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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—Hitler skimmed the last of the cream of his military strength for the conquest of Stalingrad. What he produced there, therefore, offers a worthwhile estimate of what power he has left.

He used about 500,000 men in the drive. The Russian press sometimes thought the reds were facing a million, but their latest count would be around half that sum.

These were not used all at the same time. Flying wedges of about 75,000 troops manned the front attacking lines. They were withdrawn every few days for a rest and another 75,000 replaced them.

Not more than a million Nazi troops are strung along the vast expanses of the rest of the front line, from the Arctic to the Caucasus.

The best troops were, of course, called into the Stalingrad front and the million holding the other sections of the line represent what was left, some being newly trained, some Italians, Rumanians, and Finns, who have been practicing for months under German supervision.

About 400,000 Italian troops have been re-trained by the Germans. Yet these are still about the worst of the lot. The Finns and Rumanians are much more highly regarded.

Behind this front line are about a million men in what might be called the third class troops, the reserves to relieve the front lines.

NOT THE SAME

On the only other Nazi fighting line, in Libya, Rommel has never had more than 100,000, including Italians, although published reports of his strength sometimes exaggerated this figure by 50 per cent or more.

So you see the total German military machine now in this third year of the war, is not the same vast efficient striking force which went spinning through Poland, Belgium, Holland and France.

In actual fighting power, it seems to number only a little over 2,500,000, of which the 500,000 facing Stalingrad can still be classified as the crack troops (and these have been rapidly used up).

While the Nazis still talk about their army of 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 men, about three-fourths of this vaunted strength represents fourth-class troops doing police duty in occupied regions. This fourth class includes many soldiers who have recovered from wounds, the very young, the untrained, and the over-age.

FOOLED TOO OFTEN

At Stalingrad, Hitler also produced about 1500 planes, representing practically all his remaining air striking power. It is still a good air force, but far from the 5000 planes Goering used to brag about.

Shortage of pilots, as well as materials, British bombings, and sabotage, probably has cut Hitler's air-arm to this extent. Pilots cannot be made in a day, or a year, and the training which gave the original air force a superior efficiency will never be possible again during this war.

We have been fooled too often

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Also—Late War News

SIDE GLANCES



"He never goes near the kitchen at home, but whenever he catches a big fish he always brings it here and argues with the chef about how to cook it!"

by reports and expectations of German disintegration to relax our efforts even in the face of these encouraging trustworthy figures. But they show that the war is not necessarily being lost by us on that front. They remove cause for discouragement.

NOT WHAT IT WAS

The British have been putting out a sentence or two every night about German bombing raids on Britain, finally announcing a few days back that 400 civilians had been killed in the last month during these raids.

These nightly Nazi forays seem to have no military objective. They are not aimed at industrial centers or munitions works and, apparently, have no continuing plan.

About 15 or 20 German bombers come over and hit a town, generally a point near the coast. For a while they concentrated on cathedral cities and those of purely historical value. Most of the British 400 casualties were suffered in one town one night.

The Germans are merely feebly and blindly punching at non-military British objectives to keep as many British planes as possible at home at night, and away from continental raids.

The weakness of the effort is a further evidence that German striking power is not what it was.

It may be different this winter when Hitler can use what is left of those 1500 planes from Stalingrad for night attacks on Britain.

Old Bottle Caps To Be Re-Used

SALEM, Sept. 21 (AP)—The state department of agriculture said today it would permit the use of old bottle caps for bottled beverages, if the caps are sterilized properly. This will be permitted only for the duration of the war.

Plants which intend to use the old caps must first notify the department so it can arrange for inspections.

Crown caps which are reused must have new inserts.

It isn't what father plunks down for a harp for his daughter—it's the plunking ever after.

Four-H News

LUCKY TEN CANNERS

The meeting was called to order by our president, Barbara Francis. The pledge to the flag and the club pledge was led by our song leader, Mary Quinowski. We talked about having a party at night, and playing games. We discussed the canning demonstrations and exhibits.

Jean Thomas, news reporter.

SHASTA VITAMIN RUSTLERS

The meeting was called to order by our president, Jean Thomas. Pledge to the flag and club pledge were led by Keith Thomas. Mrs. Stewart, our leader, gave us a copy of the premium list, and explained the preparation of our exhibits to be taken to the garden show. We examined corn, carrots, etc., so as to know what sizes were best for the exhibit. We made the final plans for our show, and talked about our record books. A committee, Morris Weakly and Thomas Quinowski, were selected from our club to take charge of the games at a party on Wednesday night. The Lucky 10 Canners and the Shasta Vitamin Rustlers are having a party at 7:30 p. m. at Mrs. Stewart's on Wednesday, September 26. Refreshments were served after the meeting adjourned. We plan to exhibit 100 per cent at the Victory garden show.

