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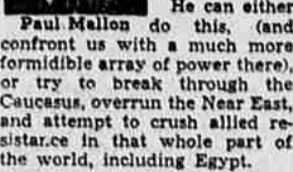
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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—Signs are rising over Europe that Hitler may turn away from Russia in September, after greatly weakening red powers of resistance with his current blows, and shift his air force and much of his strength for a drive on Britain and defense of western Europe against the day of a second front.



He can either Paul Mallon do this, (and confront us with a much more formidable array of power there), or try to break through the Caucasus, overrun the Near East, and attempt to crush allied resistance. In that whole part of the world, including Egypt.

A winter change of fronts, however, seems a plausible and logical expectation, in view of two developments, the prospective weakness of Russia, and Hitler's need to defend his German cities from the terrific air bombing they have been getting, and will receive, in increasing winter force.

Indeed, if Russian resistance is sufficiently weakened, he could maintain both fronts at once, because he could then spare the bulk of his air power from the Near East attack, where long allied lines of supplies prevent concentration of a major force.

In this connection, suddenly the other night Goebbels' Berlin radio started blaring the news around the world that we are to open a second front through Dakar and northern Africa.

This was no doubt a feeler to find out what would be done, but it sounded also as if such a step might upset or hinder the plans Hitler is supposed to have for a winter concentration against Britain. In any event, no one here is telling him anything.

RUSSIAN WEAKNESS

The winter prospects, of course, hinge on the weakness of Russia, and the situation on that subject is easy to see.

The reds have had time to erect some earthenwork and concrete protection in depth around Stalingrad, but the ground is not well suited to defense. It is level in general, and nowhere near as formidable a natural barrier to the Nazi advance as was presented at Leningrad and Moscow.

Industries have been moved out of the city, up toward Saratov and Kuibishev, and even deeper into the Urals, but the facts of Russia's desperate transportation, manufacturing and food situation must be faced.

Three-fourths of her war-time traffic facilities will go when the Volga is cut, so greatly has she relied on the boats of that great river. Even in peace, half of all her traffic moved on that stream. To add to her transportation difficulties, one-third of her railroads are already gone.

Most of her richest fields are now in Nazi hands, and a food shortage is in prospect this winter. Four-fifths of her normal oil supply will be lost to her when the Germans cut the Caucasus routes of trade, through the Black and Caspian seas. Only one tenth of her oil lies safe behind the Urals.

She can still keep Germany away from most of this oil if she can hold the east-west line of the Caucasus mountains, but the Nazis made a clever early effort to cut through the center of that line.

CAUCASUS LINE

On their way southeast to Grozny, they slipped a line of troops off into a good road up Mt. Elbrus, highest mountain in Europe, and took it, threatening to break through the mountains and cut off Russian troops fighting west of that point.

The main fight for the rich Baku oil prize, however, is expected to come after Grozny, on the narrow (and bad) roads over the foothills, southward from that point to Baku.

This Caucasus line is more important than Stalingrad. If Russian defense can be strongly maintained there, the near east is relatively safe. If the Germans break down Timoshenko's resistance on that front, they can roll right on through the Near East, endangering Egypt and all allied resistance in that quarter of the world, cutting completely our southern access to Russia.

All these facts together, at this date, while the battle still rages, mean Russia is weakening, may grow weaker during the winter. It means we must face greater power on any second front, that every passing moment increases our difficulties,

SIDE GLANCES



"Now let's be patriotic and not discuss military secrets, when the fight that's going on over the new pastor is so much more interesting!"

that the best time for it has already gone.

Naturally, however, we cannot start it until our military men think we have enough power to win it.

INVASION IS CERTAIN

There will be a second front, make no mistake about that. Pay no attention to the nonsense being spread around this country by some of the experts. For instance, one is broadcasting that Dieppe proved a second front was impossible, because dozens of different umbrellas, composed of a thousand planes each, would have to be placed over each invasion point and not that many planes are available.

All we need for invasion is superiority in the air at the points of invasion. If the Germans have 1000 planes we should have 1200, but if they have only 100 we need no more than 125.

Invasion is not only possible, but certain, even if it becomes a tougher problem.

Government Asks Order to Force AP News Service

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP)—The government, depicting the Associated Press as premier among news services of the United States and contending that a newspaper without it suffers competitive disadvantages, asked federal district court today for an order to force "the AP" to serve any newspaper willing to pay the cost.

