

Aircraft Production Focused on Japan; Worker Shift Eyed

By STERLING F. GREEN
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—The government focused aircraft production on Japan instead of Germany today, in a major shift which will release an estimated 120,000 aircraft workers by the end of this year.

Downward trends over the next 12 months were set for Liberator bombers, C-46 transports and Thunderbolt fighters, coinciding with growing emphasis on the new aerial sources of Japan—the big Boeing B-29 which slammed again yesterday

at the Japanese, and its new sister, the Consolidated B-32. Twenty thousand persons will be released in the next 30 days, the war department estimated in ordering the cutback yesterday, and 34,000 aircraft jobs are waiting to absorb them.

Successes of the European invasion set the aircraft shift in motion, it was learned. The action was planned last May, but was held up until the advance into fortress Europe and the importance of the Luftwaffe demonstrated that the aircraft industry could safely be aimed at the Japanese empire.

Only one major casualty occurred among the aircraft makers, Higgins Aircraft, Inc., of New Orleans, was stopped short in its contract for 50 "Commando" cargo planes monthly before any were delivered. The first C-46 was expected this month.

Some 6000 workers are affected in New Orleans by the Commando cutback, but it was indicated about half might be retained to work on wing panels and other parts.

In three Curtiss-Wright plants producing the Commando transport—St. Louis, Buffalo and Louisville—production will rise for the rest of the year, with 1945 schedules tapering off.

"The B-24 is being replaced in considerable part by the much heavier B-29 and B-32," said the cutback announcement, released by the office of war information. The San Diego plant will turn to the B-32, a super-bomber whose characteristics still are secret but which was designed as a running mate to the B-29s which already have successful raids on Japanese targets to their credit.

The airplane cutback, extending as it does over a period of a year, will not meet the existing acute demand for workers in other vital programs," said Arthur H. Bunker, director of the WPB's production executive committee staff, through whom all cutbacks are cleared in advance.

It has been estimated that 200,000 workers will be needed in urgent war jobs by this fall.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT FOR RECONVERSION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—Proponents of the Murray-Kilgore reconversion bill disclosed today they were considering lowering proposed maximum postwar unemployment payments from \$35 to \$25 a week in an effort to overcome republican-southern, democratic opposition in the senate.

A spokesman for the group, who asked that his name not be used, said the concession might be made in "an honest effort to meet criticism" and that it would be followed by an appeal to President Roosevelt for support of the measure.

Senator Overton (D-La.) meanwhile appealed on the floor for a compromise, asserting the rival "states rights" demobilization bill by Senator George (D-Ga.) was "insufficient" in benefits while the organized labor-supported Murray-Kilgore measure carried payments that are "too high."

Under the considered Murray-Kilgore changes, a worker would be paid 75 per cent of his base weekly pay for the war period if he is unable to find a job but in no case could he draw more than \$15 if single, \$20 if married and \$25 if he has more than one dependent.

The bill now carries payments of \$20 for a single man, \$25 for a worker with one dependent, \$30 if he has two and \$35 if he has three or more.

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Oregon State Grid Star Killed In War

CORVALLIS, Aug. 11 (AP)—Capt. Thomas Swanson, who attained all-coast fame as right half on the Oregon State football team of 1934-36, was killed on the Normandy front three days after he landed in France July 8, his wife here has learned from the war department.

He leaves a son, John, 2. After graduating in 1937 he coached one year at Milwaukie and three at Albany. He entered the army in 1942 as an infantry lieutenant.

Laporte Undergoes River Tests

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (AP)—Only 89 days after the keel was laid, the U.S.S. Laporte, the first AP-5 transport built at Oregon Shipbuilding yards here, was undergoing river tests yesterday.

The vessel may have the distinction of being the first of its type to be delivered, upholding the Portland yard's record of delivering the first Liberty and Victory ships.

Sentry Duty Doesn't Hurt Disposition

LA GRANDE, Aug. 11 (AP)—Fifteen months as an army sentry didn't hurt the disposition of her pet air dale, says Mrs. Percy Lowell of Eugene.

"I can't see any change in Mike's disposition at all," she said. "He is just as friendly as ever." She said he was so excited when he arrived that he almost broke out of his shipping box.

