

NAZI AIR FORCE CUT BY REDS, OBSERVERS SAY

LONDON, Dec. 30, (AP)—Aviation observers estimated today that losses in the campaign against Russia have reduced the German air force to about 65 per cent of its peak strength.

They noted in this connection that there has not been a really big raid on Britain since the Russian war began last June 22.

"The German air force is literally worn out," said a reliable commentator with excellent sources of information. "The pilots are tired and there is a real shortage of planes in certain categories. To all appearances the German air force is just about 35 per cent under what it was, for instance, when it gave London its first heavy fire bomb attack just a year ago."

In addition to the losses in the Russian campaign, this source said the Germans' air strength has suffered severely in the middle east.

"With the Luftwaffe in its present condition," he said, "Hitler can't just laugh off the loss of the 476 planes which the British shot down, destroyed or captured from November 18 (the start of the British drive into Libya) to December 23."

This view that the Nazi air force actually is suffering shortages was supported by a reliable foreign source who said that, according to information just received from agents on the continent, the German high command two weeks ago banned the manufacture of any new types of planes which cannot be turned out in mass production.

But this source warned that the present German air force, which British pilots on patrol over France have noticed, might only mean that "Hitler is getting his forces ready for some kind of winter campaign. On the basis of reports of activities in Sicily, the Peloponnese and North Africa, it's a two to one bet it will be a blitz against the western and middle Mediterranean."

In this connection the air ministry news service reported today that, during the British capture of the Derna airdrome a few days ago, Gen. Erwin Rommel, the axis commander in Libya, had received gasoline brought from Greece by plane.

The news service said that the RAF in the past 38 days had occupied 39 axis airdromes in Libya, and that the "twisted skeletons of wrecked aircraft litter every landing ground."

Dance Fashions



Kirk and Clayton, who headline the New Year's eve show at Cal-Ore. They are considered one of the most outstanding dance teams ever to appear here.

SECOND GROWTH TIMBER LAND PAYS

SPOKANE, Dec. 30, (AP)—Second growth timber land, which farmers in the western part of Snohomish county once considered a liability, has become an asset with cash value, M. G. James, president of the Washington Forest Products Co-operative association at Arlington, said Monday.

James spoke at the forestry section of the 18th annual meeting of the Northwest Scientific association. Farmers in Snohomish county found difficulty in marketing their timber before the cooperative was formed in the summer of 1940. Since that time they have marketed \$30,000 worth of timber products most advantageously, James said.

The cooperative is the only forest products one west of the Mississippi and one of the few in the United States, he stated.

Most of the farmers in western Snohomish county are dairy and poultry farmers, and they market these products through co-operative associations, he said.

"I think we're one of the most cooperatively minded districts in the country," said James.

Since the forming of the forest products cooperative, with the aid of the soil conservation service, Snohomish county farmers have planted 400,000 trees, looking toward a sustained yield, he explained.

"Overpowers" Japs By Yelling Hard

WITH THE USAFFE IN CENTRAL LUZON, Dec. 30, (AP)—A U. S. cavalry colonel told Monday how one of his lieutenants "overpowered" a detachment of 50 Japanese soldiers by simply "shouting real loud."

"Thinking they were Filipino troops," said the colonel, "my lieutenant walked within 50 yards of their group. Suddenly they waved two small rising sun flags."

"He hollered and made signals to tell them they should wait, then went back and got his machinegun and, when he returned . . ."

The colonel went no further.

Certification of Workers Announced

Certification of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) as the bargaining agent for employees of both the California Fruit Growers Supply of Hill, Calif., and the Long-Bell Lumber company woods operation at Tennant, Calif., was announced Monday by the union.

Certification was disclosed in a letter from the national relations board office in Seattle. The LSW recently won NLRB elections at both operations.

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BOND TO BECOME 20-30 PRESIDENT

TULELAKE—Bill Bond succeeds Francis O'Connor as president of the Tulelake 20-30 club. Serving with Bond will be John Urbach, vice president; Dave Meeker, secretary-treasurer; and Ralph Ellis, sergeant-at-arms. The new officers will be installed January 15 at a joint ceremony with the Klamath Falls lodge, festivities to be held at Lakeshore Inn, Klamath Falls.