Gloria Stewart, news reporter.

SHARA POULTRY CLUB

The last meeting of the Shara Poultry club was held August 16 at the Stover home. We had a meeting and talked about the fair and decided what to exhibit. All members plan to exhibit something in the fair. At the meeting we discussed the point of judging things, and we like it better than the way we've always had before. Most of the record books are about ready to turn in. After we closed the meeting, we practiced candling eggs and looked at Lorraine and Alma Stover's chickens they plan to exhibit at the 4-H fair, August 24, at the fair grounds in Klamath Falls. Four members have capons they plan to exhibit. We had nine visitors, and all members were present. I've enjoyed sending the news of our club to the paper, and I hope the readers enjoyed reading it as much as I did writing it.

Mary Louise Haynes, news reporter.

LUCKY TEN CANNERS

On August 14, 1942, the Lucky Ten Canners had a meeting. It took place at Mrs. Stewart's home. The meeting was called to order by Betty Stewart, vice president. The roll was called. The pledge to the flag and the club pledge were led by Mary Quinowski. We had one visitor, Joice Thomas. The next meeting will be September 20. There were two demonstrations: Betty Stewart and Bud Quinowski, "preparation on how to fix the jars before canning." Jean Thomas and Gloria Stewart, "demonstration on how to can peaches." After the meeting adjourned, we had punch and cookies.

Mary Quinowski, news reporter

Your "junk is worth money. Sell it through classified ads. Put the cash in War Savings!"

Say 'Ah-h'



A native of the Free French island of New Caledonia, a land once famous for "black magic," goes modern as he submits to treatment by U. S. Army surgeon. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.)

The nights are getting longer, which means that slowly but surely twilight is sneaking up on us when we drive home from work. That bad corner you could see so well during summer on your homeward drive is now doubly dangerous in the darkness, the National Safety council warns us. Drive more slowly—and turn on your lights in time.



Whether you use rug cotton or worsted, this jiffy-knit jacket will add style and comfort to your wardrobe. In an easy pattern stitch, it's knitted at little cost. Just the thing for campus days! Pattern 7350 contains instructions for jacket in sizes 12-14, 16-18; illustrations of it and of 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."

Army Concentrating On Morale Building, Says Fred Hoehler

PORTLAND, Sept. 21 (AP)—The army is paying more attention to morale of its soldiers than ever before, Fred K. Hoehler, director of the American Public Welfare association, said Saturday.

He told the western conference of the association that each regiment has special service and recreation officers. Competitive athletics, dramatics and music are provided.

Courses are being offered in education, orientation and information, Hoehler added.

Crews Fight Blaze Near Tillamook

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 21 (AP)—Fire fighters today battled a blaze that leaped out of control in slashings near the huge old Tillamook burn last night.

The flames covered 150 acres and were approaching green timber. Two hundred men were sent to the scene.

If you want to sell it—phone The Herald and News "wanted ads," 3124

News and Herald Employees Help Out In Spud Harvest

Several members of the mechanical department of The News and Herald did their bit to help in the potato harvest over the weekend, doing work on the ranch of Charles Booth at Bonanza.

Those in the party were Joe Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Godard, Virgil Veitch and son, Gordon, Harley Hull, Elmer Bramlett, Reynolds Morgan, Charles Hutchinson, Milton Price and son, Dale, and Herb Hemmings.

You can't always tell about women—and if you can, you shouldn't.

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Foreword by Quentin Reynolds
Famous War Correspondent

WALTER WANGER

The Witness Incident

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES obviously asked for the regrettable violence which occurred in Sunday's demonstration here against the religious sect. They staged a terrific street campaign designed to agitate the public and, when trouble flared, they showed they had expected it all along and were ready for it. In all probability their leaders, who attempt the manipulation of the emotions not only of their followers but the general public, count the Klamath Falls convention as highly successful.

They got the crowds. They got the excitement. They got the publicity. They no doubt feel it was all worth the few sore heads and black eyes, the burned pamphlets and banners, and the overturned cars. That kind of thing has helped Jehovah's Witnesses grow.

