Washington Digest

Allied Show of Power Affects Enemy Morale

Robot Plane Attacks Used to Bolster Home-Front Spirits Following First Invasion Landings.

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In the last days of June when the papers were full of stories of Germany's "secret weapon," the robot plane, a scene which I witnessed some three decades ago returned to haunt me. I stood in a large tent with a crowd of people, oh-ing and ah-ing at a mechanical miracle we were witnessing. It was in Germany. Before us stood a pompous gentleman in evening clothes with ferocious mustachios. He had a wand in his hand and with it directed the movement of a beautiful little dirigible about three feet long, a perfect replica of the zeppelins which were just beginning to be talked about.

It did look rather startling. The impressario moved his wand to the right and the miniature dirigible started off around the top of the tent, its tiny propellers whirring. He dipped his wand and the little ship nosed down and began to descend. He traced a graceful circle upward and the ship ascended and reproduced his movement in the air. Finally, after performing all sorts of such feats it gracefully descended and landed on a table.

It was an impressive sight but afterwards an American engineer who had witnessed the display explained to me that it was all "perfectly simple." He said the wand was merely a signal to a man concealed from the audience who sat before an electric switchboard and controlled the ship by radio. Since then many experiments have been carried on by this type of remote control but so far as I know it has not been used in any engines of war.

Naturally, when I first read the news of the robots, the picture of the little zeppelin floated into my mind. Experts admit that the German pilotless planes are nothing but rockets and they can be sent in only the general direction of their targets. But the same experts freely admit that there could be radio-controlled pilotless planes.

I mention the rocket attacks not so much to emphasize the last hysterical gesture of the writhing Teuton, but because they mark an important milestone in the psychological battle whose frenzy has mounted in these weeks since the invasion. The robot attack was not nearly as much of an offensive as a defensive stroke. Reports reaching Washington in the last days indicate that there is a defeatist psychosis mounting in Germany. That this bit of Buck Rogers fantasy was to be an antidote, is clear from the tremendous play it received in German propaganda.

The tension in enemy countries is understandable to any of us in Washington who have gone through the strain of that morning when the first hint came over the air that D-day was dawning. Like many other newsmen, writers and broadcasters, I was routed out of my bed shortly after midnight after being on the alert for weeks, and from then on for many hours that bed was a stranger to me.

How Did the Enemy Feel?

Temperatures rose and fell for many days thereafter but the peaks and valleys of emotion in this country could have been nothing compared with those of our enemies. As yet we cannot know exactly what the German pulse beat was when our forces reached their shores after all the boasting about Hitler's "West Wall"; or how kimonos fluttered when the Japanese homeland was ruthlessly hammered by an engine of war more terrible than any they expected existed—or when American naval guns roared in the Kuriles and the Bonins, almost in Hirohito's back yard.

It takes some time to assay the morale in enemy lands, but thanks to certain reports which have already reached the Allied capitals we can gauge the mental state of the population in Germany.

Some of the information comes from secret sources which may not be disclosed lest they give a hint to the gestapo as to whom or where the sources are. One such report speaks of that spectre "the third man" who is haunting the Nazi minions everywhere they go. Perhaps he is a bent old derelict sweeping the street crossing. Perhaps he is a garrulous workman drinking his thin beer with a group of friends; perhaps he is even the quiet-faced fellow wearing the swastika, heiling Hitler with the rest. Anyhow, he is described in the document I quote as the "third man" who, like a dark shadow, "overhears all conversations."

"He learns," says a nervous Nazi warning, which I cannot identify further, translation of which I am quoting literally, "that the enemy took a village a week ago, that there is only one German soldier to every 500 meters along the eastern front (I have been told by a Colonel) that the Americans will attack with a hundred thousand aircraft steered by remote control methods (yes, certainly, our charwoman's nephew who works in the secret department in the Reich air ministry says so). . . ." and so the translation runs, revealing the state of Nazi nerves.

No wonder that when the German "secret weapons," the pilotless bombers, were sent over London the German propaganda fairly shrieked its triumph from every housetop in an effort to off-set the grim news of the invasion. Unfortunately for Herr Goebbels, at almost that very moment the most powerful air weapon ever created, the B-29, was making the longest flight on record to strike at the heart of Japan's chief war industry. That, undoubtedly, had its repercussions in Germany.

