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The War Today

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THE mystery of the moment—whether Russia is coming into the war against Japan—has brought me the intriguing suggestion that if Moscow should make this move, or even threaten to do so, it might give Nippon exactly the excuse she needs for surrendering without too much loss of face.

This thought comes from my colleague Victor Eubank, now an Associated Press financial columnist but formerly AP chief of bureau in Tokyo, and incidentally also one-time chief of bureau in Moscow. He points out that with the soviet union's entrance into the conflict the Japs could manufacture the excuse:

"We could have beaten America and Britain all right. But no nation in the world could stand up against the American-British-Russian combination. So we are surrendering rather than subject our country to this effort."

FACE-SAVING is an item of moment in the life not only of Japan but of the whole Orient. It is an obsession of all ranks, from the coolie to the emperor and to the state itself. Loss of face is one of the worst things that can happen to the individual or to the country as a whole.

Japanese generals and admirals commit hara-kiri to "save face" after they have "dishonored" their emperor by failing to achieve the task to which they are assigned. Guards are maintained about the crater of the extinct volcano of Fujiyama to prevent Japs from jumping into the bowels of this sacred mountain to save face.

It all adds up to the certainty that the mikado's government and the military chiefs will strain every nerve to find a face-saving expedient before surrendering. On that basis it may be that a Russian threat, or declaration of war, would indeed provide the necessary incident.

WE ought to know soon what Marshal Stalin has decided. We learn through an Associated Press dispatch from Potsdam that the belief prevails in sources close to President Truman that he has achieved a substantial accord with the Russians on impending developments in the Japanese war. What that accord may be, is left to the imagination, but the dispatch added:

"Among allied sources who have long enjoyed cordial contacts with the soviet government it has not been doubted that the Russians, after their own fashion, will play a role in defeating Japan. These sources have sharply rejected the possibility of the soviet union indefinitely sitting back while the United States and Japan fought on."

A PROPOS of this, there's another highly interesting event signaled from Moscow. An AP dispatch reports an informed source as saying the conference between Stalin and Chinese Premier T. V. Soong in the Russian capital paved the way for an understanding never before achieved by the two nations. And Tokyo, noting the cordial atmosphere surrounding the Stalin-Soong pact, has warned the Japanese public that this bodes Nippon no good.

Well, that's the case for the face-saving idea. It will be recognized, of course, that it's speculative and shouldn't be taken for more than it actually is—a highly interesting possibility.

Elk Raid Yields 4 Slot Machines

The Elks club here was raided this morning by city and state police and four slot machines were seized. George W. Houston, secretary of the Elks, was arrested for possession of a gambling device and directed to appear in justice court at 2 p. m. Thursday for arraignment on the charge.

Magazine Reveals Jap Peace Offer

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP)—Newsweek magazine says Generalissimo Stalin took to the Big Three meeting a Japanese peace offer with the proviso that the Japanese home islands remain free of American invasion and occupation.

RAIN CHECKS COAST FIRES DURING NIGHT

Blaze Now Held To 140 Square Miles

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Showers and rising humidity helped to check a new outbreak of Oregon's huge Tillamook forest fire during the night.

Elsewhere in the northwest weary crews reported that major blazes were being kept in hand.

The Tillamook fire leaped lines south of Glenwood during the night but hundreds of fighters deployed there earlier completed a trail around most of it. The overall perimeter of the fire was being held to around 140 square miles, the spread being from spot fires inside it. Around 2800 men were fighting it, and forest officials were recruiting every available man with woods experience to fall snags that could throw fire over the lines when humidity drops again.

The 12,000-acre blaze to the south in Polk county was reported under better control with Rogers predicting it would be "pretty well trailed" by nightfall. He warned, however, it would remain a danger zone the rest of the summer since new blazes are likely to shoot from smoldering embers. About 600 men are fighting this fire.

Two Fires Out

Two major fires in southeast Washington were virtually out, forestry officials said, but several new blazes sprang up in the area today. An estimated 900 acres of grain and 6000 acres of pastureland were blackened in three days by the biggest fires—one near Pomeroy and one in the Delaney-Snake river sector.

