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PALMER HOYT OUTLINES OWI NEWS POLICY

By KARL BAUMAN WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP) Palmer Hoyt, new director of the office of war information's (OWI) domestic branch, outlined today a policy of giving the American people "straight information about the war" without "propagandizing."

"This means there will be no pamphleteering from this office," Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian said in a statement which augmented a brief press conference late yesterday. "It also means that this office will yield to no political pressure, and will serve no political interests. This is an office of war information; it will deal only with information about the war."

Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican June 18, 1903 The newly formed Alumni association gave its first banquet last Saturday evening at the opera house to honor True DeLap, graduate of the high school...

Moore's Comedians opened a five nights' engagement with a three-act farce-comedy, "A Husband on Salary."

The baseball suits for the Klamath Falls team arrived Sunday. They are a dark red or maroon and very handsome.

From The Klamath News June 23, 1933 An amendment to the city beer ordinance permitting the sale of 3.2 in pool and card rooms, may be vetoed by Mayor W. E. Mahoney if passed by the council next week.

Dr. L. L. Truax and J. W. Kerns took offices as members of the school board, district No. 1.

Mrs. E. W. Vannice, Mrs. H. E. Perkins and Mrs. F. R. Hamblet have returned from the PEO convention in McMinnville.

Lynn Roycroft, coach of the Klamath County American Legion Junior baseball team, is asking for games for his team members.

Midland Betty Largent has been spending the last two weeks in Portland, visiting Bernice Mortiney, formerly a resident of this city.

Finland made another payment on its war debt to the U. S. We're all anxiously waiting for U. S. to pay Japan what we owe that country.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press An Oregon Electric railway brakeman, Robert George of Portland, lost a leg in a fall under wheels of a train at Lebanon... Lincoln county election officials announced taxpayers had approved a \$125,000 sinking fund for county schools in the lightest vote on record...

WPB Continues Gold Mine Closing

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP) The war production board said today it has decided to keep in effect its order closing non-essential gold mines.

Two California Office Holders Eye Senator Job

SACRAMENTO, June 23 (AP)—Two state office holders—Dr. Walter F. Dexter, state superintendent of public instruction, and Lieutenant Governor Frederick Houser—announced today they are considering being candidates for the republican nomination for United States senator next year.

"Black Box" Bandit Still Undiscovered

PORTLAND, June 23 (AP)—Portland police said today they have uncovered no trace of the youthful bandit who robbed a downtown Portland bank of \$1430 Monday.

BIG DAMAGE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA

Reconnaissance photographs taken after the Flying Fortress attack Monday on Naples showed 40 per cent of the Italian royal arsenal was destroyed by planes and explosions, it was announced today.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 23 — Terse, uncommunicative Russian and Nazi communiques have been reporting casualties, particularly in planes, as a result of inexplicable action around Orel in the center of the 2000 mile long front.

The Reds claimed 276 Nazi planes shot down last week, 3595 in the last seven weeks. Complete faith in the figures is not necessary to appreciate the inner fact that a lot of unreported major air battles have been going on over the Russian front, particularly around Orel.

Hitler's intuition led him to concentrate not only planes but troops and supplies in front of Orel beginning last January and ending the middle of May. The Reds correctly interpreted this concentration as forecasting a main Hitler offensive headlong in the direction of Moscow.

It probably would not be aimed directly at the city, but toward encircling it from the south, cutting it off from the rest of Russia. The Nazi preparations also suggested intention to feint at a Caucasus drive (from the Kuban bridgehead) and a side-show seizure of Leningrad.

The Reds consequently drew in their air strength to face the Orel threat. Since then, constant terrific, but not specifically reported air battles have developed. The German planes have been striking at internal Russian production centers while the Russians have been going over daily to bomb the airfields.

These fights do not herald an opening of the promised offensives on either side, being merely air actions necessarily to be expected as a result of concentration of strength.

Indeed, since mid-May, Hitler's intuition around Orel seems to have changed. Neither there nor anywhere else along the front has there been any evidence of continued accumulation of supplies and men for a drive.

Only 45 per cent of his total combat air strength is now evident on the Russian front, more than half being left to face imminent invasion from us and the British, either through Norway or Sicily, or on the central Atlantic coast line.

If Hitler does not strike in the east within a few days, he may face an offensive by the Russians. This openly-promised Moscow drive, however, is likely to be timed simultaneously with our invasions in order to catch the Hitler air force scattered.

So far, all evidence suggests Hitler has been forced to call off his Moscow drive because he has been unable to get supremacy of the air for it in the Orel area. He could not get it, and probably cannot hereafter, because our Tunisian success required him to put all the planes he could spare into Italy, and elsewhere to protect himself against us.

The "peculiar complexities," promised by Churchill in connection with Russia already seem to be in operation in the air.

