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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—The official lines of information from inside Germany fail to confirm the suggestion that Hitler's regime is about ready to crack.

Disputes apparently have arisen among the Nazi leaders, but there have always been personal competition and friction among them. Von Ribbentrop's foreign office, for instance, has as its experts on American affairs, Hans Dieckhoff, former German ambassador to Washington, and Ritter, former ambassador to Brazil. The army maintains its own American expert, Knief, former consul general at New York.

The foreign office, the ministry of information, the army and others have been scrapping among themselves, as usual, but largely in the way of competing for Hitler's favor (just as government departments here fight for the support of Roosevelt on various projects).

Hitler encourages this by the way he works. When an important decision is to be made, he calls in his generals, admirals, department chiefs and lets them fight it out in front of him. He has been known to goad them to the point of fistfighting. Something like that happened when the decision to move into Russia was made. Many of his generals wanted to eliminate the reds before attacking England. Goering opposed this violently. He did not want to use up his air force in Russia—favored an all-out blow against England. After hearing the arguments, Hitler went off alone and made the decision.

OVEREMPHASIZED

The dismissal of General von Brauchitsch also may have been overemphasized in the outside world. Hitler's personal military strategist is General Jodl. He is always with Hitler. He planned the tactics of the campaigns. After the conquest of the Balkans he arranged the surrender of Yugoslavia and Greece for Hitler. He has not been replaced.

Recall of Von Bock from the front may mean that this leading offensive general is being fired, or it may mean he will suddenly reappear leading a new offensive for Hitler (as the British did with Wavell). Shifting of some of the other generals looks more like preparation for a spring campaign in Russia than an evidence of internal army demoralization.

Now, every one here would be happy enough to believe the long awaited Nazi collapse is at hand, but none of the authorities is impressed by the evidence so far. They think rumors furnish very dangerous comfort for us. Actually some officials believe the Nazis themselves have put out some of the "collapse" stories indirectly in order to weaken our morale and our war effort.

The Nazi army is too closely tied in with the Nazi party to lead anyone here to suppose it would seek a peace, even if Hitler decided to step out. Obviously the first thing the united nations will do in peace is to abolish the German army, and the army leaders well know this.

The prevailing opinion here is that Hitler will have to be defeated on the field of battle.

When the Japs moved into air fields only 175 miles from Singapore, hopes slipped sharply here. Up to then, the Japanese were required to use navy carriers as bases for their pursuit ships accompanying their bombers. Naturally this restricted their air activity over the great British fortress. But now with land bases within pursuit ship range of Singapore,

SIDE GLANCES



"Which shall we do—leave a tip or have another cup of coffee?"

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Evening Herald January 13, 1932
Mercury dropped to five degrees above zero this morning and the day's maximum was just 10 above.

Boxing potatoes in wooden containers for shipment from the Klamath basin was discussed at a chamber of commerce meeting, with Jack Grafton, Henry Semon, C. A. Henderson and William Barron participating.

Local hotel men reported that false rumors about the condition of the Greensprings highway are being circulated in the Rogue river valley.

Jack Fensler, 11, of Tulelake, was moved to his home after spending two weeks in a local hospital recovering from auto accident injuries.

Klamath gunners were out to they will be able to bring their best method of attack into play.

SIMPLIFICATION

Most harassed of all defense organizations is the simplification division of OPM's bureau of industrial conservation. It has been working three months and all it has been able to simplify is toothpicks (actually).

Lawyers for business firms will not allow them to cooperate (to standardize paper bags, allow only a few kinds of carbon and writing papers, etc.) for fear of anti-trust laws. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold has written a letter promising immunity and Attorney General Biddle has approved it, but the business lawyers say the successors of Biddle and Arnold might change the policy (they remember what happened in the Madison oil trials). They want legislation, but Arnold and Biddle are afraid they will never get the anti-trust laws back on the statute books, if war time immunity is legislated. The simplification program has thus been sabotaged by red tape.

Your Federal Income Tax

No. 7 WHO MUST FILE A RETURN

For federal income tax purposes, widows, widowers, divorcees, and married persons separated by mutual consent are classified as single persons. These, with those who have never been wedded, whose gross income was \$750 or more for the taxable year—that is, whose gross income was as much as \$14.43 a week for the 52 weeks of the year—must file an income tax return. Every married person, living with husband or wife, if no joint return is made who has a gross income of \$1,500 or more for the taxable year—that is, who has a gross income of as much as \$28.85 a week for the year—must also file an income tax return. If the husband and wife each has an income and their aggregate gross income is \$1,500 or more for the taxable year—that is, their aggregate gross income is as much as \$28.85 a week for the year—they must file an income tax return.