A small fire on the north fork of the Manatash, near Ellensburg, was quickly controlled by forest service crews. District Fire Warden Bert Schaller expressed likelihood the blaze was started by someone who entered the closed area illegally.

Grants Pass Fire

GRANTS PASS, July 25 (AP)—Fire which started in brush and grass land just this side of the Josephine-Jackson county line on the north bank of the Rogue (Continued on Page Two)

Parade To Feature Scrap Collection

As a highlight in the drive this week for the collection of tin cans and waste paper by the Klamath Falls Shrine club, a parade will be featured on Main street at noon Friday, according to Walt Wiesendanger, chairman of the drive.

Participating in the parade, which will start at 2nd and Main, will be the marine band and pickup trucks which will be used in the salvage pickup Sunday.

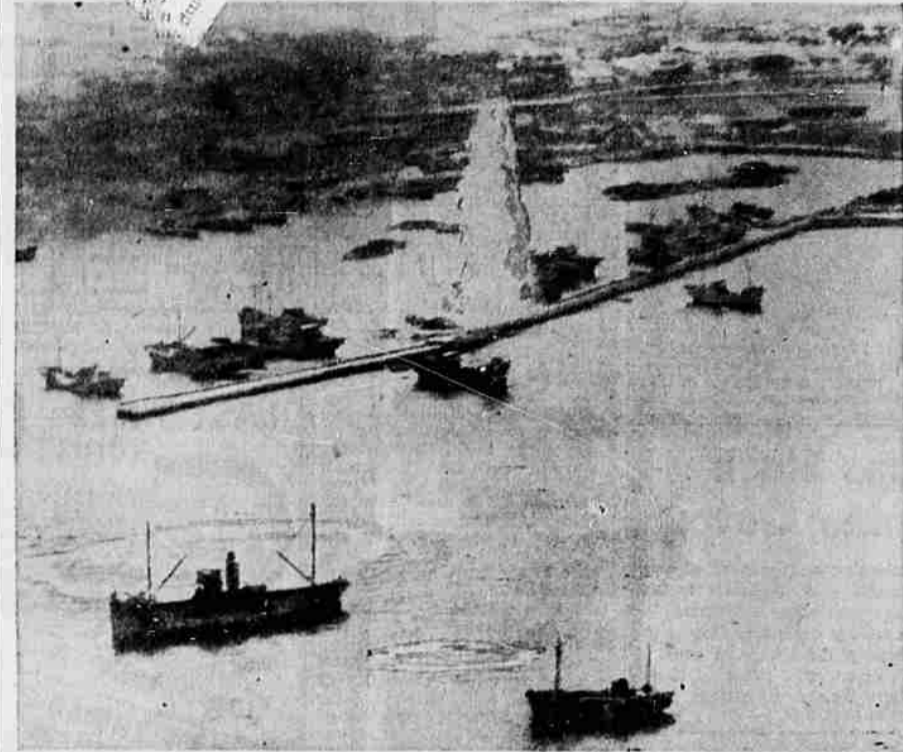
Residents are urged to get their waste paper tied into bundles and tin cans washed, flattened and placed in containers this week and place them on the curbs in front of their homes early Sunday morning for pickup.

Wiesendanger has asked that 100 Shrine nobles appear at the salvage depot promptly at 9 o'clock Sunday morning to assist with the drive.

Aussies Advance On Borneo Coast

MANILA, July 25 (AP)—Pushing a general Japanese withdrawal in the Mt. Batochampa area, Australian troops have moved two miles down the east Borneo coast, Gen. MacArthur reported today.

Yankees Hammer Jap Shipping in Honshu Harbor



Jap shipping in harbor of Hachinohe, North Honshu, undergoes attack by carrier-based planes of Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet, July 15. One ship is sinking from direct hit, another (left) survives near miss during early stages of attack. (U. S. Navy Photo via Radiophoto from Guam)

PROGRAM EMERGES FROM SENATE TALK

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—A three-point program to carry out the United Nations charter emerged today from the smoke of unexpected senate fireworks that threatened brief delay in ratification of the document.

What the administration wants, as outlined by several senators, is this:

1. Ratification of the charter with the explicit understanding that the United States thus is committing itself to use its troops to help police future peace.

