be used as a shuttle bus for the military personnel of the camp, will be formally presented to Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, post commander.

POLICE HOLD SUSPECT IN SLAYING OF WAC

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Police said today they are holding a "definite suspect" in the slaying of attractive WAC Lt. Naomi Kathleen Cheney, 25, who was beaten to death in a ravine near a busy highway.

COTTON DECREASE

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The agriculture department today placed this year's cotton crop at 11,478,000 bales, a decrease of 201,000 bales from last month's estimate and nearly 1,200,000 bales below last year's crop.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Van Gilbert donning glad rags to enjoy the Elks Old Timers' night and also his birthday, the two events coinciding.

Observant subscribers hastening to call attention to publication of the wrong cut in yesterday's paper.

Ted Horneker returning from his vacation just in time to root for the Cardinals.

LONDON HAS THIRD AIR RAID ALARM; FORTRESSES BUSY

Bremen Gets Pounding After British Pilots Stage Block-Buster Raid on Germany.

London, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—An alarm sounded in London tonight for the third straight night.

By United Press

American planes loosed new bomb loads on the German Reich today as Soviet armies slashed through the German winter line in Russia and Allied forces in the Mediterranean, aided by Balkan patriots, brought a crushing weight of armed might to bear on Hitler's Europe.

Flying Fortresses attacked the German U-boat base at Bremen a few hours after British planes returned from a night of block-buster assaults on Germany.

Anglo-American forces massed to plunge over the flooded Volturno river toward Rome. American and British officers were reported at Yugoslav Partisan headquarters observing the operations against the Germans in a possible contact mission presaging an invasion thrust.

Fighting was said to have broken out on the island of Crete near which British forces were battling the Germans to regain the initiative in a struggle for control of the Aegean sea. These developments were part of those occurring the past 24 hours during which the battle of Europe blazed with mounting fury on all fronts:

Reds Drive On

1. Rolling in fresh strength after a week's rest, the Red army drove to within 65 miles of the Latvian border, plunged over the Dnieper river to threaten Kiev and made a bid to trap thousands of Nazi troops.

2. Anglo-American Fifth army troops reached the Volturno, first natural barrier above Naples, on a 17-mile front after capturing the key center of Capua while in eastern Italy the British Eighth army beat off determined but futile enemy counterattacks.

3. Great British air fields struck heavily at Stuttgart and raided Munich and Friedrichshafen, losing only seven planes, while the Germans weakly hit at London.

4. Allied warships wrecked a Nazi convoy in the Aegean in the first sea battle in that area of the war. British troops, holding doggedly to Cos, Leros and Samos, were revealed to be on the islet of Simi, off Rhodes, where a German attack was repulsed.

Russian armies marched on a 1,000-mile front in what appeared to be the pay-off offensive to throw the Germans finally back to the Balkan, Polish and Baltic borders.

Kiev Capture Near Steady reinforcements and tanks poured into the Dnieper bridgeheads. Capture of Kiev, ancient capital of the Ukraine, appeared to be only a matter of time.

The Dnieper line which Hitler ordered held whatever happened was opened wide in at least three places, two of them north and south of Kiev and one below Kremenchuk.

Southward, the Russians were cleaning out the Taman peninsula, while the pace of the whole offensive seemed likely to catch German armies in the Crimea and around Dnepropetrovsk and Zaporozhe.

In the north, Nevel, gateway to the Latvian border, was in Russian hands and Red armies were driving beyond.

Radio Highlights

The Michigan-Notre Dame football game will be broadcast by KMED Saturday starting at 11:45 a. m. Medford time. No Pacific coast game will be carried.

Studies of radioactivity place the age of the earth at more than 2,000,000,000 years.

Enemy Prisoners Exchanged



These Jap business men, diplomats, and their families aboard a tug in Montevideo Harbor, en route to Portuguese Porto de Goa, where they will be exchanged for Chilean prisoners interned by the Nazis in Germany.