What is the state of nerves in Berlin, where, according to a correspondent of the Swiss Journal de Geneve, "everywhere one travels there are ruins, piles of rubble . . . . paper has taken the place of windows and there are makeshift roofs with no tops on them . . . . in many quarters . . . . the majority of the inhabitants are buried beneath the ruins. . . ."

No Complaints, Please

You can judge what the government is thinking about the attitude which Berliners are taking by an article printed in the Lokal Anzeiger:

"For the sake of your lives be careful!" it says and then begs that no complaint about their work or revelation of what they are doing be made which might reveal something to the enemy.

"Talk about how well we are fed," the writer begs, "say that the German people get more bread, butter and milk than ever before, that everybody still gets fresh white bread and even occasionally eggs and some lovely apples."

Obviously this is directed to a people utterly discouraged by minds equally desperate. From another source, which I cannot identify, is revealed a message said to come directly from the High Command itself, calling for "strong hearts" to meet the news of the retreats on the Russian front, which it freely admits has become a "psychological burden."

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A Remarkable Map

The many members of the National Geographic society have received the remarkable new map of Japan and adjacent regions put out recently by that organization.

This is the first time that a detailed map has been computed with the geographic heart of Tokio as its center. The National Geographic Bulletin states that the exact spot is Tokio's central railway station about which cluster the imperial palace, the central post office and the Marunouchi building, one of the city's largest official structures.

The map has been compiled of entirely new base material and is being used by the general staff and other government departments which opened their files to the National Geographic researchers for its preparation.

Just because we have our eyes on western Europe at the moment is no reason why we should forget what is going on in the Pacific. Fortunately, our forces have been built up there to the point where we can carry on simultaneous action with the movements of the armies in Europe.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

Julius Caesar would have had more water to cross today in invading Britain—the cliffs of Dover have receded that much.

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Nazi slave-labor recruitment among women in occupied northern Italy now applies only to unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 30, resulting in a desperate matrimonial rush.

Pillow feathers are so scarce in Hungary and the Balkan countries that Nazis are offering a bribe of one gallon of gas for a quantity of feathers worth about 15 cents.

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A "seat changing" signal is given at regular intervals in the crowded trains in Japan, and people who have been sitting stand up to change places with the others.

Ordinarily, gullies are a serious farm hazard. Farmers know that gullies cause accidents and machinery breakage when equipment twists and jolts suddenly in crossing them. Conservation farming does away with gullies because contour planting closes small ditches and heals over gullies.

A "Manual for Milk and Cream Testers in Maryland" has just been issued by the University of Maryland Experiment Station. It gives concise, practical information on weighing, sampling and testing milk and cream. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Dairy Department, University of Maryland, College Park, and asking for Bulletin No. A30.

LET US ALL BACK T HE ATTACK NOW !

NEWS ITEMS OF VISITORS IN MILLINGTON

Miss Emily Fowler, of Wilmington, was the week end guest of Miss Jean Phillipa.

John Phillips, Radio Operator, U. S. M. M. is spending sometime with his father, Mr. John B. Phillips.

Mrs. Millard Slaughter of Elkton is spending this week as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Kate Garton.

Dr. Woodward Hazell of Baltimore, was the holiday guest of his sister, Miss Mattie Hazell.

George Duling, U. S. Navy, of Philadelphia and Mrs. Duling spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Duling.

Mrs. Mary Smith is visiting relatives in Chestertown.

Miss Grace Nickerson of Baltimore was the holiday guest of her aunt, Miss Katie Smith.

The Daily Vacation Bible School came to a close on Friday evening in Asbury Methodist Church with a splendid program by the various departments and the presentation of certificates. A word of thanks and appreciation should be given to the following for their valuable work in the conduct of the school: Mrs. N. A. Wallen, Mrs. W. Porter, Mrs. J. Jones, Miss Jane Rasin, Mrs. Joseph Tubbs, Mrs. Tampton Richards, Mrs. D. T. Pritchard, and Mr. Edward Fellows. The Pastor, Rev. D. T. Pritchard was director of the school.

Mrs. Leonard Robinson and Mrs. Jarman visited relatives in Wilmington on Friday.

Mr. Hanson Horsey and Mr. J. D. Moore attended the baseball game at Lancaster on Sunday.

Mrs. James Pippin and son Tommy spent several days last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pippin of Wilmington.

