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WARMER

FAR EASTERN SITUATION TENSE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE spotlight shifts today to the Japs, who seem to be getting ready to shoot. Their proposed target is still uncertain, but appears to be Indo-China.

INDO-CHINA is French. The Japanese are believed today to have made demands on the Vichy government for sweeping concessions. The Vichy government is believed to have yielded to the demands.

Back of Vichy, of course, are the Germans, saying: "Give the Japanese what they want—or else!"

The Japs want air and naval bases.

THE German purpose in egging the Japs on to make demands on Indo-China and in prodding Vichy into complying with the demands is to embroil the United States in war in the Pacific, thus cutting down U. S. aid to Britain.

The Jap purpose is swag. Swag is sorely needed to offset Japanese losses in China.

SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX, asked if recent developments in the Far East mean new military moves, answers:

"Yes. I look for movement out there—very soon."

Asked: "Is the American fleet prepared to do whatever is necessary to carry out our position in the Far East?" he answers:

"Yes."

THIS writer, along with all ordinary readers of the newspapers, is guessing. Secretary Knox, with access to army and navy intelligence and state department reports, is not guessing. He knows what is in the wind.

He may be running a bluff on the Japs—telling them what to expect if they start shooting. His bluff may work. Or it may not. Time will tell.

THE Japs are a canny lot. They know they might get Indo-China without shooting. In that event, they would have a sackful of valuable loot and might be able to sit on the fence until the outcome of the German-Russian ruckus is more clearly discernible.

If, by that time, their interest lies clearly in going to war on Germany's side they would have excellent bases for an attack on Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and what have you.

If the Germans don't do so well in Russia, Indo-China would provide them with some fine trading stock for a dealer with Britain and the United States.

THE Germans bomb Moscow a second time last night, claiming terrific damage. The Russians assert that from the standpoint of military objectives the raid was a dud.

What the Germans are after is shaking Russian morale—hoping for a crack-up behind the lines. As to that, we shall have to wait and see. Morale is an unpredictable factor.

IN Washington, Sumner Welles, assistant secretary of state, takes a hand in the propaganda war, making a cornerstone-laying speech in which he assures ALL PEOPLES after the war of a fair peace and equal opportunities (if our side wins).

That is an invitation to the German people to kick Hitler out and take a chance on a fair deal at the peace table.

THIS writer's guess is that the Germans WON'T kick Hitler out as long as he is winning. If he begins to lose, it will be a horse of another color.

History teaches us that as long as these world conquerors keep on winning the people at home string along with them.

When they start to LOSE, their troubles begin.

MARSHALL HITS PLAN TO BLOCK ARMY SERVICE

War Department May Ask Right to Send Men Overseas

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Informed sources said today the war department would ask congress tomorrow to give it full authority, through the declaration of an emergency, to use the army outside the western hemisphere.

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—General George C. Marshall denounced today as sabotage of a dangerous character what he said were organized efforts to have draftees petition congress against extending the service of selectees and national guardsmen.

The chief of staff, testifying before the house military committee in behalf of an extension, asserted there had been an organized effort by "countless outside forces" to have members of the first army sign petitions against the proposal.

"Political Club"

Word of the activity, Marshall said, came from Lieutenant General Hugh Drum, commander of the first army.

"We cannot have a political club and call it an army," Marshall said forcefully, adding that the situation could not be ignored and that the men involved would have to be treated "as soldiers."

He did not amplify the statement.

At the outset of his remarks, Marshall told the committee he was now "stymied" on the question of reinforcing the army's small garrison at Trinidad by the one-year limitation on the service of draftees and guardsmen. Although he said he had been pressed for approval of plans to send additional troops to Trinidad, one of the southernmost of the new bases obtained from Britain, he had refused because of the legislative restrictions on the service of selectees and guardsmen.

A provision to excuse certain classes of national guardsmen (Continued on Page Two)

Ecuador Army Blocks Thrust By Peruvians

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, July 23 (AP)—Official Ecuadorian reports said Peruvian troops started a general attack on a 12-mile front on the southern frontier of Ecuador today, but were repulsed and driven out of several of their own outposts.

The Ecuadorian reports said Ecuadorian troops, although greatly outnumbered, pursued the attackers to the other side of the Zarumilla river, and captured Peruvian posts at Aguas Verdes and Brancamoro.

Eight Peruvian planes bombed Puerto Bolivar three times this morning, the Ecuadorians said.

The Peruvian foreign office charged that Ecuadorian troops fired on Peruvian outposts which began July 5.

