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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

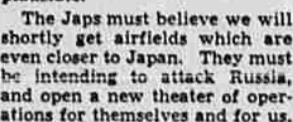
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—It is astonishing that the Japs, with all their artillery and planes, chose to withdraw from Chushien, the largest air field in China—the one we can now use to bomb Tokyo.

The Chinese naturally claim a victory at that point, but their announcements make it clear to the practised eye that the Japs failed to confront them with formidable forces, and Tokyo claims the retreat was a planned withdrawal.

What then makes this field to the Japs last May that they started a New Guinea campaign—now not worth fighting for? Only one explanation seems plausible.

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TOES CRUSHED

All signs add up to the conclusion that the Japs must try a big new major blow somewhere—if they have a blow left in them.

The toes of their advance in the south seas have been crushed. In New Guinea, General MacArthur worked a tickler trick on them. Several weeks ago, when all the news-men around his headquarters were moaning in anguish, because he had not been furnished with power to do anything, MacArthur was even then building hospitals and bases to support the attack, which his secreted Australian troops delivered with devastating surprise upon Milne bay, as soon as the Japs occupied it last week.

Tokyo tee-heed in triumph at MacArthur's professed anguish, but his purpose became painfully plain to them when the Aussies came out of hiding and annihilated their Milne forces. It was the first engagement of the Australian troops under MacArthur, and they convinced authorities around here that they have the same thing our men have—the will to win.

Anyone who knows MacArthur's style could tell that he was the personal author of that inlong official communique issued Sunday night, giving a full account of the Solomon island fray. He might as well have signed it, so clearly, did it betray his char-

SIDE GLANCES



"Why, I'd be afraid to tell my husband I paid that much for the few little repairs you made around the house—he's in a very bad mood this evening!"

acteristic terseness, pugnaciousness and clarity (a distinct contrast with naval communiques previously issued on the same subject).

MacArthur made it plain the big toe of the Jap advance had been cut off in the Solomons. Every cloud has now been chased away from that engagement, except the extent of our naval losses.

JAPS FAILED

The first engagement (August 7 to 10) previously has been described in this column. In the second fight (August 23) the Japs mustered every available vessel they had in that part of the world. Some came from Rabaul, others from nearby bases.

Mr. Roosevelt once idly called the resultant attack only a "reconnaissance" in force, but the navy department announced the Japs had transports with them, and no one goes reconnoitering with troops. In fact, MacArthur disclosed a force of 800 was landed on Guadalcanal island, and all of it met death or capture.

This was clearly an effort by the Japs to recapture the southern Solomons, and it failed, because our bombers knocked out their only two aircraft carriers. The Japs could not proceed without airpower, had to withdraw, leaving us in undisputed control.

Any Pacific map will show you our lines of supplies to Australia have been cleared by this Solomons success. Other Jap airbases are too far back from the steamship routes to do much damage.

Coupled with the Jap loss of Milne bay, the Solomons success also makes impossible the invasion of Australia on the populous eastern side. The Japs will have to get New Guinea, or the Solomons, or both, for bases, before invasion can be attempted hereafter through the Coral sea.

FACE-SAVERS

Guiding principle of the Japanese is face-saving. Even the Tokyo broadcasters can see that some of it is required by the toe-crunching they have received.

Authorities, who have the South seas area particularly in mind, suspect the Japs will try to muster a larger naval invasion force, and go back into the Solomons and New Guinea. Their second Solomons attack, however, showed they have little naval strength available in that quarter.

They are particularly short of aircraft carriers, since we blasted most of this Jap category out of the water at Midway. They cannot invade without carriers, and when they come back next they will meet our land-based bombing planes from that excellent field on Guadalcanal.

Other points at which they could strike are Alaska and India, but Alaska is foggy and not good fighting territory, while India already is being prepared, by fifth columnist and disobedience activities, to fall into the Jap lap without a costly major campaign.

Consequently most eyes here are trained on the Manchurian-Russian border.

OUR VERSATILE ARMY

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Bill Lovan, wife of a Fort Bliss soldier, was visibly impatient as she waited in a downtown beauty parlor.

Then Pvt. A. R. Kuehn dropped in. He used to be a hair-dresser back east, he ventured, and if she didn't mind—

She didn't.

It was a lovely hairdo, she said later.

Coordinate Those Tax Levies

LET us train our sights down on a local situation for a minute and consider what may be accomplished here by the plan for coordinating taxation programs.

In a few days, the nine levying bodies of the county will meet at the call of County Judge U. E. Reeder to discuss mutual problems and the formation of a central organization of all public levying bodies.