The Chicago Sun was mentioned specifically as having been unable to obtain membership in the Associated Press; likewise the Washington Times-Herald.

A civil complaint filed by the government in the southern New York district court dealt with corporate matters solely. It paid high tribute to the operations of the Associated Press and emphasized its reputation for impartiality, accuracy, thoroughness and speed.

We would not be content to sit behind concrete fortifications. We should take every chance to strike, especially where the enemy is least expecting us.—Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, new commander, British Middle East forces.

Led Rangers

A real man who led real men—that's Captain Roy Murray, above, of Berkeley, Calif., who led the American Ranger detachment of troops who participated in the Commando raid on Dieppe. On his return to England he said now he'd seen just about everything.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE side of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

FOR THE LONE SOLDIER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—As I turned the corner of the office building where I work, I saw him coming—The Lone Soldier. This young man dressed in average American garb, carrying in his hand a small satchel brings before my eyes the life of his mother and father and their family. His mother was an only girl who bid his father goodbye to go to the army in the last war. After he returned they were married, he had lived in our midst and have a family of boys and girls. Trials, troubles and hard work has come to them as it comes to average families. Once death saddened their home. Now their family are all of school age and some married. One boy has been serving his country for several years in the navy of the United States. Now they give another—a tall, stalwart youth in early manhood, honest, clean ideals, ambitious and with the desires of youth. He is coming down the walk—called for service—The Lone Soldier.

I come from a long line of soldiers, but I am not brave. I shed a tear.

For the Lone Soldier.

RECALLS OLDEST HOUSE

ASHLAND, Ore. (To the Editor)—There stands a little old house on the Murdock place near Klamath Falls. This house isn't much for looks now but at one time it was a pretty fine house—in fact, the finest house in the county, and I believe it is the oldest house standing at present in the county.

It was a frame house of four rooms with a porch across the front. It was built in 1870 by the late O. A. Stearns who bought the present Murdock land from the state. Mr. Stearns and his family lived in this house a good many years, then he built a large house which was burned down. Mr. Stearns always kept "travel" and after he built the large house he used the old house for a bunk house.

All of his four children were born in this old house with the exception of Blanche (Mrs. G. W. Ager). She was born on a homestead Mr. Stearns was taking up on the lower end of what is the Murdock place now.

By the way, Mrs. Ager lived in three counties without being off the home farm. First it was Jackson, then Lake was taken off of Jackson, then Klamath was separated from Jackson and Lake.

The shingles (shakes) on this house were made by hand by Mr. Stearns' brother, Oscar. They have never been replaced and they don't leak yet!

Respectfully,
 LOUELLA M. STEARNS,
 74 Pine Street,
 Ashland, Ore.

We can't fight this war with one eye on the flag and the other on our pocketbooks.—Claude R. Wickard, U. S. secretary of agriculture.

Klemme Enlists in Marine Corps

PORTLAND, Aug. 28 (AP)—The marine corps had a recruit today, Marvin Klemme of Burns, unsuccessful primary election candidate for congressional nomination from the eastern Oregon district.

A marine in the World War, Klemme enlisted yesterday and will be assigned to recruiting duty here after basic training.

If the future husbands would tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, wives wouldn't believe them anyway—because of the past.

WAR QUIZ

1. This obviously British flag—red and white crosses on blue field, with gold crown and wreath—flies over a country which is one of the war's biggest question marks. What is it?
2. What is the difference, in army lingo, between a jug and a jughead?
3. Hitler's armies battle Russians for the rich prize of the Caucasian oil fields. What is the approximate annual production of these fields—75 million, 175 million, 750 million barrels?

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

1. India.
2. A jug is a guardhouse; a jughead is a Missouri mule.
3. Approximately 175 million barrels. Estimates vary from 170 to 190 million.

RAINBOW NOW PLAYING

Features
 HIT NO. 1—Edmund Lowe
 Lucille Fairbanks
 in "KLONDIKE FURY"

HIT NO. 2—Leo Carrillo
 in "UNSEEN ENEMY"

'Golden Spike' Ceremony in Reverse



The famed ceremony of driving the golden spike that completed the construction of the nation's first transcontinental railway will be re-enacted, but in reverse, at Promontory, Utah, on Sept. 4. In advance of the ceremony, however, workmen are shown tearing up rail along the golden spike stretch. The reclaimed rails will be used in the defense effort.