2. Enactment next fall of a law giving this country's security council delegate authority, through the president, to vote for the use of U. S. troops for police work short of actual war.

3. Later approval by both houses of congress of an agreement with the security council on furnishing American troops and equipment.

A half dozen charter supporters, headed by Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), prepared today to drive home the contention that the contemplated military agreement with the council should be submitted to both houses for simple majority agreement.

Senator Hatch (D-N.M.) plunged the senate into an uproar yesterday when he challenged an earlier assertion by John Foster Dulles, chief advisor to the American delegation in San Francisco, that this agreement would come back to the chamber for a two-thirds ratification vote.

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), droning through a 15,000-word speech in which he said he would vote for the charter largely because of Dulles' statement on this point, read Dulles' testimony before the senate foreign relations committee. He added that the record also showed Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) agreeing "thoroughly" with Dulles that a treaty was in order.

Previously the issue had not been raised. It was a loosely-guarded secret, however, that several state department officials were worried at the possibility of facing another treaty debate on this score. Wheeler (Continued on Page Two)

RAAF Liberators Meanwhile

RAAF Liberators meanwhile attacked Celebes islands to the east and Kittyhawks teamed up with American P-T boats to shoot up Japanese water craft and buildings in Mandar gulf in the Celebes.

Klamath Chamber To Ask For Through Air Service

Klamath chamber of commerce directors today authorized all necessary steps to present the case of this community for through airline service before the civil aeronautics board.

The directors heard a report that the chamber aviation committee and the city airport commission are cooperating in this project, and that Senator Marshall Cornett and Phil Hitchcock, chamber director in charge of aviation, may be asked to represent the city personally before the federal agency.

The matter came up as a result of a recommendation of a CAB examiner that Klamath be denied through airline service. It has been emphasized in the discussion that Klamath is not competing with any other community but merely wants authorization of service to this community which through airlines have offered to give.

The chamber directors voted to authorize the representatives to support the application of a particular airline if necessary. Both Western and United Airlines have applied for permission to give this city through service.

By a vote of 7 to 5, the chamber directors voted to urge continuance and enforcement of the city's Green River ordinance governing peddling.

After some discussion, the directors referred back to the Indian affairs committee, the consideration of various measures affecting the Klamath Indian reservation, particularly the measure proposed by Wade Crawford, prominent Indian.

Congressman Lowell Stockman was a guest at the meeting and spoke briefly. Bonneville representatives presented a film dealing with light metal work.

Friends Replace Family's Losses In Monday Fire

Friends chipped in today to help Mrs. Evelyn Lundgren, whose home and belongings were completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon.

Articles which are unobtainable in these times have been given to her and her five children, ranging in age from 6 to 14, to tide them over. Neighbors and other friends have responded quickly and munificently to their present urgent need.

An ironic twist to the calamity was that two of the five Lundgren children were in the kitchen baking a cake for their mother's birthday when the fire was discovered which utterly destroyed their home.

Oh Boy! Was His Face Red?

A past resident of Klamath Falls was treated to a surprise when he returned here recently to look after some property that he owned.

He has a home here and upon investigation he found windows broken, the sink gone, and the furniture wrecked. He walked into the house with his wife and found a man engaged in removing some of the bathroom facilities. He told his wife to summon the gendarmes and turning, asked the man who he was. The man looked up and replied, "I'm the building inspector, who are you?"

LEBRUN TELLS FRENCH COURT PETAIN'S PLANS

Marshal Refuses To Answer Juror's Questions

By LOUIS NEVIN
PARIS, July 25 (AP)—Former President Albert Lebrun testified today that Marshal Petain threatened to resign from the Reynaud government unless it asked an armistice from Germany and later the same day took a complete cabinet list from a pocket when asked to form a new administration.

Before Lebrun told of the dramatic cabinet sessions of June 16, 1940, the court had echoed with mutterings and protests from jurors and spectators when Petain curtly refused to answer questions about telegrams congratulating the Germans for repulsing the Canadians at Dieppe and asking Vichy troops to fight alongside the Germans in defense of France.

The question of the telegrams arose from a juror during the cross examination of Edouard Daladier, premier of France when the Germans struck.

Lebrun told in a voice quivering with emotion of news from the front telling of the complete collapse of French armies.

