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That's the picture of the allied situation in the Middle East and Egypt. The axis offensive is now on an all-out basis. When will the allies be able to turn the war tide? Keep your eyes on NEWS-REVIEW news.

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BRITISH LINES IN BATTLE OF EGYPT HOLD

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS this is written the situation in Egypt looks bad, maybe worse. In Russia, it may be looking a shade more hopeful.

BUT don't jump to conclusions on the strength of any SINGLE day's news. Look for the OVER-ALL picture.

IN Egypt Auchinleck, the commander-in-chief, takes over the front, displacing Ritchie, who has been out-thought and out-fought by Rommel.

Ritchie succeeded Cunningham. Cunningham succeeded Wavel. It sounds like the long procession of commanders of the Army of the Potomac.

What Britain needs down there is to find a Grant.

THREE slants in the news are on the hopeful side.

AP Correspondent Crockett reports from Cairo that "all along the roads at the front no German aircraft are to be seen, despite British transport concentrations."

That indicates control of the air so far for our side. Crockett says the evacuation of Matruh was successfully completed and adds: "The British never had much there but fooled the enemy into believing it was strong, thus gaining time to prepare their defenses further back."

Reinforcements of tough New Zealanders brought in from Syria and Iraq are reaching the British in Egypt.

(ARRIVAL of the New Zealanders is temporarily hopeful, but the fact that they are moved OUT of Syria, which may be a hot spot at any moment, shows how desperate is the need in Egypt.)

THE hopeful possibilities in Russia are outlined by Henry Cassidy, AP correspondent in Moscow. Quoting Red Star, the Russian army newspaper, his dispatch tells how the new German offensive at Kursk was met.

First the German ATTACK is (Continued on page 2)

Vets Facility to Celebrate July 4

An all-day program of picnic sports has been arranged for the men at the veterans facility here to celebrate the Fourth of July, Dr. George M. Melvin, manager, announced today. The program will start at 9 a. m. and continue through 4:30 p. m. with a picnic scheduled for the evening hours. Baseball games will be played during the morning hours, while from 2 to 4:30 p. m. there will be a general program, including walking race, pole race, tire rolling race, shoe race, sack race, three-legged race, spoon and egg race, 25-yard dash, fat man's race, horseshoe pitching and tug-of-war.

Prizes of watches, brush and comb sets, neckties, cigarettes, candy, nuts, etc., have been donated by the following organizations: Salem chapter, No. 6, D. A. V.; Yamhill county chapter, No. 5, D. A. V.; Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468, V. F. W., Roseburg; V. F. W. auxiliary Dept. of Oregon; Gray Ladies, Roseburg; U. S. W. V. auxiliary, Roseburg; American Legion auxiliary units of Marshfield, Salem, Drain, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, Junction City, Dayville, Burns, Toledo, Powers, Mt. Angel, Silverton.

The dietetic department of the facility here will be in charge of the picnic supper starting at 4:30 p. m. The sports program will be directed by Delwin Jewett.

Allied Planes Blast 6 Bases Of Japanese

Raids Extend 800 Miles To Dutch Celebes; Fires, Bombs Inflict Damage

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, July 2.—(AP)—The long arm of the allied air force reached out more than 800 miles northwest of Australia yesterday to rain explosives on Japanese warplanes concentrated at the Kendari airdrome in Dutch Celebes, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

In other farflung operations allied bombers struck simultaneously at Japanese bases at Dill, former capital of Portuguese Timor, at Lae and Salamaua in New Guinea, and at Tulagi and Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.

The attack on Kendari caught the Japanese completely off guard, returning pilots said, and the allied raiders were able to make several low-level runs over the airdrome, scoring many direct hits on grounded planes and buildings.

A headquarters communique reported that many Japanese airplanes also were destroyed at Dill, which is about midway between Kendari and Darwin, Australia, and that fires were started in the wharf area.

At Lae, the allied raiders were said to have bombed a barracks and shipping in the harbor, but adverse weather made full observation of the results difficult. At nearby Salamaua large fires and explosions were started among the docks and an anti-aircraft gun was silenced, the communique said.

The Solomon island raid was described as light and no details of results were given.

CHINESE FLIERS BLAST JAPS IN YANGTZE AREA

CHUNGKING, July 2.—(AP)—Large formations of Chinese bombers yesterday attacked Japanese military establishments in the Hankow area and Yochow, in North Hunan province, both vital points in the Yangtze river, Central News reported today.

This marked the second air attack on Hankow, great river port, in nine days. American volunteer group fliers on June 23 raided the city, sinking a Japanese warship and three transports.

It also represented a new blow by pilots of China's fledgling air force who a week ago last Sunday, in their first offensive action.

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Glide Man Killed In Truck Accident

William Leslie Scoles, 33, of Glide, who had been employed at Eugene, was killed Wednesday in a logging truck accident. Scoles had been employed for only two days by the Morgan Logging company at Eugene.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Bond Scoles; two daughters, Darlene and Patricia, and a sister, Mrs. Richard Woods, of Roseburg.

The body has been brought to Roseburg and funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel, followed by interment at the Oak Creek cemetery.