Mr. Wm. Kline of Morris Plains, N. J. spent the holidays with his family. Mrs. Kline and daughter, Sandy returned home with him after spending sometime here with her father, Mr. John Phillips.

Mrs. Belle Higman is spending sometime with relatives near Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higman spent several days last week at Ocean City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Garton, of Townsend and Miss Myrtle Garton, of Wilmington, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kate Garton.

Pvt. Lee Bramble and Pvt. Benjamin Jones, of Camp Meade visited their families over the week end.

Mrs. Allan Gudelski and Miss Irma Gudelski of Baltimore were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Hollins.

Miss Peggy Pritchard, of Elkton spent the holiday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Pritchard.

Miss Ethel Jones spent several days last week with friends at Laurel and Harrington.

Messrs. J. B. Anderson, Edw. Vansant, Claude Shivery and C. M. Melvin attended the meeting of the Kent and Queen Anne Firemen's Association which was held at Galena last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore and Miss Patty Wright of Baltimore, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Walraven.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shivery and Mrs. Emma Airey spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stevens, of Baltimore and Miss Elizabeth Stevens, of Philadelphia, were holiday visitors of Mrs. Ethel Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bramble and daughter, Jean, of Malvern, Pa., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Anthony.

Pft. Bailey Barnhart U. S. A. who has returned to the States after serving three years in Panama visited friends in town on Thursday.

Joseph Moore was commissioned as Second Lieut. and received his silver pilot wings at Graduation Ceremonies held on June 27th at the Advanced Flying School at Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. He is spending his furlough here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Jarrell of Hyattsville, were visitors of Mrs. Annie Pennington.

Donald Greer of Sudlersville, spent several days last week with Billy Walraven.

Paul Bowman U. S. M. M., Sheeps Head Bay, N. Y., spent the week end here with his family.

Julian Leager U. S. M. M. Sheeps Head Bay, N. Y., spent the week end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waterman of Westville, N. J., Mrs. Frank Carpenterter and Mrs. Ella Abele of Philadelphia spent the week end with the latters sister, Mrs. John E. Woodall.

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Chickens, ducks and turkeys will eat large numbers of adult Japanese beetles. Other birds, such as the starling, robin, meadow lark and English sparrow, also eat many beetles. Probably the two most important grub-devouring birds in Maryland are the starling and sea gull.

Most farmers have adopted special precautions to keep their machinery from breaking down. There is need for the same extra care to keep themselves and other farm workers from getting knocked out of the production battle by accidents.

Maryland farmers produced 214,000 pigs in the spring of 1944, compared with 233,000 pigs in the spring of 1943, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. Pigs per litter averaged 6.5 compared with the 10-year average of 6.0 Maryland farmers intend to farrow 30,000 sows this fall —27 percent less than the record number farrowed in the fall of 1943.

Mysterious "summer leaks" that cause damp walls and wet floors in cellars in warm, humid weather but not at other times of year are usually not leaks at all, but condensation of moisture from the air. The remedy for dampness of this kind is more ventilation, because moisture does not settle when air is kept moving.

A fuse is the safety valve of your farmstead electric system. If it blows out, there is something wrong—too much loan on the circuit, a wiring fault or short circuit. Locate the trouble before inserting a new fuse, and then be sure to use the proper size.

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Asbury Methodist Church, Millington
Daniel T. Pritchard, Minister.
Sunday, July 9, 1944

10 a. m. Church School.
11 a. m. Morning Worship.
11 a. m. Junior Church.
7.30 p. m. M. Y. F.
8 p. m. Evening Worship.
Monday Evening: Prayer Group of Relatives of Those In The Service.
Wednesday Evening: Baraca Bible Class Picnic.
Friday Evening: Prayer Meeitng.

Trinity Methodist Church, Millington
Daniel T. Pritchard, Minister.
Sunday, July 9, 1944

2 p. m. Church School.
3 p. m. Afternoon Worship.
The public is cordially invited to all services.