This proposal may make tax history here, or it may fall by the wayside for want of public interest and because of unwillingness to cooperate on the part of the tax-levying groups. If it works, we may be able to credit wartime conditions for a program that will have lasting benefits, in war and peace.

Here is the reasoning back of this plan:

In Klamath county, we have these various tax levying groups meeting independently each year and imposing taxes on real property. A number of them press taxes on the same pieces of real property.

They lay out their budgets and fix their levies without consideration of what the other levying groups are doing. Each group takes its bite out of the individual taxpayer, and if one happens to take an unusually big bite, no one else thinks of taking a smaller one to offset it.

What is now proposed is that through a central organization of all tax levying groups, a complete picture of the entire local public finance problem may be obtained by all of them. They will then be in a position to give and take, between them, cushioning the blows for the taxpayer. Taxation peaks can be leveled off. When the demands of one levying body are particularly heavy, someone else can lay off a little.

A great deal of good could come of this. It might be adopted elsewhere. It is proposed as a wartime measure, for, as Judge Reeder says, the federal government is going to get every dollar available and local government is going to have to get along as best it can. But this plan would be good any time. We hope it receives the support it deserves.

New Straightaway to the North

THAT swell stretch of road from Terminal city north, that we have been looking at longingly these many months, is about ready to open.

The war has stolen attention from this important piece of highway construction that puts more speed and more straightaway into a great highway already noted for its speed and its straightaways.

Now the oil is going on, and by Labor Day, or shortly thereafter, cars will spin directly across Wocus and Graham flats, on an almost straight line from Terminal city to the foot of Algoma hill.

As so often happens, this relocation places the highway alongside the railroad. Railroad engineers who laid out those lines must get satisfaction, if they are still alive, in seeing the highways which once went elsewhere come sneaking over and lying down beside the rails.

It has happened often enough to be significant.

Tough Customers

A MAN who knows what he is talking about, America's Ambassador Grew, says the Japanese are ready to make all possible sacrifices and to fight to the bitter end of this war. We might as well face the realization of the kind of adversary we have across the Pacific.

He is tough, and he can take it. He can take it, we imagine, better than the Germans. There is a widely held suspicion that the Germans are great winners but not so good when things don't go well for them. History seems to bear that out.

It is possibly not too much to hope that the Germans, after a few serious reverses, would begin to fold up. But not the little yellow man. His whole racial psychology points in another direction. His determination not to lose face means a last ditch suicidal fight before he will accept the humiliation of defeat.

Well, that is what we face, and let it be so. We may be slow in starting, we may need some reverses to toughen us, but eventually this country will rise in its strength and give the Japanese that last ditch, suicidal fight.

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.

WE MUST WIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—Americans know what World war II is about. They know that it was conceived and forced upon the people of five continents by anarchists in leagues over the world—by despisers of domestic and worldwide legal principles. Read the history of nazism in Germany, of fascism in Italy, of the militarist faction in Japan—all were despoilers of their own lands, by treachery, by "coups d'etat"; the same measures afterward employed against peace-loving, law observing people everywhere. History should and will write that story. That same record will show how allied peoples rallied around the grouped flags of their respective nations and fought to preserve law and order in national and international affairs.

Will history also relate how these peoples won this war gloriously? It is us who must look to that. We are fighting for an allied victory since we know that without it true history, as well as advanced civilization, must perish from the earth. Americans do know what World war II is about and that they can, must and will win it.

FEE CLIFFORD ESTEB, 833 Walnut Street.

DEFERMENT—HARD WAY

TOPEKA, Kas. (AP)—State selective service headquarters says bashing isn't permissible.

Officials said a departing draftee at Great Bend, Kas., reached out the train window to bash his draft board chairman over the head, injuring his hat and his dignity.

The youth got his deferment—a six-months jail term.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

The Wisdom of Solomon



Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican September 4, 1902

The Ashland Tidings said that more than 100 persons from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota have arrived in Ashland and started for the Sprague River country in Klamath and Lake counties to take up timber claims. A large number have come from the Willamette valley and Puget Sound points on the same errand. The infection for the possession of timber lands of southern Oregon seems to have spread and goes on increasing. The rush also extends over the northern California counties and in Oregon wherever there is any available timber land left. Some of these claims come fairly expensive to the filers for their expenses for their round trips cannot be less than \$200. Then they must pay the locator, pay for the advertising notice and later return to make final proof and pay the U. S. government \$2.50 per acre. Many of them figure their claims will cost them at least \$700, but they hope to sell at a large profit.

From the Klamath News September 2, 1932

A dairy barn on the R. P. Oliver ranch on Lakeshore drive burned to the ground yesterday.

City police last night seized a 45-gallon still and a quantity of mash at a house on Williams street.