Shot First



(INEA Telephone) Corporal Franklin Koons, above, 32-year-old farmer from Sween City, Ia., is a typical American. At Dieppe he shot first and argued later—if there was argument later. Anyhow, he was first U. S. soldier to fire a bullet on European soil in World War II.

RAF Ambulance Bears Body of Kent to Windsor

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP)—A simple RAF ambulance in drab war paint bore the body of the Duke of Kent today to Windsor—country seat and burial place of Britain's royal family.

Crowds in London, busy Euston station stood silent and bareheaded as the coffin of the duke, draped with his personal standard and surmounted by a single wreath of red lilies, was removed from the baggage car, on an express train.

Aboard the same train were the bodies of three members of the duke's entourage who died with him Tuesday in a flying boat crash in Scotland.

America now has a second, aero heroism award—the Air Medal—which will go to service men for "meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight." Prior to this decoration, the D. F. C. had been the only specific medal for sky-men.

I am going to tell the truth. If anyone thinks that I gave information to the Japs against my country they're crazy.—J. Loy Maloney, managing editor, Chicago Tribune.

Never shall it be written in history that our republic in this crisis was not as strong and true as its cause.—The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, archbishop of Chicago.

Cats are not allowed to run on a private beach in Florida. There ain't no sandy claws.

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ADDED ATTRACTIONS
 "Divide and Conquer"
 "Squawking Hawk"
 "Marching Old Glory"
 Latest World News

Abate This Menace

CONTINUOUS flood conditions in the Algoma district have become, with full justification, a matter of serious public concern.

Health and sanitation aspects, just one important phase of the problem, have been properly called to the attention of health authorities by the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

The flood is a menace to the main highway north of here. When it first occurred, it blocked that highway for a considerable time, at great inconvenience to the public. In the last year, the stretch of road that was built in the flood emergency was threatened, and it will be in danger again in high water periods so long as the flood continues. Blocking of this important highway has serious military as well as civil aspects.

The flood is likewise a menace to an important local industry, the Algoma Lumber company, for a break in the south dike there would flood the company's yards.

It is hardly necessary to argue that the flood has caused a most undesirable condition, and that good sense calls for its immediate elimination. The fact that the flood has caused a great deal of litigation in circuit court and that the question of liability for it has not been settled legally does not, it seems to us, justify permitting this condition to continue indefinitely while the court processes grind slowly and may drag on for years.

It is to the public interest that a reasonable plan, wholly separate from the litigation and not affecting it in any way, should be devised for eliminating and abating this nuisance. It is our understanding that the county court has indicated its willingness to use its good offices in working out the problem, without, however, involving the use of county money. Because of the public interest involved, such action by the county court should be justified.

It has become a reflection on this community that the situation has been allowed to continue. Right now is the time for getting together on a plan to do something about it.

Evacuee Labor Question

THE semi-official outline of plans for possible use of evacuee labor from war relocation authority colonies in harvesting autumn crops, which appeared in this paper yesterday, did not indicate what might be done, if anything, about getting such help for close-by areas with the evacuees going to and from the Tulelake Japanese settlement daily.

It would seem that inasmuch as the colony is located in the middle of an area where there is a huge autumn crop, some arrangement of that kind would be in order. It would probably be better if the Klamath basin autumn harvest could be carried on without the use of evacuees, but in case of a serious emergency, their availability should be assured.

It is apparently definitely decided that evacuees cannot be used anywhere in California for work off the project. But the regulations do permit their use in that part of the Klamath basin within Oregon and east of highway No. 97. The unanswered question is whether they could travel back and forth daily from the project, eliminating the necessity of providing them with living quarters on the farms on which they work. Reason, we believe, would require an affirmative answer to that question.

Medford city councilmen have taken action designed to do something about family rows. Hope springs eternal.

Bomb Tossed Into French Meeting

VICHY, Aug. 28 (AP)—A bomb which exploded in a suburban meeting of Marcel Deat's national popular headquarters on Wednesday night killed one person and wounded 22 others, a Paris dispatch reported today.

The bomb was tossed into a crowd of 1200 persons from a gallery, the dispatch said.

STRICTLY BUSINESS



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