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# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

OLD HITLER is sweating now. The Russians are chasing his eastern armies, Berlin is badly wrecked by bombs, the Danes are demonstrating, the Italian situation is a keg of dynamite, and Allied invasion of the continent seems certain to strike soon.

The fantastic dreams that caused the moustached devil to set the world on fire are shattered now. The tide has turned and the end is inevitable. It was a great show while it lasted, but from now on it's somebody else's show in Europe.

The most stupid thing we can do now is to let up. We have no concern, on that score, so far as the military machine is concerned. The men who have fought the Hitler onslaught to a standstill and turned it back are smart enough to press every advantage when the enemy wavers.

But it's easy to get fatheaded on the home front when good news comes from the battle lines. It's easy to fall back into old ways of peacetime—to slow up on production, to grow indifferent to those phases of the war effort that require time, attention, and sacrifice on the part of home people.

It happens right here. August war bond sales have slumped. Surgical dressing making

has fallen off. Most of us, without realizing it and knowing better, are beginning to act as if the war were about over.

That's bad business. Now is the time to strain more intensely than ever for victory. Our war machine is not just the fighting men and equipment on the battle fronts. It is also a great, working America, standing up behind those fighting units with everything we've got.

Certainly, the end is inevitable. But the end will come sooner, and thousands of the lives of our men will be saved, if we give the struggle our full punch now. We can't let partial success turn our heads.

### Our Young Gardeners

KLAMATH'S young victory gardeners will display their prize products at the victory garden show at Altamont school on Saturday. This week, the judges are going through the gardens.

As a feature of the Saturday show, The Herald and News will present a cash prize to the Victory Garden king or queen among the 4-H boys and girls of the county.

This contest supplanted the potato growing contest last year, when victory gardens became so important. Many outstanding potato growing records were made by the potato kings of other years. Young victory gardeners promise to do equally well in their chosen field.

Klamath's prospects for a great agricultural future are enhanced by the fine boys and girls who already are doing big things in gardening, crop farming and livestock breeding. Saturday's show offers opportunity to see some practical results of one phase of the farm youth program.

### News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—There is not the slightest evidence in the Russian military situation to suggest she could consider a separate peace—or, indeed, anything other than unconditional surrender.

The fall of Kharkov has been explained in a very tired way by the Germans as a withdrawal "according to plan." The truth is the city was the last key to the whole Nazi line of defense.

The city itself is probably in ruins and of little physical value, but its acquisition by the Russians opens up a lateral behind-the-lines railroad from Moscow through Orel and Kursk to Kharkov, a switching point which branches out in all directions to the south.

The Russians now no doubt will strike in a southwestern direction from Kharkov to threaten the long Nazi triangle running along the Black sea to a tip at Taganrog. The Russians are in a position to cut off this sector, and the Germans, no doubt, will have to evacuate it.

Their policy all along the line lately has been to put up a strong fight, holding strategic places as long as possible. But, when faced with extinction now they no longer fight for hopeless positions but withdraw to save men. No Nazis have been trapped by the Russians this year.

No good defensive position now remains for them east of the Dnieper river. When they return to that, they will be nearly out of Russia.

Plenty of time remains before winter for the Russians to effect this result. Fighting around Kharkov last year continued until December snows. Russian drives for Bryansk and Smolensk may be hampered by weather before then, but the vital southern front is no where near closing.

The eager movement of Russian troops up to Kharkov showed no sign of weariness in men or material. While we have no military observers on the Russian front continuously (trips to the front have been allowed from time to time during the past eight months), authentic reports inspire an expectation that there is a chance that the Russians will now pick up speed. They had to call in some reserves

for the final Kharkov action, but that was a minor matter.

Naturally, the German general staff recognizes that unless this speed is broken by resistance in last-stage fights at key points, the German cause is hopeless. Naturally also, the Nazis would turn to thinking of a separate peace either with Britain and the United States on one hand, or with Russia on the other.

### Peace Proposals

AS NO apparent separate peace proposals have been made to us, it is reasonable to suppose Hitler has been working on the Russians. Russian acceptance, however, is unthinkable because it would mean perpetuation of the Nazi military regime in most of Europe and really only an armistice before another attack in a year or two by either party.

In view of the military situation, Russia does not need a breathing spell and cannot afford to grant one to Germany.