First clashes were reported near the seaboard, in the Tumbes area. Fighting spread later to the vast area east of the Andean range in the Amazon jungles which had been disputed territory for more than a century.

The latest outbreak followed recent indications that determined efforts by the United States, Argentina and Brazil to get the two countries to settle their dispute peacefully were about to bear fruit.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

July 23, 1940—Britain raises income tax to 42½ per cent. Provisional Czechoslovak government organized.

July 23, 1916—British capture outer works of Pozieres on the Somme front. Von Hindenburg's army falls back south of Riga.

How to Backfire a Mountain

These pictures were made from the Lakeview highway a mile east of Olene, beginning at 5:40 p. m. Tuesday. Fire at that time had burned a black cap on the mountain on the south side of the Olene gap, and was creeping down toward Poe valley grainfields. A trail had been made around the base of the mountain and from this men had started backfiring up the mountainside to meet the base-sweeping flames. These pictures, taken at 5-minute intervals, show the backfire meeting the main blaze.



5:40 P. M.—The backfire (lower left) begins to roll up the steep slope.



5:45 P. M.—Backfire and main fire have met on the upper end.



5:50 P. M.—The unburned strip on the mountainside is now nearly gone and smoke pours from the merged firelines.



5:55 P. M.—The flames die away, leaving the smoking, blackened mountain as an ugly blot on the skyline.

Red Cross Nurses Brought Home After Vessel Torpedoed

NORFOLK, Va., July 23 (AP)—

Their ship torpedoed some 400 miles off the coast of Greenland and en route to Great Britain, four American Red Cross nurses came home yesterday under the strong arm of the US navy with a vivid story of 12 days in an open boat in the north Atlantic.

EARTHQUAKE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—

Light earth shocks were reported in wide-spread parts of the San Francisco bay area at 1:13 p. m., today, but there were no reports of damage. Meteorologists at the University of California said the disturbance was recorded but was too small to measure accurately as to exact time and distance.

Bombs Dropped in Southwest Germany

BERLIN, July 23 (AP)—British

raiders admittedly dropped a large number of high explosives and incendiaries in southwest Germany overnight, but the high command said damage was negligible. In new German air assaults on Britain's sea-borne commerce, it said, a 5,000-ton merchantman was sunk off the English coast.

Nazi Push Halted

MOSCOW SAYS SECOND RAID BY AIR FAILS

10-Day Offensive in Russia Failure, Britain Hears

By The Associated Press
Dispatches from London late today said the impression was gaining ground there that Germany's 10-day-old second big offensive against Russia was exhausting itself in the face of formidable soviet resistance and the difficulties of maintaining supplies.

A British news agency report said German vanguards which reached the outskirts of Smolensk, key city 230 miles from Moscow on the central front, had been driven off.

Smolensk Held
The agency said Smolensk was still in Russian hands, despite official German claims of its capture last week.

German bombers left scores killed and wounded in Moscow today and reported that "vast flaming seas" engulfed the soviet capital, while on the fighting front Adolf Hitler's high command declared Russian troops were suffering "extraordinarily sanguinary losses" everywhere.

Moscow Denies Loss
It was Moscow's second successive night raid.

The Russians, while admitting casualties, fires and bomb-wrecked homes, declared the Moscow assault was a failure. They also insisted that soviet troops were still fighting in the same zones as yesterday.

Hitler's headquarters pictured the red armies as falling back along the entire front in the 32-day-old struggle, suffering terrific losses in attempts to relieve encircled units.

German press dispatches re-

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cleveland	2	5	0
New York	3	7	0
Smith, Heving (5), Brown (8) and Desautels; Russo and Rosar.			
	R	H	E
Chicago	10	17	1
Boston	4	12	3
Lee and Turner; Hughson, Wagner (4), Ryba (6) and Peacock.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Boston	6	12	0
Chicago	1	7	0
Erickson and Berres; Page, French (5), Erickson (8) and McCullough.			

Lady Halifax Gives New Dive-Bomber Name, "Vengeance"

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (AP)—Lady Halifax, wife of the British ambassador, smashed a glass wand of oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive bomber today and declared, "I christen thee Vengeance—newest 'V' in Britain's campaign for victory."

The low-wing monoplane, camouflaged in brown and light green, roared into a take-off then, spiraled to 5000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1000 feet as 5000 aircraft workers cheered.

The ceremony took place at the Vultee Aircraft plant in Downey, near here. Said Lady Halifax, standing on a platform beside her husband:

"Vengeance is the name of this plane—a word that strikes a chill into all of us. But I prefer to think of its mission not as a ruthless, savage vengeance on a nation, but as the vengeance due a minority who would suppress and stifle common decency."

