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TENSION TIGHTENS IN ORIENT

News In The Days

By FRANK JENKINS

GET out your map again. There's a new hot spot today. It is Thailand. Your map may show it as Siam. That is its older name.

A Chinese diplomatic "source" in London says that in Thailand events are shaping up to a swift and terrible climax.

YOUR map will tell you that Thailand (which the Japs are planning to grab, if not bluffed) is within easy bombing distance of Rangoon, the outer end of the Burma road. That explains the Chinese worry.

Thailand includes the narrow Kra isthmus, where a canal might be dug that would BY-PASS the strategic Singapore bottleneck.

Hence British concern.

"INFORMED sources" in Manila believe the Japs are determined to take the plunge. They think Britain is planning to beat Japan to the punch—possibly by seizure of key points in Thailand, such as Bangkok (the capital) and Kra isthmus ports.

Direct military action such as this would force a showdown. The Japs would have to fight or pull in their horns.

These Manila "sources" assume that in any such course the British would have the backing of the United States.

IF backing the British in southern Asia should lead the United States into shooting war, it will be labeled DEFENSIVE war.

As to that, a word of explanation is necessary here.

The older theory of defense was to sit behind your wall, wait until you were attacked and then shoot the daylight out of your attacker.

The newer theory is quite different. You provide yourself IN ADVANCE with outposts, which you fortify. Then, when you are attacked (or think you are going to be), you move in from these outposts and shoot the daylight out of your enemy before he has time to get started.

This is DYNAMIC defense, as defined some time ago by President Roosevelt.

Manila (Philippines) is such an American outpost.

IN the hectic days that are coming, it will be well to keep your eye on Thailand. What happens there will be of IM-MENSE concern to us.

AS to Russia, we can only wait. The Germans are striking hard today at Kiev. The Russians admit that progress is being made in this attack, but are fighting back hard. The situation is too badly jammed to risk a guess as to what is happening.

The weather warns say that in as little as two weeks the Russian winter might begin to close in—with rain first. Heavy rain spoils tanks down and low clouds spoil the visibility for air fighting.

The Germans are doubtless putting in everything they have in the hope of knocking Russia out before winter comes.

THE British quote a foreign military expert in Istanbul (Turkey) to the effect that months ago, when the German high command was assessing the possibilities of the Russian invasion, the German MILITARY attaches in Moscow and Ankara estimated that Russian resistance could be broken in three weeks at the most.

If that is true, it is obvious that somebody guessed wrong.

THIS same observer says the Russians have 3,000 aircraft factories between Moscow and the Ural mountains.

If he is anywhere near right, Hitler has a job on his hands unless he can COMPLETELY DESTROY the Russian armies.

SENATE PASSES DEFERMENT OF MEN ABOVE 28

Taft Limit on Draft Service Extension Voted Down

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—The senate completed congressional action today on legislation which would defer selective service for men 28 years old or older on last July 1 and would provide for the release from present service of those in that age group.

The chamber approved a compromise version of the measure, previously passed by both houses in different form. The legislation accepted earlier today by the house, now goes to the White House.

In its final form the bill did not contain authority to take over defense plants where an interruption of production occurred. Such a provision was originally voted by the senate but twice rejected by the house. Under the legislation deferred men would be mandatory for men who had reached 28 years of age prior to July 1 without being inducted into service and will apply to those reaching 28 by July 1 of each subsequent year without having been inducted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—The senate rejected today a proposal to limit the service period of army selectees to a maximum of six months beyond the originally set one-year term.

The vote was 50 to 27. The proposal was offered by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) as a substitute for pending administration legislation which would permit draftees to be held in service for a maximum of one and a half years after completing the one-year training period.

Taft's proposal, which gave a clear test of opposition strength for modification of the pending administration plan, would have permitted the army to retain national guardsmen and reservists for not more than one extra year. Regularly enlisted men could not have been retained beyond the termination of their enlistments.

Rail Management Rejects Pay Raise Asked by Unions

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Chiefs of the 14 non-operating railroad unions today authorized a strike vote among their 850,000 members after the carriers rejected demands for pay increases.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—The railroad unions' demands for wage increases were rejected today by representatives of rail management.

The carriers' representatives asserted at today's negotiation session that railroads would be unable to pay the proposed wage increases.