Resignation Asked

Lebrun recounted how three unnamed Vichy officials demanded his resignation as president. He said he refused and was ousted by the Vichy regime's action in suspending the constitution and making Petain a dictator.

Lebrun told the court trying Petain for intelligence with the enemy and plotting against the security of France that President Roosevelt, "with his clear sight," never believed a German victory even during the worst days.

"In my opinion, two great mistakes were made by Petain—perhaps I should say by the government of Vichy," Lebrun said. "The first was the belief that Petain's own prestige—his seven stars as a marshal—could protect the country."

He said that no one could believe that the Germans and Russians, who, he said, were together "for a certain operation," would remain united.

Court Suspended

The uneventful cross examination of Lebrun concluded at 5:30 p. m. and court was suspended for the day. Jules Jeanneney, former president of the French senate, will open testimony tomorrow.

Refuses to Answer

Petain solidly refused to answer questions, adhering to his vow on the first day of the trial. (Continued on Page Two)

IWA-CIO Elected Bargaining Agent

At an NLRB election held at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company here yesterday the IWA-CIO was elected as bargaining agent for the production employees in the plant which consists of all employees except maintenance and repair men.

Out of 470 eligible voters, 187 voted IWA-CIO, 78 voted AFL, and eight voted "no union." Employees numbering 196 failed to vote and one vote was challenged.

This election was petitioned for by the AFL challenging the IWA-CIO which has been the bargaining agency up until this time. Claud Calkins, NLRB field examiner, conducted the election.

Gen. Craig Dies At Walter Reed

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—General Malin Craig, former army chief of staff, died today at 1:45 p. m. Eastern War Time, at Walter Reed hospital.

The announcement was made by Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

Craig served as army chief of staff from October 3, 1935 to August 31, 1939. He had been ill for a year.

Superforts Hurl Steel On Enemy

By AL DOPKING
GUAM, Thursday, July 26 (AP)—American Superforts struck three Japanese oil refineries near Tokyo at midnight last night within a few hours after third fleet carrier planes and warships pounded coastal defenses on the enemy homeland.

Between 75 and 100 big B-29s hit the Mitsubishi, Hayama and Asahi refineries, all within a few hundred yards of each other, at Kawasaki on Tokyo bay, about 10 miles from Tokyo City. It was the second Superfortress raid on Nippon in 36 hours.

Carrier planes smashed for the second consecutive day at smoking remnants of Japan's dazed navy in the huge Kure naval base after heavily damaging seven warships yesterday.

Adm. Nimitz did not reveal the strength of today's assault but it was presumed equal to yesterday's 1200 plane strike.

Airfields and other military installations on the main home island of Honshu also were hit. Returning pilots reported destruction of Japanese planes on the ground. Associated Press Correspondent Richard O'Malley, aboard the carrier flagship, said a thick blanket of fog closed in late in the day.

Fifteen cruisers and destroyers moved boldly inshore early today and shelled another Japanese fighting lair—the seaplane base and airfield at Kushimoto on the southwestern tip of Honshu.

(Tokyo radio heard in London reported that still other warships bombarded Kanagawa prefecture on Honshu, just south of Tokyo bay. Kanagawa is across the mouth of the bay from Cape Mojima, which was shelled by warships July 18.

A Tokyo report that 200 American carrier-borne planes ranged north and were striking airfield and transportation facilities on Hokkaido island, north of Honshu, was monitored by the American Broadcasting company.

Score Told

Planes and warships went into action again as tabulation showed this toll of Japanese fighting ships collected yesterday:

Two battleships, two carriers and three cruisers damaged. (British carrier planes accounted for one of the carriers at a Shikoku port).

The incomplete score also showed 64 enemy planes destroyed or damaged. These results, plus other damage inflicted by British carrier planes and land-based navy bombers, increased to 563 the number of ships, and to 635 the number of planes, destroyed or heavily damaged by forces under Admiral Nimitz command in the 15 days beginning July 10.

Between the hours of yesterday's carrier-plane attack and today's night fighters slashed at the enemy to make this the first around-the-clock carrier strike against Nippon. In a broadcast from the scene, Admiral Halsey termed it "a new phase of naval warfare . . . The final plunge into the heart of Japan."

