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PELICAN BAY PLANING MILL BURNS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news today is dominated by second front talk.

A "qualified" source in London (that's a new one) says the Russians, through their Ambassador Malsky, are pressing for it IMMEDIATELY to "dilute the potency" of the German drive to the east.

A London "informant" says: "All preparations for the opening of a second front are under way and the objective which will be PERMANENT—not just a large hit and run raid."

All this refers to a second front in western Europe.

MEANWHILE the "qualified" source in London adds: "Japan may be the first to open a new front—against Siberia, in an effort to capitalize on Germany's assault on Russia."

Other London reports express belief in the probability that the Jap fleet is concentrating in its home waters to back up the heavy Japanese army concentrations in Manchukuo and that a smashing German victory in Russia may precipitate a Jap attack on Siberia.

The Chinese suggest that now is the time for the United Nations to launch an offensive against Japan—which, they say, would help Russia the same as a second front in Europe, by reducing the menace of a Jap attack against Siberia.

IN Japan, Foreign Minister Togo, speaking at Osaka, says reassuringly that Moscow's mutual assistance pact with Britain and America contains no provisions regarding Japan and adds that relations between Japan and Russia continue to be governed by the 1941 non-aggression pact.

As to this soothing syrup, the realistic Russians will probably remember Pearl Harbor, which was attacked while Japan's representatives were reassuring Washington as to Japanese-American relations.

KEEP this clearly in mind:

The decision as to when (or if) the United States and Britain will undertake the opening of a second front in Europe (or elsewhere) has already been made. It was probably made when Churchill was in this country. Important decisions such as this can't be left to the last minute.

All this talk from "informed" and "qualified" and other anonymous sources is designed to disturb and mislead the enemy as to just when and where the blow will fall.

It is part of a war of nerves which our side is trying out on Hitler and his pals, showing them that two can play at that game. When the decided-upon time comes, the second front (in one form or another) will be launched.

THIS writer, basing his opinion upon the purest kind of guesswork, with no inside information to back it up, has an idea the second front will be opened when:

1. Russia's situation becomes desperate, or
2. The Russians have bled Germany white.

IN the first event, the second front would be opened in order to save Russia from destruction.

In the second event, it would be opened in order to move in on the already weakened Germans and give them the FINISHING BLOW.

THIS statement by "military sources" (also anonymous) in London is interesting as having bearing on Contingency No. 1: "The situation in southern Russia has NOT YET reached the point where a U. S.-British invasion of the continent is ESSENTIAL to SAVE the Russian armies."

"The Russians, although speaking of German superiority of numbers, have given no indication of tapping extensively (Continued on Page Two)

REDS PRESS DEMAND FOR SECOND FRONT

Divisions From France, Belgium Put Into Big Battle

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
Associated Press War Editor

Locked in a great, consuming battle for which Germany is stripping reserve divisions from her garrisons in western Europe, the Russians reported today that they had repulsed enemy attempts to encircle Voronezh, on the north flank of the Germans' Don valley offensive.

Resistance to Hitler's 1942 blitzkrieg, as symbolized by the defense of Voronezh, has so sapped the enemy's reserves that several divisions from Belgium and France have been reported put into the battle.

The official Russian announcement to that effect today was a tacit implication that the way was being opened in western Europe for creation of an allied front.

Pressure
London reported Russian pressure for a prompt invasion of the continent and one informant declared that all preparations for a full-fledged attack were being made. How soon was left unanswered.

The Germans who more than a week ago were claiming Voronezh as theirs actually were stopped by a last ditch defense at the outskirts. Russian front dispatches said today in recounting the struggle for that anchor of the southern Russian army.

Since that clash, presumably some days ago, the Germans attempted to encircle Voronezh, which is 300 miles south of Moscow, but were repulsed on the north and rolled back on the south to the point where they had crossed the Don river to get at the key city.

Sharp Threat

So long as Voronezh stands it remains a sharp flanking threat to the Germans' deepest penetration of Russia, a thrust which (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	7	3
Boston	10	13	2
Smith and Turner; Hughson and Conroy.			

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	0	4	1
New York	4	10	0
Dean and Hegan; Ronald and Rosar.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2	5	3
Cincinnati	6	12	1
Tobin and Lombardi; Walters and Lamanno.			

	R.	H.	E.
New York	2	6	1
Pittsburgh	6	9	2
Carpenter, Sunkel (7), Arams (7), and Danning; Sewell and Lopez.			

Navy Issues Exultant, Detailed Midway Account

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Japan's invasion armada ran into an American ambush in the battle of Midway, official reports disclosed today.

