

U. S. STRIKING POWER GROWS, REPORTS SHOW

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—American air, sea and land forces, according to all available indications, should have by late next summer the weapons to begin a series of powerful drives against the axis.

This picture of war in the making comes from recent official disclosures on the production of giant planes, aircraft carriers and battleships and other formidable new weapons improved types of old ones. Here are the high spots of those disclosures:

BOMBING PLANES—Great new bombers are on the way and may soon begin to show up in small numbers on the world's fighting fronts. Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of army air forces, said in a speech Sunday that they would make the present Flying Fortresses look just like small planes.

Judged by usual standards of secrecy, Arnold's revelation of the existence of these giants certainly was not made until they were actually in production. Assuming that long-range plans for quantity output were made long since, they should be reaching the battle zones in quantity six or eight months from now. Only last night the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., announced development of a "radical" new tank-carrying cargo plane which also can transport guns, ammunition, supplies and troops to distant fronts.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS—Since last July three regular carriers and three carriers converted from cruisers which were still on the ways have been launched. Formerly it took a year from launching date to put a carrier in commission but this has probably been cut under the navy speedup by two to four months.

BATTLESHIPS—The new 35,000-ton Washington, North Carolina, South Dakota and Massachusetts are already in service. The Indiana and Alabama, of the same tonnage, were launched in November 1941, and February 1942 respectively. The 45,000-ton Iowa hit the water last August and the New Jersey, of the same class, only this month. James V. Forrestal, navy undersecretary, gave a clue to the speed with which these huge battle-



NAVY MOTHER—Mrs. Irene Shafer of Glendale, Calif., named typical Navy mother by 9th Naval District.

wagons are being put into service by declaring at the New Jersey's launching that that ship would be commissioned within five months.

OTHER NAVAL CRAFT—Battleships and carriers do not operate without supporting squadrons of cruisers and destroyers and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet, is authoritatively for the statement that 1943 will see the fleet swelled by numbers of these vessels. Many destroyers and submarines were commissioned this year, King said in a recent speech, but "carriers and cruisers in particular will not start coming into service until next year."

GUNS—Little has been revealed about the development or improvement of guns although that obviously must be one of the main concerns of all munitions research and design. General Arnold said in his Sunday speech, in which he cryptically referred to secret new weapons of aerial warfare, that one new piece of airplane armament would make the present powerful .50 calibre machine gun look like a pea shooter. Forrestal gave evidence of the power and accuracy of battleship armament at the New Jersey launching in reporting that at the battle of Guadalcanal in mid-November a battleship laid its second salvo squarely on the target eight miles away.

WRONG ADDRESS
DENVER (AP)—Arrested on a federal charge of defacing currency, a 59-year-old man explained he wrote biblical quotations on dollar bills, hoping they would fall into the hands of criminals and reform them. Secret service agents were at a loss to explain why some of the bills were mailed to them. World's largest textile school is located at Raleigh, N. C.

ENLISTMENTS IN SERVICES OPEN

Arrangements to draft men for the navy, marines and coast guard will not be completed for about six weeks and until then, men of ages 18 through 37 may volunteer for those services through their local selective service boards, selective service headquarters in Washington disclosed Tuesday.

Enlistments from the Klamath country for service in the United States navy this week include James Thompson Edgar of Gilchrist and Robert O. Batchelder of Klamath Falls, the local recruiting station announced Wednesday.

Enlistments for men 17 to 18 and 38 to 50 are also continuing, the station said, and applications are now being taken. The SEABEES are open to electricians, sheet metal workers, steel workers, carpenters and helpers.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY
Decrees
Stacy Engblom versus Ludwig Engblom. Divorce granted. Nancy Olive Kitchen versus James Kitchen. Divorce granted.

Justice Court
Joseph D. Wahl and Ernie Nelson. Burglary not in a dwelling. Dismissed.

Ernie Nelson. Petit larceny. 30 days. 16 days suspended.

Joseph D. Wahl. Petit larceny. 30 days. 16 days suspended.

Elmer Mat Eley. Operating motor vehicle without muffler. Fined \$5.50.

Theodore Roosevelt Jackson. Operating motor vehicle when operator's license revoked. Fined \$50 or 25 days. Committed.

MEDICAL ADVICE
SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—It may be unethical for a wife to go through her husband's pockets while he sleeps, but if he buries his cash in the ground—that's different.

"You should have dug it up," scolded Judge E. W. Greenough, after a woman testified her husband was handy with a spade. "You were entitled to half of it."

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Tank Buster Corps, Now Going to Town in Africa, Claims Toughest Recruits

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—Rivalry between two groups of American fighters who for sheer, brutal toughness bow to no man or machine—and never to each other—is nearing a showdown in North Africa.

Somewhere around Bizerte and Tunis, probably, the tankers and the tank-busters—although supporting each other against the enemy—are competing to prove which are the more fearsome fighters.