"If the Nips do not think they're a doomed nation, they're even stupider than I think," he added. "My only regret is that the ships do not have wheels—so we could chase them inland after we drive them from the coast."

Combined with a 625-plane B-29 strike on Osaka and Nagoya—harvest of the war—and other aerial raids, the blows of the past two days were the hardest ever struck against Japan. Some 2000 planes, in all, participated.

Nips Worried

Tokyo's jitters were obvious in its radio broadcasts.

The enemy radio made no effort to minimize seriousness of the threat as Halsey's ships steamed definitely near the coast—close enough for cruisers and destroyers to shell Honshu's southern shore this morning, hammering at the Kushimoto seaplane base, Shionomisaki airfield and other targets. Tokyo radio acknowledged the shelling.

Japanese broadcasts reported carrier aircraft attacking today concentrated on air fields and communications facilities on south central Honshu, main island of Japan. They reported attacks were broken off in mid-morning after 14 raiders were shot down and 36 damaged in two days.

They returned again in the (Continued on Page Two)

Navy Identifies Clear Lake Body

The body washed up on the shores of Clear Lake in northern California Monday was identified Tuesday by naval authorities as that of David O. Herget, AR 2/c, USNR, who was killed last December when a medium bomber on a routine flight from Klamath naval air station crashed into the lake and submerged.

Identification was established by means of dental work, clothing, and a slip of paper bearing his name in a pocket.

His father, Adam Herget, lives at Talisheek, La.

Two men were believed killed last December in the crash but diving operations at the lake for the plane and bodies had to be discontinued because of the formation of heavy ice. The body of the pilot, Lt. Robert Pinz, of Los Angeles, has not been recovered.

CHURCHILL LEAVES MEET FOR LONDON

POTSDAM, July 25 (AP)—A four-engined passenger plane carrying Prime Minister Churchill and his party took off for England from a strongly guarded airport here this afternoon after another meeting of the Big Three.

Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Clement E. Attlee, labor party leader attending the conference as an observer, arranged a recess so they could be in London when results of the British election July 5 are announced Thursday.

Four army sedans from the British compound took the passengers to the airport. There was no formal farewell from American and soviet delegates.

Ninth Meeting

The meeting of the prime minister, President Truman and Premier Stalin today was the ninth of the Potsdam series. Foreign office representatives will carry on the conversations tomorrow.

In the absence of Eden, Britain will be represented by Under-Secretary Sir Alexander Cadogan. He will meet with U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov.

If the British election returns tomorrow show the conservative party victorious, Churchill said Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—who is accompanying him to London—may return to Potsdam Friday.

Attlee May Attend

In the event of a labor party victory, however, the task of continuing the Big Three talks will devolve upon Clement Attlee, who has been sitting in on the conference at Churchill's invitation.

A change in British leadership is not expected here to result in any marked setback to the Potsdam negotiations. No sharp differences on foreign policy were raised between Churchill and Attlee during the election campaign.

(A Paris dispatch last night said U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and Soviet Ambassador Alexander E. Bogomolov had been summoned to Potsdam, suggesting that the conference had reached a point (Continued on Page Two)

NRLB To Hear Libby Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—The national labor relations board began a hearing today on the 12-day-old strike of AFL workmen at the Libby McNell and Libby canneries here a few hours after the strikers refused to return to work.

John E. Hedrick, regional NLRB examiner, was conducting the hearing, first hours of which covered background of the strike. The workers walked out July 13 after dismissal of Kenneth J. Smith, former president of the AFL Cannery Workers' local.

At a mass meeting late last night the workers are reported to have turned down unanimously a war labor board demand that they return to their jobs.

Yawkey Mill At Prineville Burns

PRINEVILLE, July 25 (AP)—Fire destroyed the Alexander-Yawkey sawmill—Crook county's largest—here last night.

Starting under the green chain as shifts were changing, the flames leveled the plant, causing a loss estimated at \$125,000 by J. F. Daggett, manager.

The mill cut about 8000 feet an hour. It was built in 1943.

The Alexander-Yawkey mill was managed by J. F. Daggett, former Klamath lumberman, and a number of former Klamath people have been connected with the Prineville operation.