These Moscow diplomatic maneuvers are quite another thing (recall of Litvinoff, protesting about a second front, etc.). The mystical Russian foreign policy always is designed primarily to keep everyone guessing.

When we drag out our crystal balls and try to read the meaning of any Moscow move, (in war now or in peace later), we are not apt to get the right answer, but are only likely to confuse ourselves.

### Russian Objectives

NEVER forget this: Stalin never moves in a direct line toward objectives. He can drop Litvinoff one day, pick him up the next, never explaining either move to his people as our statesmen must, but only confusing the rest of the world while he moves in a zigzag line toward what he alone knows and wants.

Our people have been worried for months that Russia would make a separate peace, much more worried than has been publicly admitted. Such a peace would be disastrous to our current prospects, might make a war of 5 or 10 years, or even eventually lose it for us.

They know Stalin is justly angry at the delay in the second front, for he has told visiting statesmen we could well afford to lose a million men in a futile stab at western Europe, because it would bring full collapse of Germany on the Russian front, if not elsewhere.

But those who read the crystal ball, seeking sure answers to mystical Russian diplomacy, can be sure only of one answer—that is what they are supposed to do, keep on guessing.

### Bly

Keith Lass, who has been visiting his grandmother, Betty Loper, returned to his home at Herndon last week. Mrs. Loper accompanied him home.

Frank Patzke from Bimldig, Minn., is visiting his family. While here he attended his son's wedding.

Betty Abbott, who has been visiting in California this summer, returned to her home this week.

Florence and Kathleen Stillwell visited relatives at Montague, Calif., last week.

Reverend and Mrs. Victor Shultz from Klamath Falls were dinner guests at the Carl Raupach home of Ivory Pine company Thursday evening.

Alice Boyd and her daughter, Sharon from Portland are visiting Mrs. Boyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patzke.

Mrs. Clark Abbott and daughter, Betty, and Mrs. Norman Dyer made a trip to Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhea, Mary and Delbert, Tiny McLean and Eugene Larson spent the weekend at Lake o' the Woods.

There was a public dance in the Northfork community hall, Saturday, August 21.

Mrs. Albert Patzke, the former Maxine St. John of Bly, visit-

### ed at the Frank Patzke home

this week. She has been in Texas with her husband, Lt. Albert (Bud) Patzke. She left Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford, at Ironside, Oregon.

Mrs. Alice Grimmert of Klamath Falls visited her son-in-law, daughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMillan and Teddy at Ivory Pine mill on Sunday.

### Cpl. Van Meter to Get Furlough Soon

MALIN—Word has been received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Van Meter from their son, Corporal Ray Van Meter, who has been in active combat in the Aleutian zone, that he hopes for a furlough about October 1, when he will visit his parents here. Young Van Meter, a graduate of the Malin high school, has been in foreign service for 15 months. A younger brother, John, has been through the African campaigns. He left the U. S. about the last of April.

PHOENIX, Ariz., (P)—Walter H. Tuchsens, after an argument with a group of men, reported to police the loss of his wallet containing \$47 and valuable papers. The subject of the argument: How easy it is to pick pockets.

### Poe Valley

Technical Sergeant Fleetwood McCarver and Mrs. McCarver arrived here Thursday from Kentucky where McCarver is stationed with the U. S. army. He is here on a few days' furlough.

Dale Van Meter, who has been staying for the past several weeks here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nork, returned to his home in Klamath Falls this week.

The Glen Kester family were visitors at the Bert Wilder home Sunday.

Several of Bert Wilder's relatives are staying with them this summer.

Word was received from Webb Van Meter that he is now in Norfolk, Va.

Jim Glover of Langell valley and Mr. Mallory of San Francisco were business callers here Tuesday.

Mrs. Glen Kester and Mrs. Boa Tucker went to Medford after a load of fruit this week.

The Reiling boys are combining some grain for Buck Rodgers.

Boa Tucker is having some grain combined by the Reilings. Vic Brown went to Midland to combine grain there.

Joe and John Nork finished putting up their second crop of alfalfa. The crop this year is fine.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Nothing in the icebox but milk and vegetables—it's not worth getting up any more when they go out to a party!"

## The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

This columnist once consulted the Delphic Oracle at the shimmering base of Mount Parnassus in Greece, and came away with more concrete information than was disclosed by Messrs Roosevelt and Churchill in their full-dress press conference on the promontory of Quebec at the close of their momentous parley.