Spokesmen for the management had figured that all wage increases, if granted, would add \$900,000,000 a year to operating costs.

The five operating unions, representing trainmen, engineers, firemen, conductors, and switchmen, asked for a 30 per cent increase for 350,000 unionists.

Fourteen non-operating brotherhoods, representing telegraphers, machinists, and similar employees, demand wage increases of 30 to 34 cents an hour for about 800,000 workers.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

Aug. 5, 1940—British, Polish government in exile sign agreement reaffirming determination to fight to finish against Germany; British grant credits to maintain Polish troops. Italians enter Zeila, British Somaliland.



Here's Joyce Brunner, 14, a Klamath girl who may some day rival the legendary Annie Oakley. Competing in the 4-H girls' camp rifle competition, held at Lake of the Woods, young Miss Brunner scored 10 consecutive bullseyes at 50 feet with a .22 caliber rifle to win both marksman and marksman medals of the National Rifle association. But the amazing feature of the record was that it happened during the first week she had ever handled a gun of any kind. Miss Brunner, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Lee of 4831 Summers lane, will be a freshman at Klamath Union high school this fall. Inset is the target. Donor of the NRA medals was the Klamath Sportsmen's association.

HENDERSON SAYS INFLATION NEAR

Immediate Legislation Would Not Prevent Increase, Claim

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Leon Henderson, head of the office of price administration, told congress today that the nation faced the "strongest and most pronounced increase in the cost of living," even if the administration's price-control bill became law immediately.

Testifying before the house banking committee as the first witness on the measure, Henderson declared that even with the powers which the bill would confer, the government would have an "enormous load" in trying to prevent the country's "dynamic, volatile economy" from entering an inflationary stage.

Using a series of towering charts to illustrate his remarks, Henderson said the nation's price structure was "knocking at the door" of 1929 levels and heading toward the 1919 peaks.

The bill would give the president board power to establish ceilings over prices for virtually all commodities and for rents in defense areas.

Skunk Invaders Test Gas Proof Shelter at Fort

FORT LEWIS, Aug. 5 (AP)—The recently completed gas proof shelter of the 41st infantry division received its first real test today.

Three skunks invaded the shelter and appeared to be settling up housekeeping.

The odoriferous fifth columnists were discovered by Capt. Frank Arthur, assistant gas officer of the 41st.

"We thought they were rats at first," said Captain Arthur, until he took off our masks.

Three soldiers, with the aid of three masks, persuaded the skunks to evacuate the shelter, which was originally designed to resist attacks from the outside.

Council Views Airport Road Change Plans

A solution to the alternate road problem at the airport will be necessary to clear the way for the expenditure of the new \$278,000 appropriation from the civil aeronautics authority, City Engineer E. A. Thomas told the city council Monday night.

Thomas said that the airport extension will require closing a portion of the Summers lane road, and it will be necessary to have an alternate route built before closure can be effected. The CAA, he said, will not permit expenditure of any of its money for roads, even though they are (Continued on Page Two)

Nazi Police Join Hunt for Active De Gaulle Agent

VICHY, France, Aug. 5 (AP)—German police joined a French search today for a man described as "one of the most active De Gaulle agents" in Caen, Normandy.

He was said to have placed a wreath on a monument to French war dead last July 14 despite a ban on celebration of France's battle day, then shot his way out of police traps and escaped. A chief of police was wounded fatally.

The Paris newspaper Paris Soir reported the man actually was English. The newspaper said he was Jean Hopper, born in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, and used false identification papers in France.

The incident of the war monument wreath became known for the first time today as the hunt for the man was intensified.

It was said the man drove to the monument wearing the uniform of a French officer, placed the wreath and got away. A policeman at Caen was shot July 27 when he stopped a car of the same description and questioned its occupants. Police said they located the same car in a small garage and laid a trap.

Aug. 1, but that a man who came to the garage shot his way free, wounding the Caen police chief fatally. The Paris Soir said an Englishman named Jean Hopper had a mother, wife and daughter who were in a concentration camp.

RAIL TONNAGE UP 50 PER CENT HERE

Survey Reveals 1941 Shipping at Local Station Zooming

A railroad tonnage increase at the Klamath Falls station of approximately 50 per cent for the first half of 1941 over a similar period of 1940 was revealed Tuesday in freight figures released by the Southern Pacific railroad.