The Oregon Bank and Trust company today became exclusively a Klamath-owned institution.

CIO OPPOSES ANY 'ECONOMIC CZAR'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The CIO has sent to the White House a resolution expressing the opposition of its executive board to the naming of "any czar of supreme dictator to regulate the economic affairs of the nation."

The organization's executive board expressed itself yesterday and President Philip Murray said the resolution was dispatched to Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, presidential adviser who has been drafting tentative new economic controls which the president may disclose on Labor day.

President Murray and AFL President William Green talked to the president last week about proposals under consideration and planned to return to the White House tomorrow for further discussion.

The CIO resolution said creation of any such supreme authority was "thoroughly inconsistent with the basic democratic principles of our nation."

WAR QUIZ

1. What does this silver button, which is worn only by civilian clothes, signify?
2. The rank of leader in the WAAC corresponds to what rank in the army?
3. Two of our present generals are grandsons of famous Civil war generals. Do you know who they are?

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

1. It is a World war decoration, signifying the wearer was wounded.
2. Corporal.
3. Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant III and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. J. Christian, grandsons of U. S. Grant and Stonewall Jackson.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

Flying Sandwiches . . .

All of a sudden there is a flood of news about amazing wood types among the war planes that the United Nations are slinging at the axis, in swelling swarms.

They are generally called flying sandwiches by the old-time greaseballs of the ground crews, who like to rig up their own names for the things they live with and work on. They mean plywood, which can well be thought of as a wood-glue sandwich.

Standard training planes of countries outside the USA have been made of plywood since away back, with lumber framing. Four types of Italian bombers are plywood — which is probably nothing for a woodsman to brag about. The Jap Zero is a plywood job, and our flying folks admire it as a fighter ship. The Russian main type of fighter plane, the MIG-3, has an all-plywood tail and a wing that is for the most part timber sandwich.

The Navy's New War Bird . . .

And now comes our own rip-roaring, lambasting navy, with a pile of pretty pictures of its new "plastic plywood plane," of which the navy says: "This new type plane has a plywood surface highly resistant to oil, water and fire. Bullets striking the plane make clean holes, instead of 'flowering' as they do when striking metal."

In plastic plywood the product of the tree has the war squeezed out of its cells by tremendous pressure and heat, and powerful glue, stronger than wood, squeezed in. At the same time it is moulded on forms, with "welding" of bracing parts, so that a complete fuselage is finally cooked up.

Another type of wood war plane, one made by moulding plywood into curved forms, bus with "cold-bonding" of glue and wood, is going into big production. So is yet another type, a "basket - weave" proposition. Others are in the news. Yet others are still very much military secrets. And there are the gliiders.

War Logs for War Planes . . .

Bauxite for aluminum production must come from South America. Our Douglas fir logs, east are the raw source of supply for the raw materials of flying sandwiches.

That's one reason why Elmer Davis, director of war information, bore down so hard on log production in the big war industry broadcast last month. He said: "The men in the mines and lumber camps must produce more steel, more copper and other metals, more lumber . . . Every gun carried into Europe or Asia by one of our soldiers has to come from metal mined back home, and from a tree felled by a lumberman in an American forest."

That's pretty good recognition for our war logs, particularly from an easterner. They are needed of course for many vital items of fighting stuff, apart from planes.

Aircrew Blades . . .

Which is British for plane propellers. Their Jablo is tops. 50 veneer strips and glue are given three tons of pressure to the square inch, with temperature of 280 degrees F., to make a "board" an inch thick. The treatment really produces a synthetic metal. Working it into propeller blade shape requires machines and tools designed for milling metal, instead of woodworking equipment.

The British found early in the war that dents in true metal "aircrew blades" would soon split into fatigue cracks. Dents in cooked and pressed wood blades remained just dents. A new type of dural blade is the only rival of the Jablo in John Bull's flying island.

Wood is coming up in the world, by the old mackinaw!

Sell it through the want-ads

7343
by Alice Brooks

You'll have this hat and purse crocheted in a twinkling in grip, or straw yarn. They're so inexpensive, there's no reason why you can't have a number of them in different colors. Pattern 7308 contains directions for hat and purse; illustrations of them and stitches; materials needed.

To obtain this pattern send 11 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.

LABOR CONQUERS ALL

PORTLAND (AP) — Virginia Newell couldn't get into the WAAC's; she'd never worked and had no occupational specialty.

She got a job as a waitress and acquired a few weeks' experience.

She was the 100th WAAC recruited.

WHAT, MINE?

SEATTLE (AP) — John J. MeTague, ship's watchman, didn't know what to say when William J. O'Brien handed him \$430, complete with a wallet.

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