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Shortcake

3 cups cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup butter or other shortening
¾ cup milk (about)
2 quarts fruit

Sift flour, once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk gradually until soft dough is formed. Roll ¼ inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with 3-inch floured biscuit cutter. Place half of circles on baking sheet; brush with melted butter. Place remaining circles on top and butter tops well. Bake in hot oven (450-F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Cut fruit in small pieces or slices and sweeten slightly. Separate halves of hot biscuits, spread bottom half with soft butter and sweetened fruit. Place other half on top, crust-side down. Spread with butter and remaining fruit. Garnish with whipped cream and additional fruit. Serves two. Strawberries, blackberries raspberries, peaches or apricots may be used.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Pursuant to an order of the Orphan's Court for Kent County passed in the matter of the estate of Frances G. Wheatley, late of Kent County deceased, on the 5th day of July, 1944, and under and by virtue of the authority contained in the Last Will and Testament of the said Frances G. Wheatley, the undersigned Executor will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, on

Tuesday, August 1, '44

between the hours of 11.00 and 11.30 A. M.

ALL that desirable lot and dwelling house and out-buildings, known as 204 North Front Street, in Chestertown, Maryland, lying on the Northwest side of said Front Street with a frontage on said street of 40 feet, more or less, and an even depth of 184 feet, more or less, with improvements consisting of a 2½ story dwelling having 8 rooms and bath, connected with town electric current, gas, water, and sewer connections. The following personalty goes with the dwelling: 2 Latrobe stoves, window blinds, and screens. Also 2 car garage in rear of lot and small outbuilding with right of way to Riverside Terrace. The Location is most desirable; the property facing Chester River on the opposite side of the street.

TERMS OF SALE: — One-third cash on day of sale or all cash, at the option of the purchaser, balance of purchase price to be paid upon final ratification of sale by the Orphan's Court for Kent County, Maryland. Deferred payments to draw interest from day of sale. Immediate possession can be given. Taxes to be adjusted as of day of sale and title papers and internal revenue stamps at the expense of the purchaser.

JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY,
Executor of the Estate of Frances G. Wheatley, deceased.
H. Stockton Startt, Auctioneer.
R. Hynson Rogers, Attorney.

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—OF—
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Saturday, July 22, 1944

beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. the following personal property:

Household and kitchen furniture, of every description, antique and modern, including bedroom suites, umbrella stand, stone jars, bookcase, hall rack, small stands, pictures and frames, floor coverings, 2 electric lamps, 3 antique mahogony chairs, antique mahogony table inlay border, 3 porch rockers, rocking chairs, many old items of glass—and chinaware, including antique Soup Tureen, Vases, 2 brass candlesticks, bed linens, spreads, blankets, table linens and covers, kitchen utensils of all kinds, a few garden tools, step ladder, 2 trunks, plated silverware, etc.

TERMS OF SALE:—CASH. Immediate removal required. Nothing to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.)

ASSETS

Loans and discounts (including None overdrafts)	$291,468.65
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	880,012.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	None
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	8,000.00
Corporate stocks (including $3,000 stock Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	293,984.71
Bank premises owned $31,000.00 furniture and fixtures $3,669.00	34,669.00
(Bank premises owned are subject to no liens not assumed by bank)	
Real estate owned other than bank premises	None
Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	None
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	None
Other assets	101.06
TOTAL ASSETS	$1,511,235.92

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	$ 705,777.83
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	549,621.95
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	86,554.48
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	35,868.30
Deposits of banks	6,395.33
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	1,771.30
TOTAL DEPOSITS $1,385,989.19	
Bills payable, rediscounts and other liabilities for borrowed money	None
Mortgages or other liens on bank prremises and on other real estate	None
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	None
Other liabilities	None
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$1,385,989.19

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock:	
(a) Class A preferred, total par None, retirable value None, (Rate of dividends on retirable value is No %).	
(b) Class B preferred, total par None, retirable value (Rate of dividends on retirable value is No %).	
(c) Common stock, total par $50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	25,246.73
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	None
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$ 125,246.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$1,511,235.92

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	$ 293,000.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement	None
(c) Assets pledged to qualify for exercise of fiduciary or corporate powers, and for purposes other than to secure liabilities	None
(d) Securities loaned	None
TOTAL	$ 293,000.00
Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	$ 115,368.30
(b) Borrowings secured by pledged assets (including rediscounts and repurchase agreements)	None
(c) Other liabilities secured by pledged assets	None
TOTAL	$ 115,368.30

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, W. R. Huey, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. R. HUEY, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of July, 1944.

LIDA W. WILLIAMS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

THOS. D. BOWERS,
P. M. BROOKS,
RICHARD H. COLLINS
Directors

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