They succeeded in creating, in this strongly patriotic American community, a situation where law and order was momentarily suspended, but fortunately restored when better judgment and restraint got the upper hand. That nothing more serious happened is a matter of satisfaction to this community; it is probably a measure of disappointment for the leaders of Jehovah's Witnesses.

In this period of stress, when hundreds of the young men of this community are fighting or preparing to fight the battle for the very things that make it possible for Jehovah's Witnesses to exist openly as an organization, it is easy to understand the bitter resentment which their activities engender. There is no reason to waste sympathy on Jehovah's Witnesses, although neither authorities nor public opinion can condone civilian violence they invite by their activities.

Federal authorities have asked that there be no vigilantism, no taking the law in our own hands, in the effort to weed out seditious and un-Americanism in the war period. It is to be presumed that the federal authorities know about Jehovah's Witnesses, that they have investigated or are investigating the activities and teachings of this sect which many people believe to be un-American. The question is one which must be handled by the federal authorities. Those who possess evidence bearing upon it should place it in the hands of these authorities.

The rights of freedom of speech, press, and assembly, which are clearly defined in the constitution, become involved in this situation. They no doubt guide the federal authorities, and they should be recognized by all of us in our consideration of this sect. These are precious rights, the rights we fight for, which must be preserved for any obnoxious minority (so long as it is lawful) as well as for all deserving citizens. They do not prohibit verbal condemnation of Jehovah's Witnesses or any other sect, nor prosecution, through legal methods, of those who are traitorous or seditious.

It is to be hoped Sunday's incident serves a good purpose in relieving the pressure that was engendered by Jehovah's Witness activities here in the past few weeks. If these people persist, and the federal government finds it impossible to do anything about it, a good job of ignoring them would probably be the most effective treatment to be administered by the good citizens of such communities as ours.

Editorial Correspondence

(Delayed)

POMONA, Calif.—Three hours at an aircraft observation post in the middle of this fertile valley's walnut and citrus groves were spent by this scribe this morning with his elderly father, who is a volunteer aircraft observer.

Ours was the graveyard shift—5 to 8 a. m. Rolling out at 4:30 a. m. is tough on a vacationist, but if the 70-year old gentleman down the hall can do it for his country, we certainly ought to be willing to keep him company for just one morning.

This observation post is located in a small building on a ranch, which also houses a walnut dehydrator. Observation from this post is maintained on a 24-hour basis by citizens of the neighborhood. They take note of all passing planes, make a record in a book and flash a report of the plane to the army filter center by telephone.

We arrived exactly at 5 a. m. The two observers on the previous shift, one a rancher who lives in one of those Spanish type houses on a hilltop and the other a ranch employe, were pacing about outside, waiting for us to relieve them. They had been on the job from 2 a. m. to 5 a. m., and had reported two planes.

We took over, making ourselves comfortable in the bare room. Furniture in the post included an old, red overstuffed chair, a lawn chair, a camp stool, a worn round dining table. A gas fixture had been installed in a small wood stove and it was cozy enough despite the outside chill of the hour before dawn.

Two decks of sticky cards, an assortment of pictures of various types of aircraft, an instruction manual entitled "Eyes Aloft," and several ancient books with faded covers indicated the manner in which the volunteer observers pass the time. A cartoon by an amateur artist warned of the possible disastrous effects of oversleeping and missing the watch.

So we maintained there a three-hour vigil. Trains roared by at regular intervals on the nearby Southern Pacific and Union Pacific tracks. But we weren't watching for trains. Trucks could be heard on the Valley Boulevard a half mile away, but we weren't watching for trucks.

There were no planes. Looking back in the book, we found that the 5 to 8 period is pretty much a planeless shift. But the watch is always kept!

Few friendly planes are sighted from 5 to 8, but if an enemy were to come over, it would be likely as not to be in that period. The bombing on the Oregon coast the other day occurred in the early morning, and the papers down here quoted Klamath's Lieutenant Truman Runyan to the effect that the aircraft observers flashed reports of the enemy plane immediately and the "system worked perfectly." That's the sort of thing that keeps the volunteer observers on the job.

Farm operators and farm hands, men from the house on the hill or the shack by the canal, small business men, ministers, housewives, go regularly to this little dehydrator house in the Pomona valley, and scores of other observation posts like it, to watch and listen for aircraft.

They know that it could happen—that a call placed through that telephone there on the bare wall might throw the switch that would start operation of mighty defense machinery at the moment it's needed. So the watch is always kept.—M. E.

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