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Come On -- Paper & Tin!

The brutal and bloody battles of Belgium and Germany and the stubborn resistance of the Japanese in the Philippines should dispel any thought that quick victory is "in the bag". Many campaigns must still be won and many sacrifices made before plans and production should center too much upon post-war problems.

The possibility of new and devastating secret weapons devised by the resourceful and desperate foe should not be counted out either. The Germans are now claiming an "atomic" bomb that will cause everything in its neighborhood to disintegrate, animals to fall apart into their atoms, and the woods to fly to pieces. Tokyo radio hints darkly of new long-range robots more destructive than those used in Europe thus far.

THERE is an obvious propaganda to these stories, but yet the gravest mistake that can be made is to under-estimate the enemy. Secret weapons CAN appear—and probably will—before the war is over. The surest way to win is to smash at the Nazis and the Japs with everything we have and crush them BEFORE they spring a technological "ace in the hole" to prolong the suffering and the fighting.

Battlefront victories cannot be won without home front backing. Japanese workers at a Tokyo war plant have pledged to work from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week in an effort to increase production 80 per cent. That's a 108 hour week. It won't win the war for them in the end, but it is something for us to ponder. With our vastly greater capacity to wage war, a little extra effort on the part of everyone will certainly speed victory.

THE salvage of more paper and tin is but one of several home-front jobs in which EVERYONE can have a part in quickening the march to victory. Collecting waste paper and saving tin cans may seem inconsequential but they are not. More than 700,000 items needed to keep our forces supplied in their global operations are made or wrapped with paper and cardboard. Tin, so urgently needed for hundreds of war requirements, was deprived to us in adequate quantities when the Japs captured the Dutch East Indies and Malaya. The ubiquitous tin-can, which Americans discard annually by the billions, must help to fill the gap.

A PAPER salvage drive will begin here Wednesday, and the tin can collection will be conducted early in March. It is time right now to gather all available waste paper, package it in conformance with salvage specifications, and have it ready for Medford and Jackson County school youngsters who will, once more, handle the campaign. Tin cans should be packed away in boxes in readiness for that drive to follow.

Every Jackson County home should have a part in these two highly important wartime efforts.—H.G.

Roosevelt Is Right, But —

President Roosevelt is right regarding a national service law. Such a law should have been passed when we entered the war,—every other combatant nation did so. Our failure to pass a UNIVERSAL service law then, undoubtedly has delayed victory and will increase our costs in blood and treasure. An unforgivable—even a criminal,—price to pay!

BETTER late than never however, and this measure should now be rushed through and placed in operation, at the earliest possible moment.

But it won't be unless President Roosevelt adopts a different attitude than he did a year ago, when he made the same recommendation.

For then, as all will recall, the President urged the passage of such a law, and then did nothing to secure it.

THE popular explanation at the time was politics. A presidential election was in the offing, F.D.R. would be the Democratic candidate, organized labor opposed such a law, so-o-o-o-o.

While the President appreciated such action was direly needed, and no doubt was entirely sincere in his desire to see the measure passed, he decided there was no reason why HE should stick HIS head out, incur the opposition of organized labor and in all probability lose the election,—turn the White House over to the G.O.P. in the midst of a life and death global conflict! So the Commander-in-Chief did nothing.

The entire matter went by default!

IT will go by default this year, also, unless the President gives such a measure more than lip service, backs up his message-recommendation with his whole-hearted and aggressive leadership and support.

For naturally there is strong opposition to such action. It does mean a sacrifice. It is even claimed the war can be won as quickly without as with it. This is NOT true. But it is the opposition argument, and will be supported just as strongly now, as it was a year ago.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, however returns for his 4th term with greater prestige, stronger personal power over the congress than ever before. As far as war legislation goes he can have anything he wants and insists upon.

In other words a universal service law will be passed if the President INSISTS upon it. It won't be if he does NOT insist.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt has always been keenly aware of the verdict of history and the place he will occupy in it.

We trust he is now aware of the truly momentous decision, that it is now up to him,—and to him alone,—to make!

GREEK AND POLE SITUATIONS FRET, CONGRESS HEARS

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt, admitting his concern over the Greek and Polish situations, told congress today that it is the purpose of the United States and its allies to "respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they live."

Furthermore, Mr. Roosevelt said in his annual message on the state of the union, this country and its allies propose "to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them."