Confusing Reports

CONFUSING official navy accounts of our greatest South Pacific air battle against the Japanese over Guadalcanal have hindered any common understanding of that action. Navy Secretary Knox confessed self-mystification as to why the Japs sent over so many planes, saying no American convoy was present in those waters.

Next day, the navy announced a convoy had been sailing nearby and the Japs got two ships. No one even sought to clear up the question of why so many Jap ships would attack Guadalcanal if a convoy was nearby.

What happened is this: The Japs detected a convoy landing with supplies and called in a heavy force to get it. Our air force intercepted, shooting down 97 planes with a loss of two convoy ships.

Jungle Infiltration

A STRONG new jungle infiltration offensive by MacArthur obviously is underway in New Guinea, and shortly may clear out the string of Jap bases along the whole northwest coast.

The movement was disclosed indirectly by

The War Today

(While DeWitt MacKenzie is on vacation, this column is being written by Max Hill, former chief of The Associated Press bureau in Tokyo).

THE day the axis rax took us there would be an invasion of Europe—June 22nd—has passed without any sign of activity on the part of allied forces.

There was on that day, however, one dramatic clue to events to come. The British Broadcasting company in a program beamed to France said the following: "Be ready!"

The French were told eight months ago that the allies would let them know of invasion in time for them to give every aid possible. The broadcast, which was described as sponsored by the inter-allied high command, urged the French to be prepared and ready to act at any moment henceforth.

Now this may be just another phase of our excellent campaign to confuse the nazis, but it will be a bitter blow to French people should it be another ruse.

It is obvious that in some parts of France the inhabitants would welcome allied invaders and do all possible to assist them. The Germans are aware of this, too, and they know also that this area is more vulnerable than other parts of Europe.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, for instance, to send an invasion force through Holland or Belgium because of the type of coastline encountered there.

I talked recently with a Dutch lieutenant who helped set up some of the original defense there. In his opinion, the Dutch coastline will be difficult to defend, but even more difficult to attack.

First of all, the sand dunes will not support heavy gun bases. But the sea is so shallow that a man can walk two miles out from shore in most places without encountering water deeper than his shoulders. That would make him a perfect target for the nazis.

Probable Invasion Points

THE BBC broadcast was the most specific reference to a probable invasion point which has been made to date.

In Washington, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told a press conference, "preparations for our attack on Europe are going forward right along." Then he added he could not speak in specific terms about the time and place.

His remarks were made in response to an inquiry about the Russian communique which Moscow broadcast on the second anniversary of the Russo-German war. The Russians asked bluntly for a second front, and said victory was impossible without it.

There are several ways to view this development. Could it be that the Russians fear—or know—there will be no second front in Europe this year, and are putting their protest on the record books immediately?

If so, the remarks of Secretary Knox must have reassured them, and he also admitted indirectly that he could understand why the Russians didn't want to become involved with the Japanese at this time.

There has been much criticism, most of it unwarranted, about Russia's attitude in the Far East. Secretary Knox made it clear that at least the navy does not hold this against the nazis. But the most important part of what he said on this subject was this: "Russia doesn't want an involvement out there while she has the German army engaged on the west x x x."

While the secretary didn't say in so many words that we have an understanding with Russia about the war in the Pacific after the European conflict is over, it could easily be inferred from that one remark.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

PLEA FOR THE ALGOMA FLOWERS

ALGOMA, Ore., (To the Editor)—Today some stranger from town came out to Algoma to look at all the pretty flowers. There was a beautiful American beauty rose just starting to bloom. It was a large climber—must have been 12 feet tall as it reached the roof of the house. Well, these scavengers proceeded to dig it up. Now it will not live, I am sure. Why should they come out here and dig up our flowers now when they are blooming? If they had only picked a bouquet it would have been enough.

We that still are in Algoma could still enjoy those that were left, but now no one has any pleasure of the roses that they dug up and killed. We of Al-

Attorneys Consider Test of Liquor Ration Program

PORTLAND, June 23 (AP)—Attorneys speculated today over a legal test of the state's liquor rationing program.

Whiskey shelves in two Portland stores were emptied yesterday, leaving them only with rum and brandy for sale, and some consumers said the pint-a-week rationing program might be challenged.

They cited sections 24-124 of the Oregon code, which reads: "The commission may limit the quantity of alcoholic liquor purchased at any one time, by any persons, and may limit the amount of purchases so as effectually to prevent the resale of liquor." They contended the only control intended was over resale.

Administrator Ray Conway said the two liquor stores had exhausted only their quotas for the day and would be restocked at once from state liquor commission stores, adequate for at least a month.

He added, "I don't know whether we have the right to ration liquor or not, but our attorney says we have and we are doing it. If anybody wants to mandamus us, he has the right to do so."

Soon, when I shall be able to come home, I will tell you how hard and difficult the fight against the British and American's actually is.—German veteran's broadcast to family.