Germans Making Peace Approach Is Assertion of Stockholm Paper

Stockholm, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The Stockholm Social-Demokraten said today that the Germans are attempting to contact the United States and Britain through Lisbon and Madrid on the possibility of arranging a peace following the collapse of a peace bid to Russia.

The newspaper attributed the report to "well-informed" sources in Berlin and said German military authorities were supporting the peace move because the army is unable to obtain sufficient supplies to continue even a defensive war indefinitely.

Nazi attempts to arrange a

separate peace with Russia broke down, Social-Demokraten said, when the Soviets said the Germans would have to withdraw to their pre-war frontiers and turn over Adolf Hitler to them before they would even discuss terms.

Details of the German-Russian exchange, which was said to have been carried on through the Japanese, were revealed in a confidential report which the military spokesman of a German vassal state made recently to representatives of various political groups in his country, the newspaper said.

CRATER VISITATION REDUCED BY WAR; 27,656 COUNTED

But 27,656 persons visited Crater Lake National Park during the 1943 season which ended September 30, according to E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent, and of this number 6,392 were members of the armed services. Comparing these figures with the record attendance of 273,564 persons in 1941, and the 100,079 visiting the park during the 1942 season, the effect of war on tourist travel can readily be seen.

Travel from outside the nation was practically non-existent, the record showing one car from Hawaii carrying six persons and one from Canada carrying two travelers. Cars numbered 7,387 and from all but three states are shown on the records of the season just closed.

Cars from Oregon made up the largest portion of these traveling to the park and numbered 5,573. They carried 21,778 persons. California cars numbered 830 and carried 2,888 persons. The state of Washington was next with 298 cars and 918 passengers. Most of the far eastern states are represented on the list, though several with but one car. Forty-three Texas cars were listed, with 143 passengers.

Mr. Leavitt stated yesterday that the park will remain open as long as the weather continues good, but that it will be closed after the first fall storm. He pointed out that cloudy weather is not good for visiting the lake because of the low-hanging clouds and mist.

Mr. Leavitt stated that during the past season the national park service all over the country had been reduced to the lowest minimum compatible with safety in order that men and equipment might be released for the war effort.

Yesterday Major O. A. Tomlinson, regional director of the National Park Service for region four, stopped briefly in Medford to confer with Superintendent Leavitt. The director was en route to his office in San Francisco after visiting northern parks, including McKinley park in Alaska.

JAPS HALTED IN NANKING DRIVE

Chungking, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—An eight-pronged Japanese offensive which reached its peak momentum four days ago has been stopped by determined Chinese counterattacks in the Nanking-Hangchow region, Major General C. C. Tseng, military spokesman, said today.

During their forward surge, the Japanese re-took the city of Kwang-Teh, 100 kilometers northwest of Hangchow, for the fifth time in six years, the spokesman said. He predicted speedy Chinese recovery of the city, which he said never has remained in enemy hands for more than three days.

Al Jolson Stricken On Return Home

New York, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Al Jolson, stage screen and radio singer who returned last week from a 22,000-mile tour of troops in north Africa, was confined to his hotel today with pneumonia and malaria.

"He is a very sick man and spent a bad night," his nurse said. She added that he was "holding his own."

The 57-year-old singer became ill on Monday.

Bern, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—German soldiers who fought at Stalingrad said they would rather undergo the horrors of that battle again than experience a second Royal Air force bomber raid on a reich city, a Swiss traveler just back from Germany reported today.

The traveler's account, published by the Berner Tagblatt, said people went insane, children were struck dumb and thousands of bodies of bomb victims were buried in mass graves.

One worker whose wife and children were burned to death cried out in imitation of Hitler's voice, the fuhrer's words "We will wipe out their cities," the traveler said.

The city referred to was not identified but it was believed

Japs In Mass Flight From Solomons

OFFENSIVE DRIVE VIA PHILIPPINES CHANDLER'S PLEA

Kentucky Senator Says MacArthur's Battle Plan Best, Shortest to Japan.