The president declared that "1945 can and must see the substantial beginning of the organization of world peace." This statement was accepted as an intimation that a United Nations conference is in prospect and that from it may emerge a peace-machinery treaty for senate consideration.

The United States, he said, will not hesitate to use its influence—"and to use it now—to secure so far as is humanly possible the fulfillment of the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

Acknowledging that differences existed among the allies, the president warned against exploiting and exaggerating these disagreements, particularly those concerning the liberated people.

"I should not be frank if I did not admit concern about many situations—the Greek and Polish for example, he said. But those situations are not as easy or as simple to deal with as some spokesmen whose sincerity I do not question would have us believe.

ATHENS PENINSULA CLEARED OF ELAS

Athens, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—British armored forces cleared the entire Athens peninsula southeast of the capital today and battled to reduce an ELAS strong point in a mountain defile 25 miles to the northwest.

Tanks and infantry made rapid progress through Eleusis, Magoula, Mandra, Aspropirgos and Ruos west and northwest of Athens, but came to a temporary halt in the Carikasa defile under fire from ELAS 75-millimeter guns, mortars and rifles in the heights.

Seven ELAS troops were killed in the advance northwest from Athens, and 14 others were captured. Other British armored columns ranged from southern Athens to the tip of the Athens peninsula, 25 air miles to the southeast, without opposition.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer. Although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible, the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Horse Shoe Club Gives Thanks To the editor: Members of the Medford Horseshoe club take this means of expressing their appreciation and thanks to the mayor and city council in the building of the new horseshoe court in the city park.

The club would also like to thank the following business firms for their friendly help and cooperation: California Oregon Power Co., Bergman Spring Shop, Big Pines Lumber Co., Eckerson Paint Store, Stamper & Goff Hardware store, Porter Lumber Co., Economy Seed & Feed Co., Pittsburg Paint store, and Webb & Carlon Paint store.

The court is now ready to play on but is not completely finished. We plan to set out shrubbery and sow grass between each court. When finished it will be one of the most attractive courts on the coast. When the boys come back from over there they are going to enjoy the old game of horseshoe. Doctors say it is one of the healthiest exercises one can take.

The Medford Horseshoe Club JAPANESE RELIEF SHIP SAILS WITH SUPPLIES By United Press

The Japanese relief ship Hoshi-Maru, scheduled to leave Moji, Japan, yesterday with supplies for American prisoners of war in occupied China, sailed today, the foreign ministry said in a statement broadcast by the Tokyo radio and recorded by the FCC.

The statement said departure had been postponed "due to delay in arrival of a reply from the U. S. government guaranteeing safety of navigation."

Women comprise 39 per cent of the workers employed in the airframe industry of plane production in the United States, according to the war manpower commission.



CAGED JAPS—Lt. Enrique Carason (right foreground), Provost Marshal of Cadre Malitog, Leyte, stands beside cage in which Jap civilians are imprisoned. The Japs were captured after they swam ashore from Nip ship sunk off coast. Filipinos respected civilian standing status, didn't kill them.

Swingtime in Washington



The singing family of Senator Glen M. Taylor of Idaho settle down for a little jam session at the home of friends in the national capital. The Taylors, hit by the housing shortage, keep their instruments and baggage at the friends' home while they themselves live in a nearby hotel. Left to right: Paul Jon. 3; Senator Taylor; Mrs. Dora Taylor and Arod. 2.

OBITUARY

THOMAS DIXON

Thomas Dixon, 83, a resident of this community for the past 20 years, passed away at his home near Central Point, Saturday evening. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris chapel.

ELSIE M. ROYSTON

Services for Mrs. Elsie M. Royston, 20, wife of Victor Royston, will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel 2:30 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in Logtown cemetery. Mrs. Royston passed away Saturday.

She was born on Forrest creek August 25, 1924. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Arleda; her mother, Mrs. Eva McVay, Jacksonville and three sisters and four brothers; Mrs. Lulu Matney, Jacksonville; Mrs. Josephine Locatelli and Mrs. Mabel Culver, Daly City, Calif.; T-cpl. Chester E. Carter, with the army in France; Cpl. Francis W. Carter, Florida; Arthur Carter, U. S. army; and John W. Carter, Medford.

JAMES M. WALLS

The remains of James M. Walls, 78, Rt. 4, Medford, who passed away Saturday, were forwarded Monday evening to Plainview, Texas, by the Conger-Morris chapel for services and interment.