According to C. H. Reeves, district freight and passenger agent for the SP, freight business has shown a steady rise from the first of the year with a 60 per cent boost shown for the month of June, 1941, over June of 1940.

January business, Reeves stated, was approximately 45 per cent over that of 1940's first month. Through February and March, inbound and outbound car figures maintained a 30 per cent edge over the preceding year. April stepped up to 50 per cent, in May the margin jumped to 60 per cent where it stayed through June.

The percentages, Reeves stated, were based on inbound and outbound freight car totals to and from the local station. Outbound cars led incoming shipments approximately two to one.

A commodity breakdown showed logs as the leading inbound freight and lumber topping outgoing trains. Agriculture products followed lumber.

Coast Guard Plane Missing on Patrol

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 (AP)—A San Francisco coast guard patrol plane and three men aboard her, disappeared today while on her way to make a routine patrol duty west of the Farallone islands.

Aboard the craft were pilot Leonard L. Stonerock, aviation machinists mate first class; Fleet D. Hancock, mechanic; and John C. Gill, radioman.

Kiev Reds Menaced

NAZIS SMASH THROUGH GAP AT SMOLENSK

Russians Battle New Break Into Rich Ukraine Area

BERLIN, Aug. 5 (AP)—The bitterly contested towns of Kholm and Bel Tserkov are now in German hands, DNB, the official news agency, announced tonight. Kholm is on the Lovat river 250 miles northwest of Moscow. (It was mentioned in the Russian communique for the first time today, indicating an advance of about 70 miles from the previous battlefield.)

Bel Tserkov is 50 miles south of Kiev and the German forces which fought their way there apparently from the southern arm of a great pincers closing in on the Ukraine capital.

The German high command today reported a widening "break through" in the Russian lines in a surprise thrust 60 miles southeast of Smolensk and the repulse and annihilation of encircled red army forces grouped in the Ukraine for the defense of Kiev.

A communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters said breakthrough attempts of soviet troops encircled in a small area in the Ukraine where a powerful twin drive has been launched to isolate the capital, Kiev, were repulsed and some of the units annihilated.

To the north, where the command has been comparatively silent concerning its drive toward Moscow, the communique said a surprise offensive was opened in a new direction southeast of Smolensk and "a new enemy power group was partly annihilated and partly encircled."

Almost complete occupation of the last of the soviet-occupied Baltic states, Estonia, was indicated by the communique, which reported the capture of Tapa, small railroad town 45 miles southeast of Tallinn, the Estonian capital.

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP)—The red army, battling with the same (Continued on Page Two)

Seven Perish Of Thirst in Sonora Desert

YUMA, Ariz., Aug. 5 (AP)—Seven of nine persons, five of them members of a Brawley, Calif., family, perished of thirst and heat on the Sonora, Mexico, desert south of here when their truck became stalled in sand, Sheriff T. H. Newman reported today.

The dead were identified as: German Cornejo, 52, of Brawley; Elias Cornejo, 25; Rafael Cornejo, 17; Elisa Francisco, 4; Domingo Rocha, 26; a man identified only as Yocupicio, age unknown. Francisco Flores, 23, is in a critical condition in a local hospital.

Socorro Cornejo, 19, only survivor of the Brawley family, who had been visiting in Santa Ana, Sonora, also is in a Yuma hospital and is expected to recover.

Sheriff Newman said the party was traveling in the Cornejo truck, apparently returning to Brawley, the Cornejo family being accompanied by Ponce and Yocupicio. They attempted a short cut on a seldom used road and became stalled in the sand.

Newman said Mexican authorities estimated that was five days ago. The car radiator was empty, the water had boiled out or had been drained to drink.

The suffering of the victims was related in a note left by Rafael Cornejo, who gave details as to his identification, then slashed his throat.

Jap-Siberian Clash Admitted By Army Chief

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5 (AP)—Lieut. Col. Kunio Akiyama, official spokesman for the Japanese forces in China, said today a minor clash of Japanese and soviet border troops occurred near Manchuli about two weeks ago. Manchuli is just inside extreme western Manchukuo on a railway to Siberia.

(Unconfirmed reports of Japanese-Russian border clashes had circulated from time to time since Germany invaded Russia.) His disclosure came at a time when Japan was reported moving forces northward to reinforce troops along the Siberian border.