As a windup for 1941, President O'Connor reported at the last meeting that the club has assisted materially in the civilian defense program by fingerprinting nearly 500 persons who offered assistance in the defense program.

The club also was host on Christmas day to about 400 children at a free theatre party at the Marcha theatre. Santa Claus appeared with a huge bag of treats and every child received a share. The party is sponsored annually by the 20-30 club with other organizations in Tulelake assisting.

Defense Creates Problem for Box Making Company

SPRAGUE RIVER—The authorities of the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company are fast feeling the pinches of the present war. Before actual entry the mill was going overtime to supply the many war time wooden products such as military lockers, powder and ammunition boxes and boxes for machine parts. These orders in addition to the regular contract orders for fruit lugs kept a large crew busy.

With still more government orders to fill, the mill officials reached a dilemma when one after another special worker such as tallymen, bookkeepers and skilled machine men left employment to join up with Uncle Sam's forces. Replacements of such men are very difficult and with the stream of orders increasing an acute problem exists. Three men of the regular office force are expected to leave early in January. A recent increase in pay has been granted the men and it is hoped that with the promise of steady work with good pay that a host of new laborers will be attracted.

Employees Given Bonds as Gifts; Supply Exhausted

LAKEVIEW—Approximately 750 employees throughout Lake county were given defense bonds for Christmas this year by their employers. The local supply of bonds and stamps has been exhausted but more are expected in within the next few days. Forrest E. Cooper was called to Portland Monday for a conference of the county chairmen of the state bond and stamp committee.

Artist Appointed To Aid Bond Sale

LAKEVIEW—Tommy Jenkins, a senior at Lakeview high school, has been appointed a member of the Lake County Defense Bond committee. Tommy, who is an unusually fine artist and cartoonist, will supply the county with posters and placards which will be used throughout the territory. A special set of cartoons are being drawn for use in the public schools in connection with a renewed effort to distribute stamps among the school children which will commence just after the first of the year now that Santa Claus has left town.

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World War Officers May Be Asked to Serve Again

The war department has announced its intention to obtain information relative to the present address and civilian skill of world war officers and former regular army officers who are not now connected with the military establishment who desire to volunteer for service. This decision was reached as a result of a partial survey of former officers which has been completed recently. While this group of former officers is generally too old for service with combat units, their potential value in the present emergency for administrative positions is fully realized. The desire of these officers to serve has been made clear by numerous letters and inquiries which have been received by the war department. It is not intended to call them to active duty as a group but some will be called as individuals to fill specific positions for which their past service and civilian occupations have specially fitted them. The war department sincerely appreciates the willingness of these officers to once again take up arms in defense of their country and assures them that their ability and previous experience are recognized and will be made use of as the need arises.

Those who desire to offer their services should notify the war department without delay using the form shown below. The questionnaire which will be mailed in response to this request is the only proper means of informing the government of a desire to serve. Many of the personal letters which have been received to date have omitted essential information. Failure to use the prescribed forms places an unnecessary burden on the war department and may jeopardize the individual's chance for active service.

If you are not now connected

with the army or navy and desire to offer your services in the present emergency, fill out the form below and mail it to:

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COX BROTHERS BUY WASHINGTON LAND

MERRILL—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cotrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and one or two others plan to leave this week for Richland, Wash., where they will be employed by Cox brothers who recently purchased several hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Richland. Another heavy real estate buyer was A. L. Crawford, Klamath Falls.

Charles Cox, Tulelake, with his family, joint owner of the property with his brothers, Henry and John, has already gone to the new homestead. Cox brothers, for many years listed among the prominent sheepmen of Klamath county, farmed also on lease lands on the west side of Tule lake.

Plans of the John Cox and Henry Cox families were not made public.

It is reported that the deal involved the purchase of 1700 acres.

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