He was born in Arkansas, Aug. 16, 1868 and for many years lived near Plainview, Texas, moving to Medford about two months ago. Ten of twelve children survive; Mrs. Bessie Caswell, Mrs. Virgie Baker, Alvin and L. W. Walls, all of Texas; Mrs. Stella Stone, James and Melvin Walls, California; Mrs. Dealle Hall, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Zeffie Graves and Nelson Walls, Medford. There are also 63 grandchildren, 14 of whom are in the service, and 34 great grandchildren, one of whom is in the service.

MISSIONARY HELD BY JAPS, TO SPEAK HERE Miss Geneva Sayre, who spent some years in China and was held in a Japanese concentration camp, will speak at the Free Methodist church, West 10th and Ivy streets, Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. The public is invited to attend and hear Miss Sayre's thrilling message.

Approximately 35,000 orders are handled weekly by a typical army ordnance depot in the United States.

BOY'S GLOVE IS CLUE IN BRUTAL MURDER OF GIRL

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—A boy's glove, traced from the manufacturer to the buyer, led to the arrest of Myron Semunchick, honor student at Vandling, Pa., high school and his confession that he attempted to assault and then killed Mae Barrett, 9-year-old neighbor girl, District Attorney James J. Brady announced today.

The 13-year-old youth, a star basketball player, confessed today to the brutal killing and the attempted assault of the girl last Tuesday night, Brady said. Semunchick will be arraigned in juvenile court later today.

The youth, who had joined in a community-wide search for the girl when she was reported missing last Tuesday night, was apprehended and questioned after police found a hand glove near the battered body of the young school girl.

Brady said state police and Lackawanna county detectives traced the glove from a manufacturer at Galeton, Pa., to a retailer at Carbondale and then to the boy's mother, Mrs. Metro Semunchick.

Wear and tear on the glove indicated that it was worn by a person having a deformed fourth finger. Semunchick has such a deformity.

MEDFORD SAILOR AMONG OREGONIANS IN REUNION

When 11 soldiers and sailors met recently at an island base in the south Pacific for an "Oregon" reunion, sponsored by the Red Cross, one of the 11 was Ruben Strong, machinist's mate third class of Medford. The men posed for their pictures, holding a big Oregon sign.

Records at the office of the selective service board show that Strong lists Mrs. E. O. Walden, 1715 North Riverside avenue, as next-of-kin. He has been in the navy since September of 1943.

CLOCK KEEPS HENS ON JOB

Woodinville, Wash. (U.P.)—An electric time clock which controls the lights in a dozen chicken houses keeps 35,000 hens on Dr. Walter A. Moore's farm at peak wartime production. The clock clicks on lights and rouses the hens at 4 a. m., giving the birds a 13-hour shift. They then have plenty of time to scratch around and work at high production rates, Moore explains.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 19. 20. and 24 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1933 (It Was Tuesday) Bruno Hauptmann, charged with kidnaping Col. Lindbergh's baby, calls taxi driver "liar" when he is identified as passenger.

Loss of control of oil and gasoline production severe blow to NRA.

Snow now 20 inches deep on Siskiyou summit.

Owner of KMED sued by president of "Good Government Congress" for refusal to give time on air.

Federal debt of more than \$1 billion dollars predicted by end of year by treasurer.

Unsettled with rain. High 37, low 31 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1925 (It Was Thursday) Senate passes Underwood bill calling for private operation of Muscle Shoals.

No revision of state auto and gas tax laws by legislature likely.

Navy secretary says economy policy of president checks 5-5-3 program. Washington apartment house owners irked by presidential ending of war time rents.

Rain. High 37, low 34 degrees.

General gas now on sale in city.

Street committee urges placing of waste paper cans on Main street.

Power of Mussolini in Italy wanes. Chamber of deputies stages hot row at session.

Espee buys 16 new locomotives.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1911. (It Was Sunday) Next Friday is the 13th.

County court asked by Eagle Point resident to lay out a wagon road to near the Henry French ranch.

City election to be held Tuesday.

COPS QUIET HUNTERS

Harrisburg, Ill.—(U.P.)—The Harrisburg police force was called to maintain order when a hardware store put 350 boxes of shotgun shells, 15 shells to the box, on sale recently. Approximately 500 would-be purchasers lined the sidewalk in front of the store and when they couldn't buy the size they wanted, they took another size, with the idea of swapping with somebody who needed that size or borrowing a neighbor's shotgun to fit the shells.

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