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This picture shows a P-51 Mustang fighter, dubbed Klamath Falls in honor of Klamath women's clubs who sold enough bonds to buy the plane for the fight against the Germans and Japs. G.F.W.C., lettered on the plane, is for "General Federation of Women's Clubs."

HEAVIES HIT AT AIRFIELDS NEAR PARIS

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
 LONDON, Aug. 11 (AP)—American heavy bombers smashed in force today at oil dumps and airfields near Paris and at rail yards in the German border city of Saarbrücken and the Alsace-Lorraine cities of Strausbourg, Mulhouse and Belfort.

All the rail yards were bottlenecks for German troops which invasion headquarters reported earlier today were moving "westward" toward the French front. Railway facilities through Strausbourg, Antwerp, Brussels, Metz, Lille and Sedan were bombed during the night.

Before dawn, up to 1000 heavy British bombers attacked oil supplies for submarines, trains and other targets while Mosquitos gave Berlin residents another restless night by plunging two-ton blockbusters into the German capital.

Up to 1000 U. S. planes, half Flying Fortresses and Liberators, bombed and strafed these objectives:

Fuel dumps at St. Florentin and Pacy on the Armançon river 75 miles southeast of Paris.

Airfields at Villacoublay on the outskirts of Paris, Toussu-le-Noble southwest of the capital, and Coulommiers, 30 miles east.

Rail yards at Mulhouse and Belfort in Alsace-Lorraine near the Rhine.

The latest attacks apparently were part of a rapidly shaping campaign to isolate Paris. The weather was clear and "good results" were reported.

The Berlin radio reported daylight fighter bomber formations over southwestern Germany.

Mediterranean air force bombers, making their second straight night foray into Yugoslavia, attacked rail yards at Kraljevo.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER ADDS TO EFFICIENCY

By utilizing a special compound of synthetic rubber, U. S. naval forces have acquired an added margin of fighting efficiency. Naval authorities allowed it to be revealed today that special coverings of the synthetic compound are being placed around the propeller drive shafts of cruisers, battleships, destroyers and escort vessels of all kinds.

The important new applications for the test tube rubber is made possible through the discovery of a method by U. S. Rubber company scientists of a way to successfully cure and bond the synthetic rubber solidly to the metal shafts.

The use of this new protective process prevents the pitting of the drive shafts through electrolysis, a condition which occurs when metal is immersed in salt water. Deterioration was so rapid under this condition that in many cases the shaft would become useless in 3 months.

The fighting efficiency of the ship was thus impaired and the danger of breakage at sea or in battle, necessitated the vessel being placed in drydock periodically. By eliminating the need for repair or the replacement of the shaft, cruising time and range is increased materially. Other advantages of the new device are its greater safety and smaller repair costs.

Oregon Again Tops In E Bond Sales

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (AP)—Oregon topped all other states for the second consecutive time with her per capita E bond sales of \$33.37 during the Fifth War Loan drive, E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee, said.

Oregon also held first place on the Pacific coast in per cent of sales above quota, total sales to individuals in all series, and sales of E bonds above quota. Oregon reached 117.4 per cent of E bond quota.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Sailor Who Spent 31 Months On Guam Doesn't Look for Quick Completion of War

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (AP)—Chief Radioman George Ray Tweed, who foiled Japanese attempts to capture on Guam for 31 months until rescued last July 10, doesn't look for a quick end to the war, he said here last night. He's recuperating and visiting relatives.

"The Japanese don't believe in surrender," he said, "and they are scattered all over islands of the Pacific. I know we will beat them, but I think it means actual invasion of an awful lot of islands."

Of his almost unbelievable life on the conquered island from December 10, 1941 until he was rescued, he would say absolutely nothing. He carried written navy orders forbidding him to make any comment on that period.

Releases from navy headquarters in Pearl Harbor previously indicated that when the whole story is told it will be one of the most thrilling of the war.

He was born in Portland and went to school here, serving on the USS Saratoga and USS Milwaukee before the war, and on the USS Colorado immediately before being assigned to Guam.

His wife Mary, and two children live in San Diego, and his mother, Mrs. Roscoe Bennett, lives at Beaverton, near Portland.