Husband and wife living together at the close of the taxable year may file a single joint return (even though one has no gross income), or make separate returns of the income of each. If separate returns are filed, one may not report income which belongs to the other, but must report only the income which actually belongs to him. If a joint return is filed, the aggregate income disclosed is subject to both the normal tax and the surtax. The liability with respect to the tax on a joint return is joint and several. A joint return may not be made if either husband or wife is a nonresident alien.

If a joint return is not made by an agent of the taxpayers, it must be signed by both husband and wife and sworn to before a proper officer by the spouse preparing the return.

Where separate returns are filed by husband and wife Form 1040, the joint personal exemp-

A Fascinating Quilt To Piece



PATTERN 7171

Just cut the patches in strips and start sewing them round and round to make a star block for this quilt, Milky Way. It's grand work for those spare moments—you'll have this heirloom quilt in no time! Pattern 7171 contains block chart; carefully drawn pattern pieces; directions for quilt; yardage chart; color schemes; illustration of quilt.

To obtain this pattern send 10 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts Dept., Klamath Falls. Do not send this picture, but keep it and the number for reference. Be sure to wrap coin securely, as a loose coin often slips out of the envelope. Requests for patterns should read, "Send pattern No. _____ to _____ followed by your name and address."

Decentralize Public Relations

KLAMATH FALLS, like most other cities of its class, has far too many local officials of both public and private status who haven't the authority to say anything about anything.

So much public and private business here is done by the local subsidiaries of some larger outfit, with the lid clamped on information about these operations, that local people are deprived of a great deal of important local information they have a right to know.

For instance, we can't get Klamath Falls bank clearings or other bank figures any more. When the local independent banks became a part of statewide branch banking institutions, separate information about financial operations in this community went by the board. Bank statements now give figures for the entire statewide operations, without a hint as to the extent of these operations in individual communities.

Railroad officials here are hesitant about giving out information on local freight shipments, and if there happens to be a wreck hereabouts, you have to get your Klamath Falls news from San Francisco or somewhere. Local weather bureau employees won't tell you how the weather was 50 years ago without getting an o. k. from somebody in Seattle or some other distant point. Usually, local officials of government setups are afraid to talk about anything without getting authority from some far away higher-up. The utilities—telephone and power companies—seem to trust their local officials a little more than some of the others, but a lot of the news about these operations has to be cleared somewhere out of town.

Probably no individual is to blame for this sort of thing, least of all the local officials representing the various firms and public agencies. They would like to give out important and interesting local information, for they know it would be of value to people here and would in most cases build good will. But some public relations expert sitting in a distant office somewhere might object.

The various outfits we have mentioned, and others in a similar situation, are represented by intelligent men who certainly could be trusted with the responsibility of giving out local information. They know more about what would be of value and interest locally than distant higher-ups who insist on controlling the information. They ought to be given the authority to talk, and people in towns and cities like Klamath Falls ought to be given prompt and locally-slanted news about things that concern them and their communities.

Visit the Polls January 20

EVERY citizen of Klamath county should resolve now to visit the polls in his precinct when they are opened January 20 for the purpose of receiving defense bond and stamp pledge cards.

People should visit the polls, whether or not they feel they can pledge to buy bond and stamps. (Pledges can be made for even as low as 25 cents a week.) Those who do not call at their precinct headquarters will be hunted up and interviewed by mopping up crews. It will be more convenient to all concerned if they will make the effort on January 20.

A copy of the pledge card, to be used in the forthcoming campaign, will be found in this paper today. It will appear once or twice more before January 20. Using it, a citizen can consider his finances ahead of time and decide what defense bond and stamp purchases he can agree to make. That will speed up the procedure at the polls.

Klamath raises a lot of potatoes but it is having a hard time getting its \$10,000 Red Cross fund together. At last reports, early this week, the total received was just short of \$5000 or half the quota. Maybe some Deschutes seed would help out in that field, too.—Bend Bulletin. Take it, fellers, and like it, until we get this Red Cross deal cleaned up.

"The Suicide of Japan" is a headline in the New York Sun. Here's hoping such confidence is justified.

Joe Louis passed his army medical examinations without trouble. A fine physical specimen, no doubt.