Henderson Hit By Knudsen on Auto Decree

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Lillian S. Knudsen, director of the OPM, said today that an arbitrary 50 per cent reduction in automobile production would cause unemployment, and "we will have to go about it in a cooperative way with the industry."

"You can't just chop off 50 per cent," Knudsen said at a press conference, "or you'll have a lot of people walking the streets."

Knudsen said that Leon Henderson, administrator of price control and civilian supply, had not conferred with him before announcing last week a tentative program for curtailment of auto output which would approximate a 50 per cent reduction.

The cut will be discussed by an industry advisory committee and the details will be worked (Continued on Page Two)

STUKEL MOUNTAIN FIRE BREAKS OUT

Farms in Poe Valley Threatened; Crew Rushed to Line

Huge clouds of smoke rolled up from the Stukel mountain area Wednesday afternoon after a fire, which started near Crystal Springs late Tuesday, broke through the lines on the Poe valley side.

The fire was threatening farms in the Poe Valley area and a farmer sent in a call for men to help him backfire to protect his farm buildings. Tuesday night, the fire burned close to farms in Dixon gulch, on the Klamath valley side, threatening a barn and house on property of Glen Dehlinger.

A busload of fire fighters was sent out from the state employment service here early Wednesday. The fire fight is in charge of County Fire Warden Bain.

Backfiring
By noon Wednesday the fire had blackened the northern foothills of Stukel mountain, proper. There had been considerable backfiring to protect grainfields in Poe valley, and to keep the fire from coming down the hill at Olene gap.

County Judge U. E. Reeder, who was among farmers out (Continued on Page Two)

Carson Elected Legion Commander

EUGENE, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Joseph K. Carson Jr., former mayor of Portland and present regional inspector general for the national civilian defense committee, was elected state department commander of the American Legion today.

Carson was chosen by acclamation at the closing session of the state convention. Art Steele, Clatskanie, the only other nominee, withdrew and seconded Carson's nomination.

Frank Miller, present vice-commander who had been mentioned as a possible candidate, was not nominated.

Powder Warehouse Explodes at Seville

SEVILLE, Spain, July 23 (AP)—An entire powder warehouse, less than four miles from here exploded with terrific force today.

The number of casualties was not immediately known.

Fire swept the warehouse after the blast, which shattered windows throughout the city.

Families were removed from many houses in suburban Heliopolis and Triana, where buildings were weakened by the blast.

JAPS DEMAND ARMY ACCESS TO INDO-CHINA

Troops, Warships on Move in South, Reports Say

VICHY, Unoccupied France, July 23 (AP)—The French admitted tonight that Japan has demanded the right to take military measures in French Indo-China.

At the same time, however, they persisted in denying that the Japanese had presented an ultimatum.

They said the Japanese demanded the right to take military steps because of what is described here as British and Chinese military activity along the Indo-China frontier.

CHUNGKING, China, July 23 (AP)—Thirty Japanese troop transports conveyed by three warships were seen sailing southward past Hongkong five days ago, apparently prepared to back up reported Japanese demands for the right to establish bases in southern Indo-China, the Chinese military intelligence director told foreign correspondents late today.

In addition, the director, Admiral Yang Shuen-Chen, said seven heavy Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted southbound from Japanese waters yesterday.

By The Associated Press
Far East dispatches said today Japan has made sweeping demands for concessions in southern French Indo-China, possible springboard for an attack on Britain's great naval base at Singapore, and that the French had yielded. Simultaneously, a Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Hanoi, the capital of France's oriental colony, said it had been confirmed officially that the Japanese had demanded the use of facilities in southern Indo-China.

Negotiations
By "facilities" it was assumed the Japanese meant airfields and naval bases.

In Vichy, it was officially disclosed that negotiations for Japanese "technical protection" of Indo-China were underway at both Vichy and Hanoi. French authorities asserted that the negotiations started when British troops began massing along the Malaya and Burma boundaries of Indo-China.

Knox Sees Movement

In Washington, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said there was "no question" that recent developments meant new military movements in the Far East.

"I look for movement out there—very soon," Knox said. Asked if the United States fleet was in a position to do "whatever is necessary to carry out our policy in the Far East," Knox replied:

"Yes." Conferences between French Admiral Jean Decoux, governor-general of Indo-China, and Major General Raishiro Sumita, chief of the Japanese military mission, were said to be continuing at Hanoi with the end not yet in sight.

Washington and London watched the critical situation with mounting anxiety.

Berlin, too, kept an eye on developments, which might af-

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