When Tweed was located by reporters he was visiting relatives and planning on a few more days of celebration before continuing to Washington, D. C., the point mentioned in his navy orders.

He said he plans to retire from the navy after the war, but that his plans past that time are indefinite, "because that's a long way off yet."

He drew a \$6027 back pay check after his rescue, he said.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 11 (AP)—Fortune's wheel came full circle today for Chief Radioman George Ray Tweed, graying, 42-year-old Oregonian who outlasted Japanese squads remorselessly hunting him for 31 night-mare months on now-liberated Guam.

He escaped 10 days before the Americans invaded Guam July 20. His story and that of Guam's reconquest were announced almost simultaneously by the navy yesterday.

From the day—December 10, 1941—the Japanese overwhelmed a handful of Americans on the island, Tweed lived in precarious flight on the 250-square mile island far out in the Pacific. The persistent Japanese hunted him like an animal, finally detaining a 50-man

said Mrs. Tweed, adding she never doubted that her husband would return, although after two years' searching the Japanese had listed him officially as dead.

During his ordeal the Portland, Ore., navy man's hair silvered and he lost 30 pounds. He gained back 10 of these in the first five days after his rescue, by a combatant ship off Guam, 16 days before the American landings. An American pilot previously had spotted him standing near the remote cave where he spent the latter part of his hermitage. He lived on rain-water and food obtained in night forays.

Truck Tire Quota Given Boost

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (AP)—A 50 per cent increase in Oregon's August quota of heavy truck tires—from 1318 to 1974—was announced today by McDannell Brown, office of price administration (OPA) district head.

He said the new total—still considerably below the 4000-odd tires allotted during each of the past four months—was granted as part of a nation-wide supplemental allotment.

Revenue passenger-miles of U. S. airways increased 287 per cent in the period 1936-1941, from 321,000,000 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1936, to 1,178,000 in 1941.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Good morning, Doc. Your good wife tells me you're working night and day now that so many of the younger doctors are in the army."

"That's right, Judge, and I'm glad I'm still able to do it. Had a long letter from Harry... that bright young fellow I was breakin' in to take over my practice. He said the boys in the service are getting the best medical care of any armed force in our history. They really should with all those brilliant doctors and plenty of supplies to work with."

"Speaking of supplies, Doc, not many people realize that a large part of the alcohol required to make the medical supplies that are being used right this minute to alleviate pain, combat infection and save human lives, is produced by the beverage distilling industry. For nearly two years this entire industry has been working night and day producing nothing but alcohol for the government's program."

"Nobody knows better than I, Judge, what an important contribution to our war effort that has been."

REPAIR BEGINS ON CYCLONE STRUCK AREA

KANSAS, Sask., Aug. 11 (Canadian Press)—Carpenters, linemen and repair supplies were en route to this cyclone-flattened farming community today as official estimates placed at more than \$2,000,000 the damage wrought by Wednesday night's storm.

The estimate was made by Town Clerk W. G. Blewett, who said he had accompanied Mayor Adolph Kendall to Verigin, Sask., earlier in the day to communicate with Premier Douglas.

Flying timbers and shattered glass caused injury to 37 persons but only four were hospitalized, two reported in serious condition.

The storm, one of several which struck Manitoba and Saskatchewan Wednesday night and early Thursday, leveled some 400 buildings in a matter of minutes, disrupted water and power services and broke off communication lines.

Many small houses were lifted from their foundations—some carried for more than a block before they crashed to the street.

Crop damage was estimated at 50 to 100 per cent in the Quill Lake, Sask., area where hail swept a path three miles wide and 18 miles long.

While we can talk today in terms of formidable luck, there is absolutely no necessity to prophesy a continuation along the same lines provided that German leadership capitalizes on its experience and does not repeat its previous mistakes.—Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, Nazi radio commentator.

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Apple Production Prospects Improve

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—Commercial apple production prospects improved about 2 per cent during July.

The agriculture department reported yesterday that estimated production has been boosted to 125,043,000 bushels on the basis of August 1 estimates.

Prospects are 41 per cent greater than the very poor crop of 89,050,000 bushels a year.

A comparison of estimated 1944 total production with actual production in 1942, by principal producing states, showed Washington 11 per cent more.

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