(Authoritative quarters in London said the Japanese had reinforced their Manchukuo garrison of a quarter-million men "substantially.")

Akiyama said one Japanese was wounded and soviet casualties were not known. A few soviet troops crossed into Manchukuo, he said, and exchanged shots with Japanese. Only a few were said to have participated on either side and the skirmish was described as short-lived.

The frontier remained un-

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HOUSE APPROVES PROPERTY DRAFT

House Approves Power To Seize Property For Defense

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—The house passed legislation today to permit the president to acquire certain private property deemed necessary for national defense.

The legislation authorizes the president to requisition "the use of any military or naval equipment, supplies or munitions, or component parts thereof, or machinery, tools, or materials necessary for the manufacture, serving or operation of such equipment, supplies or munitions" when it is deemed in immediate need for national defense and when other means of securing the property have been exhausted.

The legislation was sent back to the senate, with chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee saying amendments would have to be compromised in conference.

One amendment proposed by Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) to prevent requisitioning of any machine or equipment in an operating plant which is necessary to the operation of the plant was adopted on an oral vote.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	5	8	3
Boston	6	13	0
Knott, L. Harris	(8)	0	
Hayes, H. Wagner	(8)	0	
C. Wagner	(5)	0	
Pittsburg	7	11	2
New York	3	9	3
Washington	4	8	2
Russo, Murphy	(8)	0	
Dickey, Carrasquel	and Evans.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	10	13	1
Philadelphia	9	14	1
Erickson, Javery	(1)	0	
na (4), A. Johnson	(7)	0	
Masi, Berres	(8)	0	
Beck	(3)	0	
Hughes	(7)	0	
Pearson	(8)	0	
Warren, Livingston	(8)	0	
Pittsburg	7	11	2
Cincinnati	5	13	0
Butcher, Klinger	(8)	0	
Lopez, Turner, Beggs	(7)	0	
Olsen and McCullough.			

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BRITAIN MAY STEP IN TO GUARD SIAM

U. S. Warships Reach Australian Waters On Training Trip

By The Associated Press

United States warships have arrived in Australia on a "training cruise," the navy department announced today, even as tension in the Orient heightened over the reported massing of Japanese troops at Russia's back door and the continuance of Japanese pressure on little Thailand.

Without reference to the Far East crisis, the navy said the U. S. heavy cruisers Northampton and Salt Lake City had arrived at Brisbane "for refueling and several days recreation" for the ships' crews on a cruise to the South Pacific ocean.

Coincidentally, the British announced officially that large numbers of British and Indian troops, including RAF personnel, have arrived at Singapore. Dispatches from Saigon, French Indo-China, said a large and well-equipped Chinese army was reported massed on the Burma border, ready to cross at a moment's notice to join British forces—presumably against any Japanese attack against British Burma or Malaya.

Hourly, it appeared that an "explosion" in the Far East was drawing nearer.

British May Move

Belief grew in informed circles in Manila that Britain was making preparations for swift moves to control the key points of Thailand, now reported under heavy Japanese pressure.

These circles declared that the British might even move before Japan had actually encroached on Thai territory, possibly seizing Bangkok, the Thai capital, and Kra isthmus ports.

The RAF has already reinforced its Burma bases for flank protection against any airport Japan might establish in Thailand, and picked Australians and the cream of the India regiments have been shifted by the thousands to the Thailand-Malayan border.

Reports from Bangkok, Thailand, said Thai officials would (Continued on Page Two)

Gunmen Escape With \$76,000 in Old Currency

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Aug. 5 (AP)—Three gunmen held up two employees of the Stroudsburg First National bank on a local street today and robbed them of a bag that state police said contained approximately \$76,000 in old bills. The trio escaped in a black sedan.

The money was being taken from the bank to the post office, 75 yards away, for return to the federal reserve bank in Philadelphia in exchange for new currency.

As Lewis Heiny and Ralph Rheinfeis, the bank messengers, hurried along the street, the gunmen drew up alongside in the sedan, jumped out, menaced the messengers with sub machine guns, grabbed the bag and sped rapidly away.

Patrolman A. J. Barry of the Stroudsburg police said the car had different license plates on the rear and front. It apparently headed through the Delaware water gap into New Jersey, he said.