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Sen. A. B. Chandler, D., Ky., asserted today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's battle plan for an offensive via the Philippines "is our best and shortest road to Japan."

Chandler, one of five senators who recently visited battlefields around the world, told a press conference that he doubted the value of the Burma road as an avenue of attack against Japan.

"MacArthur's plan to take Mindanao and cut off the Japanese from Sumatra and Java and go on through the Philippines is our best and shortest road to Japan," he said.

Chandler called for delivery of vastly greater war supplies to MacArthur to reinforce his drives against the Japanese, and said:

"We should reinforce our islands or give them up; we should support our generals or turn them out."

Chandler talked with reporters after delivering a speech at a closed senate session in which he called for an offensive to establish heavy bomber bases on the Pacific coast of China.

KNOX PREDICTS WRECK OF ROME

San Juan, P. R., Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox predicted today that the Germans will wreck Rome like they did Naples when forced to retreat from the city.

Knox made his prediction at a press conference during a stopover on the last leg of a 20,000-mile tour which took him to all major bases in the European and African theaters.

7,700,000 Army Figure To Stand

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The projected goal of a 7,700,000-man army will not be increased unless such action is required by an emergency or "changing military plans," Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today.

Testifying before the Byrd joint congressional economy committee, Patterson said that Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, urgently desires "that at no time shall there be a man in uniform whose services are not required."

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16-YEAR-OLD BOY ADMITS KILLING CLATSKANIE PAIR

Detective-Story-Reading R. Meyers Says He Slew to Gain Much-Wanted Gun.

Tillamook, Ore., Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Robert Meyers, a 16-year-old reader of detective stories—who didn't want to wait until he was 21 to obtain a pistol—today confessed to the murder of Julius Olavsen, whose body was found in a well last month, and Olavsen's housekeeper, Annie Borglund, that he might steal a pistol from the Olavsen home in Clatskanie.

State Police Capt. Wayne Gurdane said Meyers signed a confession to having stolen a small rifle, with which he shot the two victims on Sept. 2, and returning the rifle to his own house after stealing the Olavsen pistol.

Shot Woman First According to the confession Meyers, who assertedly had previously amused himself by "fooling the police," shot the woman in the back after she had come onto the Olavsen porch in response to his call. He then followed her into the house, where he shot her twice more, Gurdane reported.

Meyers then lay in wait for Olavsen, shooting him in the back as he stepped upon the porch and placing the body in a well on the Olavsen place.

State police and sheriff's officers of Columbia county traced Meyers through bullets found in the bodies. When the owner of the rifle was established, Meyers' connection came to light, said Gurdane.

TOJO BENEFITS IN CABINET SHAKEUP

(By United Press) Two Japanese cabinet ministers have been relieved of their posts in a new reshuffling of Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo's wartime administration, Tokyo radio reported today.

The Japanese board of information said Communications Minister Vice Admiral Kentaro Hiroshima and state minister and president of the cabinet planning board, Lt. Gen. Sadachichi Suzuki were relieved of their jobs.

Effect of the new shakeup was to establish Tojo more firmly as absolute director of Japan's war effort at a time when the imperial military fortunes were suffering serious reverses throughout the Pacific fighting front.

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Hitler Pep Talk Reassures Leaders

London, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The German DNB news agency reported today that Adolf Hitler summoned a number of Nazi leaders to his headquarters yesterday to hear a pep talk based on reassurances that the Germans could not lose the war if they kept on giving their all.

"We will strike everywhere and never flag until our aim has been reached," a broadcast DNB dispatch quoted Hitler as telling his henchmen.

PORTUGAL PLANS WAR ON JAPAN, IS HINT IN MADRID

Madrid, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Reports from Lisbon said there was considerable activity and excitement in government quarters and that the national assembly would meet today in special session to hear a "most important" statement by the government.

(London observers interpreted the Madrid dispatch as indicating the expectation of a Portuguese declaration of war against Japan, which has been predicted for some time.)