The allied pair did a highly polished job of playing their cards awfully close to their chests—each after his own fashion. FDR went through the ordeal quite impassively, so we are told by Associated Press Correspondent John M. High-tower, while the prime minister fidgeted.

The puckish faced John Bull crossed and recrossed his legs, loosened his collar, mopped his forehead, and "once he got a firm hold on a half-smoked cigar and hurled it far out over the bluffs of the St. Lawrence river." Having observed Mr. Churchill at close range in London over many years, I wonder whether he really was fidgety, or whether he was putting on one of his little shows for the boys. I have a suspicious mind.

Smooth Speeches Both men made smooth speeches, but neither disclosed much. However, joking aside, we didn't want them to do a lot of talking for the benefit of the enemy.

What really matters is that the conference radiated supreme confidence, and we know from past experience that another big job has been well done. The two leaders did emphasize that the allied war machine is grinding ahead and that great events are impending. That's something satisfactory to get ahead with.

Jap Offensive One of the most interesting—and likely important—points brought out was that since the Quebec conversations had much to do with planning the offensive against Japan, Russia wasn't in-

min B. Should further efforts be indicated by continued nausea and vomiting, she should promptly consult her obstetrician.

vited to participate, because the soviet union isn't at war with the Nipponese. The fact that Russia and Japan are not fighting each other may mean much to us when we come to final grips with the Mikado's forces. Our greatest need will be air-bases, and if we aren't able to use Russian soil we shall have to carve bases out of Chinese territory now held by the enemy.

Likes, Dislikes Well, while we should like to hear Moscow say that Siberian air bases would be available for the offensive against Japan, it's likely Marshal Stalin would be equally happy to hear that a "second front" is being opened in western Europe. Maybe he will, but in that matter the Sphinx twins held their peace. That did indicate, however, that a conference among the big three—Russia, America and Britain—is projected, and that's of vast importance for complete understanding.

Speaking of the second front, FDR introduced a line of thought which interested the press greatly. He pointed out that offensives can't be put into effect over night, and cited that what was planned in June of 1942 wasn't effective until November. That was the invasion of North Africa. The plans made at Casablanca in January of 1943 didn't materialize until Tunisia and Sicily.

### Mussolini Guarded On Isle of Ischia

MADRID, Aug. 25 (AP)—Travelers arriving here from Rome Tuesday on an Ala Italiana plane reported that former Premier Mussolini was now under guard on the Isle of Ischia, a peacetime summer resort at the northern entrance of the Bay of Naples.

Mussolini's wife and some other relatives were last heard of at an Italian town near the Swiss frontier and one informant said he believed she had been granted permission to live in Italian-speaking Ticino, probably at a villa near Ascona, Switzerland.

Virginio Gayda, former editor of the newspaper Il Giornale D'Italia, the travelers said, was not dead.

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

## 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 welcome.

### YEARN'S FOR KLAMATH HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif.

(To the Editor)—While a resident of Klamath county for about seven years I have been rather interested in the attitudes of people, and in conjunction with this, I well remember reading in your column, "Telling the Editor," the many letters at the outbreak of war, from the boys in the service, commenting upon, and thanking the people of Klamath county for their hospitalities and kindness during their short stay.

We all too often skip over such expressions as just politeness on the receiver's part, but occasionally it comes home to ourselves, and then we become fully conscious of the kindness given.

It was my good fortune to visit Klamath county the first two weeks of August, after having been in southern California for about seven months, and I would like to voice my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me at that time. Space will not permit me to mention the names of the many friends who were so good to me, but I know that I had a few pangs of regret for having to leave. While en route to southern California via bus, I could not help but look west down the Klamath river and wonder just how soon I would be back to again eat chicken at Largent's.

But after this mess is all cleaned up I somehow know that I will be back to stay, home.

Sincerely yours, HARRY R. BOYD Huntington Park, Calif.

### Courthouse Records

Marriages FUGATE - CARKHUFF, Calvin Arthur Fugate, 24, logger. Native of Wisconsin, resident of Klamath Falls. Carmen Carkhuff, 25, housewife. Native of Oregon, resident of Klamath Falls.

Justice Court Ralph Wallace Mason, Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Fined \$107.20 fine and costs.

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