A communique last night gave the first detailed account of the battle and a supplemental report told how a naval task force lay in ambush and struck hard with carrier planes when army and navy shore-based attacks had slowed the enemy fleet.

The great size of the armada Japan sent to assault Midway in the hopeful prelude to conquest of Hawaii was disclosed for the first time—80 ships. Official records gave this result of the battle:

Japanese losses—20 ships sunk or damaged including four aircraft carriers sunk and three battleships hit; 275 planes de-



The entire Pelican Bay Lumber company planing mill and all its equipment was completely destroyed by racing flames which broke out at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, leveling the old structure in less than an hour. The above picture, facing west, was taken after fire had razed the upper framework of the mill. The fire was quelled before it could take dry sheds and piled lumber surrounding the mill. Officials today said the mill would be rebuilt as soon as humanly possible.

Jackson County Takes Part of Local Bond Quota

Jackson county has voluntarily notified the state war bond administrator that it will assume \$50,000 of Klamath's July war savings quota, it was reported in a letter received by The Herald and News from W. A. Gates, Jackson bond chairman.

The generous action by the Jackson group followed a newspaper discussion of comparative quotas for bonds as between Jackson and Klamath counties. The original quotas for July were: Klamath, \$307,500; Jackson, \$183,500.

Andrew M. Collier, Klamath county bond chairman, expressed warm appreciation for the action reported by Gates. Collier said he had not been notified by the state office of an official change in quota, but said he regarded Jackson's action "extremely fair and neighborly."

Gates said that in June, Jackson county bought over \$400,000 in bonds. Of this amount, (Continued on Page Two)

VACANCIES STIR LOCAL POLITICS

County Commissioner, Police Chief Offices Open

Political interest stirred vigorously here Thursday, following developments that promise to take two prominent office holders—Jack Benner, county commissioner, and Frank Hamm, police chief—out of Klamath county in the near future.

Benner is leaving July 20 to begin an officers' training course in the army. Hamm has been nominated for United States marshal and if the nomination is confirmed, will move to Portland.

Hamm has not yet resigned as police chief, but as soon as that is done, presumably Mayor John Houston will appoint his successor. Mentioned as a prospective candidate for the post is Earl Heuvel, present assistant chief. There is also talk of a possibility that Police Judge Leigh Ackerman, who has an elective office, might be willing to become police chief now or after his term expires this year.

Mayor Houston has not publicly indicated what plans he may have in mind for the ap- (Continued on Page Two)

More Japanese Get Underway for Newell Center

FRESNO, Calif., July 15 (AP)—Transfer of 4750 Japanese, most of them from Oregon and Washington, got underway at the nearby Pinedale assembly center today.

Some 4000 of the Oregon and Washington Japanese at Pinedale will go to the Tule Lake center in Modoc county. The remaining 750, mostly from Sacramento, El Dorado and Amador counties, will go to the Poston, Ariz., center.

London Says Jap Fleet Concentrating Near Home

By The Associated Press
Apparently by coincidence, London sources voiced opinions today that the Japanese main fleet is concentrating in home waters and that a smashing German victory in Russia would precipitate a Japanese attack on Soviet Siberia.

Simultaneously the Tokyo radio broadcast a report that Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, speaking at Osaka, disclosed that the soviet government had assured Japan that Moscow's mutual assistance pact with Britain and her agreement with the United States contain no provisions regarding Japan.

The Japanese foreign minister told his hearers that relations between Japan and the soviet union continue to be governed by their 1941 neutrality treaty.

New Front
Qualified sources in London, who chose to remain unidentified, pointed out the eventual peril that Japan might be the first to open a new front in the world conflict—against Russia's Far Eastern armies—in an effort to capitalize on Germany's assaults in European Russia.

The Chinese have long insisted that this was on the axis agenda and have cited concentrations of Japanese forces in Manchukuo, as opposed to a relative quiescence elsewhere to prove their point.

New Guinea Raid
In the theatres of active war in the far Pacific, the MacArthur headquarters in Australia reported a new bomb raid yesterday on the Japanese airport at Salamaua, New Guinea, and the Chinese acknowledged that the Japanese had captured Wenchow, an important port of southern Chekiang province.

The Chinese, thus confirming a Japanese announcement of last Saturday, said that the attackers were impelled by fear that the port would become an allied air or naval base.