The reports said some families had begun an exodus from the capital to the country, and the war ministry had requisitioned all private automobiles for military service.

Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar granted a private audience yesterday to the Japanese minister. The Spanish ambassador, Nicolas Franco, was in Madrid. The papal nunciatures at Lisbon and Madrid also were unusually active.

(The Nazi-controlled Vichy radio, reporting the meeting of the Portuguese premier and the Japanese ambassador, said that "in political circles it is thought that the conversation dealt with the island of Timor, at present occupied by Japanese forces.")

FOOD HOARDERS RECEIVE PARDON

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Pre-rationing food hoarders—persons who contributed to the need for rationing—have received a virtual pardon from the office of price administration, it was disclosed today.

They will not be required to surrender more ration stamps to pay for their hoards.

When ration book No. 2 was issued, all persons were required to declare the amount of canned foods on hand in excess of what was considered normal. Some stamps from the new book were taken out as "payment" for excess stocks and it was planned to take more out of subsequent books to complete the payments.

Ration book No. 3, however, was distributed by mail and the debt of holders of excess stocks was overlooked. Now an OPA spokesman has announced that no stamps will be taken out of ration book 4 which will be distributed between October 20 and 30.

BENITO ASKS BELIEF IN DIET AND HIMSELF

Bern, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Frontier reports said today that Benito Mussolini had prescribed the following oath for members of his new puppet government:

"I believe in God, Lord of Heaven and earth, in His justice and truth and I believe in the resurrection of betrayed Italy. I believe in Mussolini and in our victory. To arms, Italians, against the invader."

Peat bogs are subject to disastrous fires after drainage has dried them out.

HUNDREDS KILLED TRYING TO LEAVE BESIEGED ISLAND

Overwater Route Blacked by American Ships—Planes Hammer at Barges, Bases

By Don Caswell United Press Staff Correspondent Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The Japanese are in full flight from the Central Solomons under a storm of American bombs and gunfire littering the seas with bodies and blazing barges, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in a triumphant communique today.

Abandoning a three-month struggle to hold the islands guarding the southern flank of their great stronghold at Rabaul, New Britain, the Japanese were using barges and small warships at the northern end of Kolombangara island in a desperate attempt to evacuate the troops to Bougainville, 100 miles to the northwest.

The main enemy base at Vila, on the southern tip of Kolombangara, has been deserted and rear guards are streaming northward to join the evacuation, leaving the island open to bloodless occupation.

For Several Nights "For the past several nights, by barge and small warship, an attempt at evacuation has been progressing," MacArthur's communique said.

"Many barges have been sunk with great loss of enemy life, and some of his troops undoubtedly have escaped to safety. The enemy's struggle to evacuate continues."

While isolated bands of enemy troops still were believed fighting on Vella Lavella island, just north of Kolombangara, and entrenched on Choiseul, to the northeast, the victory apparently gave the American forces under Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr., control of the Central Solomons.

Sales Tax Claimed Small Income Load

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Two witnesses testified before the house ways and means committee today that a proposed 10 per cent federal sales tax would place an unfair burden on small income groups.

The proposed sales levy has been gaining congressional support as a substitute for the administration's plan to raise \$10,500,000,000 additional yearly revenue through increased income, excise and gift and estate taxes.

The Japanese high command asserted today that its naval and army units at Wake Island "repulsed" an attack by "large enemy forces" during Oct. 6 and 7, Tokyo radio reported in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

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BRIAN DONLEVY ILL Hollywood, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Film Star Brian Donlevy was in Santa Monica Hospital with appendicitis today but a respiratory infection caused physicians to delay an operation. Dr. Carl Lewis, his physician, said Donlevy was stricken in Illinois last week while on a service-camp tour.

FREIGHT LOADINGS UP

Washington, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended October 2 totaled 910,643 cars, the most since October 25, 1941, according to a report by the Association of American Railroads today.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—The body of Lt. Charles Closson, who was killed near El Paso last night in an automobile accident, was being sent to his home in Santa Fe, N. M., today.