The Tank Destroyer corps is one of the newest but proudest branches of the United States army. Its attitude toward the heavily armored crawlers is openly displayed by its shoulder insignia—a Black Panther crusher.



ing a tank in its jaws, along with the words "Seek . . . Strike . . . Destroy."

"A SLUR, SIR!"
Before he left the United States to lead the armored forces in Africa, flinty Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, tolerantly remarked that the Tank Destroyer corps would have to start fighting in tanks if it wanted to learn to destroy them.

This burned up the tank destroyer men, who have developed about the same feeling toward tanks that they have regarding medieval shields and lances. Tanks were all right in their day, they say, but they have no place in a modern war—unless, of course, they ride along

behind friendly tank destroyers. The tank hunters are so tough that they claim to start their training where the Commandos and Rangers leave off. Not only do the busters shoot from the hip, but they actually hurl their socks through the sides of tanks.

REALLY UNDER FIRE
The Black Panther troops all so train under the fire of live ammunition. At Camp Hood, Tex., machine guns fire two feet above the ground as the destroyer men roll out of slit trenches and crawl through barbed wire entanglements across an open field.

A 25-mile hike is regarded merely as a constitutional by the destroyer men—they clip off nine miles in two hours. They're the only U. S. troops who are taught to shoot from the hip in good old western style. They have target practice in a pitch black tunnel and they aim at sounds—a rattle of a bayonet scabbard or a whisper.

In the dark, with tommy guns and .45 caliber revolvers, the destroyers hit their unseen targets 60 per cent of the time. In the daylight, firing at targets which appear unexpectedly at windows and in doorways, they are 80 per cent accurate. In addition, they learn to fire machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, 75-mm. cannon and 105-mm. howitzers.

The howitzers are mounted on the M-5 tank destroyer, one of the army's newest weapons. The M-5 is built on the chassis of a tank. It sacrifices armor for speed and mobility. Its job is to lurk in ambush for tanks, hurl shells and race away before the enemy can close for battle.

Once enemy tanks have been spotted, the buster gives them no rest. Each battalion has a company of stalkers who work at night. When the enemy bivouacs, the hunters creep in armed with two-edged knives to silence sentries.

THEY SOCK 'EM
The hunters fill their socks



UP THE HATCH. Not a Nazi in sight, so a New Zealand soldier in the west African desert "unbottoms" the front of his American-built tank and pops up for a look-see.

with dynamite, dip them in a bucket of tar or some other sticky substance, insert a 30-second fuse and hurl them against the sides of tanks. A sock sticks to the tank until it explodes and blasts a hole in the armor. Into this opening, the destroyers dash a Molotov cocktail—a bottle of blazing gasoline. They have other calling cards, too, but those are military secrets.

Although men in the tank corps are tough and proud of it, the Black Panthers believe they can give them a few pointers on destructive fury. But however the rivalry is settled, it will be at the expense of the enemy.

RUBBER TROUBLE

BOISE, Ida. (AP)—Think of the rubber situation and spare a tear for Fire Chief Frank Pulaski. His men, fighting a fire across the railroad tracks, uncoiled 1550 feet of hose. While they weren't looking, a train snipped the precious rubber tubing into three pieces.

SPENCER CONVICTED IN BAY CITY COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—Two men were convicted in juvenile court Tuesday of contributing to the delinquency of two young runaway girls from Portland.

They were D. Homer Spencer, Klamath Falls, Ore., business man, and Russell Shores, 20, orchestra member.

The girls were 12 and 13 years old. They said they were entertained in various night clubs and bars around the city.

Both Spencer and Shores asked for probation. Judge Thomas F. Foley said he would rule on the probation pleas January 11.

The jury acquitted Elmo F. Cozza, 21, a musician, who went to trial with the other two men.

Enlargement of Assessor's Office Gets Underway

Enlargement of the Klamath county assessor's office in the southwest corner of the main floor of the courthouse is now underway.

The office will be expanded to include the quarters formerly occupied by the sheriff, who has moved to the second floor. This more than doubles the space to be given to the assessor, and the various record machines used by the assessor's office will be moved into the expanded quarters.

The machines heretofore have been kept in a small room across the hall.

Sawmill Starts After Shutdown

WILLOW RANCH—The sawmill started again Monday after a three-week shutdown from shortage of logs. Trucks are now hauling logs from camp across the lake by Lakeview. The distance is about 45 miles. They hope to make two trips a day.

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You'd find thirst gone and refreshment arriving. You'd thrill to the taste so delicious and distinctive that it stands alone. You'd know you were enjoying all the quality that skill and choicest ingredients could put there. You'd find refreshment going quickly into energy. You'd be ready again to shout, "Ho, Prancer! Ho, Vixen...!"

(You can pretend you're Santa. You don't have to pretend you're enjoying an ice-cold Coca-Cola. Have one!)

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