The main Japanese offensive now has cut a swath down across Chekiang from Hangchow to the sea at Wenchow and another from Hangchow south and southwestward in a junction with Japanese troops in adjacent Kiangsi province.

Other business will be handled at the board's present office at the chamber of commerce, 323 Main street, through Friday. The board's offices will be closed all day Saturday to permit moving of equipment to the new office. The new office will be open Monday morning for all ration business.

RAF ATTACKS
LONDON, July 15 (AP)—Two hundred Spitfire fighter planes made a daring low-level attack early tonight on German troops along a 200-mile front from the Cherbourg peninsula to Etaples, the air ministry news service announced tonight.

ROMMEL STRIKES IN DUSK ATTACK

Hot Combat Still Raging Around Tel El Aisa Position

CAIRO, July 15 (AP)—Heavy fighting in the coastal sector of the desert front, which began last night when Field Marshal Rommel launched an attack at dusk on newly won British positions, lasted through the night and was continuing today, British reports from the front said.

The combat raged around the Tel El Aisa position which the Australians took late last week and against which the German leader threw tanks and infantry, said a communique.

(A British military commentator said in London that the British withstood the attack which he described as on a "small (Continued on Page Two)

Vichy Takes Over Jewish Business In French Colonies

VICHY, July 15 (AP)—The Vichy government published a sweeping decree today taking over the management of all Jewish-controlled property and businesses, leases and rights in French colonies.

The edict came upon the heels of a gestapo order barring Jews from every public gathering place, indoors or outdoors, in the Nazi-occupied regions.

The German order was signed by the head of the gestapo and Nazi storm troops in France instead of by the commander of the military occupation forces and contained provisions more severe than the anti-Jewish regulations in effect in Berlin.

The last order before this—providing for the shooting of male relatives of fugitive Frenchmen wanted for anti-German acts—also was signed by the gestapo chief but all before had been issued by the military commander.

SUPERB FIRE FIGHTING JOB ISOLATES BLAZE

Loss Estimated Near \$100,000; No Sabotage Evidence

Racing flames, springing at five o'clock from a dry chain motor, late yesterday afternoon in less than one hour completely destroyed the entire Pelican Bay Lumber company planing mill and all its equipment with a loss estimated at \$100,000.

An almost miraculous job of fire fighting by mill employees and city firemen isolated the blaze to the planer, saving the remainder of the big plant and over 28,000,000 board feet of piled lumber. Virtually the entire output of the firm, one of the oldest in Klamath county, is devoted to war orders.

No Sabotage
No evidence of sabotage was found by an investigating committee. Sheriff Lloyd Low said today that a thorough probe of the fire's origin revealed identical stories by members of the night crew, which had just started work. The stories, he said, proved conclusively the fire started in the chain motor at the north end of the mill.

Destroyed in the blaze were three planers, two moulders, two band resaws, two band rips, a lumber "jeep," a large trimmer and 50,000 feet of lumber in process. The shipping office was also razed and seven Southern Pacific box cars badly damaged.

Full production will be halted by the loss but H. D. Mortenson, president of the company, said today that nearly complete output can be attained by use of a planer in the box factory and another near the dry kilns.

Work Resumed
He said that operations resumed as usual this morning and that night shifts will be put on each of the remaining planers, in order to maintain production. He urged all employees to contact the company at once.

West Wind
A slight west wind fanned the searing flames which virtually had enveloped the entire planing mill within 10 minutes of the outbreak. The breeze started spot fires in several sections of the yard and started small blazes on the roofs of four employees' houses nearly a quarter of a mile distant from the flaming mill.

Observers and firemen term (Continued on Page Two)

Farm Bill Okehed; House Backs Down

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Final agreement was reached today on the long-disputed \$680,000,000 farm bill after the house finally backed down and decided to permit sales of government-owned wheat at below parity.

The senate, following the house action, accepted a conference committee's recommendations and the legislation was ready for the president's signature.

After rejecting a new compromise proposal, the house accepted a senate demand, backed by President Roosevelt, that sales of government-owned wheat for livestock feed and industrial uses at 85 per cent of the parity price of corn—or about 83 cents a bushel—be allowed.

The compromise proposed, offered by Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.), would have set the minimum (Continued on Page Two)

KIMMEL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, former commander in chief of the Pacific fleet who was relieved of duty after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, is now employed by a designing and consulting firm here, it was learned Tuesday.