PLEDGE FOR REGULAR INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS

U. S. Treasury Department
Defense Savings Staff

NOTE—This is not an order form. The Signer will buy Defense Savings Bonds by one of the methods listed below:

To aid the National Defense, I pledge that,

I will invest the sum of \$.....in Defense Savings Bonds (or Stamps) each I will buy these Bonds:

From a post office, bank, or other sales agency.
 By mail from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.
 Under a Pay-Roll Savings Plan (or other similar arrangement for regular purchasing) in effect at my place of employment.

(Employer's name) (Employer's business address)
 Through a regular purchase plan installed by the following organization:

(Name of organization) (Address)

I will faithfully fulfill this pledge for the duration of the War or so long as I am financially able to do so.

(Print) (Given name) (Middle initials) (Last name)
(Street and number) (City) (State)
(Date) (Signature)

(Name of Organization and Agent Securing Pledge)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

One Year Ago—British fliers attack Germany, Italy and France. Greeks press drive on Valona.

Two Years Ago—Four hundred soviet planes raid Finland. British make mass scouting flight over Austria and Bohemia.

Twenty-five Years Ago—British repulse German attack northwest of Serre and west of Vimy on western front.

Fine motto for Americans in war time—open your eyes and shut your mouth.

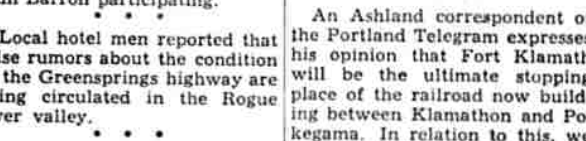
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Now GREEN WBS MY WHOLELY PELICAN

MUSCULAR RHEUMATIC PAIN For Quick Relief—Rub On MUSTEROLE



Here is a man in a bathing suit. That much is fact. The label that calls him a lifeguard is only his own or someone else's opinion. You need to know the fact that lifeguards at this beach must pass strict examinations before they wear the label.

PELICAN

Now Playing Joan Blondell John Wayne in "LADY FOR A NIGHT"

* Feature Times *
Met. 2:45 — Eve. 7:45 - 9:56

Let's War News Disney Color Cartoon Musical Novelty

RAINBOW

ENDS TODAY!
— HIT NO. 1 —
Wendy Barrie
Edgar Kennedy
"Public Enemies"
— HIT NO. 2 —
Richard Arlen - Eve Gabor
"Forced Landing"
WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

2 BIG HITS

— HIT NO. 1 —
A New Horror strikes the screen!
"MAN MADE MONSTER"
with
Lon Chaney Jr., Lionel Atwill, Frank Albertson, Anne Nagel

2 FEATURES

Frank Morgan
Billie Burke
in
"THE GHOST COMES HOME"

George Sanders
Mary McGuire
in
"The Outsider"
News of the Day

— HIT NO. 2 —
Stuart Irwin
Marjorie Weaver
in
"The Honeymoon Is Over"

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PINE TREE

BUT CAN HE SWIM?

Here is a man in a bathing suit. That much is fact. The label that calls him a lifeguard is only his own or someone else's opinion. You need to know the fact that lifeguards at this beach must pass strict examinations before they wear the label.

Please get this difference firmly fixed in your mind: FACT is one thing; OPINION, another.

Now every day your newspaper MUST bring you many facts and also many opinions. That is what newspapers are for. That's what the day's news is—the actual happenings and what the editors, the experts, the bystanders and others THINK of what goes on.

From FACT plus OPINION you get the information every free citizen must have to govern himself. The ADVERTISEMENTS in your paper are fact and opinion, too. They are the news of goods and services, backed by the opinions of merchants, manufacturers and the like. From them you get the news that helps you use your own free choice to get the most for your money.

Notice how CAREFULLY a free AMERICAN newspaper separates fact and opinion. It is FULL of dates, names, places, ACTUAL EVENTS. Then it QUOTES many people, credits OPINIONS to the sources from which they come.

Any newspaper in a free country is within its rights when it "takes sides" editorially. But even the most partisan paper gets most of its facts straight and its opinions properly labeled. If it didn't, it would lose the favor and confidence of its readers.

Yet, finally, it is your judgment that counts. You, the free and independent citizen, have only yourself to blame if you will not take the trouble to weigh all the evidence and decide things correctly for yourself.

Your paper pays you the greatest possible compliment when it acknowledges your own intelligence and sound judgment.

In Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, a government agency decides what the people shall read and hear. Not so in America. Do your part to preserve the American way of life.

Read, each Tuesday in this space, the messages about your liberty and how America's newspapers help you defend it. Your letters of comment will be appreciated by the editor and by this committee—Newspaper Publishers Committee, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.