F. Lyons Pleads Guilty To Charge of Forgery

Fred Lyons, 21, recently arrested at Los Angeles and returned here to answer to a charge of forgery, pleaded guilty in circuit court today. He waived examination by the grand jury and pleaded to an information filed by District Attorney J. V. Long, charging that he forged the name of M. O. Ream to a bank check.

Lyons was alleged to have forged several checks while working for Ream on the Overland orchards last November, during the time Ream was on vacation.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, before whom Lyons was arraigned, postponed imposition of sentence.

Air Transport Crash's Dead Placed at 21

Fire Adds to Tragedy in West Va.; Nine Soldiers Die in California Wreck

(By the Associated Press) Army officials sought today to identify the mangled and burned bodies of 21 soldiers, occupants of an army transport plane which crashed in flames on a southern West Virginia hillside.

The transport, a former American Airlines flagship, lost a wing at 500 feet and plunged with smoke pouring from the fuselage into a garden at Premier, three miles from here, yesterday.

Nine soldiers were killed in another mishap yesterday in California, when a four-motored army bomber crashed and exploded on a low knoll with a roar heard for miles. Army men at March field said the craft was on a routine training flight.

West Virginia State troopers, guarding wreckage of the airliner at Premier, said the bodies were beyond recognition but they believed 13 could be identified by tags, another by clothing and a 15th possibly by a ring.

Some Victims Identified Seven men were identified tentatively as: Lieut. E. A. Harness, La Porte, Ind.; Kermit Masters, Greenville, Mo.; Edward Carr, Philadelphia; Elmer J. Campbell, Luray, Va.; Chester Tetrowsky, Auburn, N. Y.; Archie W. Chamblin, Leavenworth, Kans., and Leon A. Olin, address unknown.

Army equipment and personal effects strewn near the wreckage bore the names of Erwin Stratman, Corporal Jackson, Russell A. Carter and Elmore Edwards.

A scorched postcard found near the wreckage bore this message: "All that a birthday can hold of joy—that's what I am wishing for my dear boy." It was signed "Pop."

Ten bodies were removed by rescuers from the hull of the still-blazing ship shortly after the (Continued on page 3)

Nazi Sub Aides in Canal Zone Nabbed

UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Panama Canal Zone, July 2.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Frank Andrews, defense commander of the Caribbean area, announced today the arrest of 20 persons who, the army charges, formed spy rings engaged in fueling axis submarines and disclosed information of United States shipping to the enemy.

A roundup included arrests extending from British Honduras to Panama.

Involved are prominent business men, laborers, night club hostesses, coast guard shipping employees, and trusted Panama Canal zone workers.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt created today a military commission of seven army generals to try eight persons accused of landing in Florida and New York to try to commit sabotage.

The death penalty is expected to be sought by the government.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a large United States merchant vessel had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast and that survivors had landed at an east coast port.

The navy also announced that a small Brazilian merchant vessel had been torpedoed off the northern coast of South America.

Closure Order Affects Western Polk Forest

SALEM, July 2.—(AP)—Governor Sprague issued a proclamation yesterday closing virtually all of the forested area of western Polk county, except by permit. The closed area includes the properties of the Cobbs-Mitchell and the Willamette Valley Lumber companies.

Federal forests were closed Tuesday, and other closure orders will be made soon.

Price Control Chief Urges Funds Boost

Ceilings Endangered by Appropriation Slash, He Tells Senate Group

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Price Administrator Henderson today prepared to ask the senate for the extra \$86,000,000 the house refused him—the difference, he said, between rationing and anarchy in distribution.

The session of the senate appropriations subcommittee considering the supply bill which carries this fiscal year's funds for the office of price administration was private but Henderson made his case public in advance with a statement that "price, rent and rationing controls are all placed in jeopardy" by the \$75,000,000 budget which was all the house would give him.

Henderson sought \$161,000,000 for operations through next June and said that this estimate "was built upon careful first hand estimates of the requirements of the office." Unless the full amount is forthcoming, he said, the OPA may have to cancel rent control in 292 of the 367 projected areas and curtail other functions.

Closure Staff Inadequate The staff "is already badly overworked," he added, but even existing personnel would have to be reduced. There is an inadequate staff to administer the universal (Continued on page 3)

Axis Break at Key Point Futile, Report; Russians Still Fight Near Sevastopol

Entry Into City by Axis Is Admitted

Red Remnant Continues Heroic but Seemingly Hopeless Resistance

MOSCOW, July 2.—(AP)—The red army reported at noon today that bitter fighting was continuing in the Sevastopol area, but dispatches telegraphed yesterday to the army newspaper Red Star said German assault troops had carried the battle into the city itself.

Red Star's accounts pictured heavily superior numbers of nazis forces rolling slowly forward against staunch defenders of the Crimean base.

While fighting was carried into the ruined city, the Russians were believed still to hold strong positions on Rocky Cape Violent, to the south, between Sevastopol and Balaklava.

(The Germans have announced capture of Sevastopol and Balaklava but have acknowledged that fighting still is in progress on the Kheronesse peninsula, of (Continued on page 6)

Churchill Wins Confidence Vote After Picturing Near Disaster in Two Zones, Voicing Victory Hope in Reinforcements

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, July 2.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill won an overwhelming vote of confidence from the house of commons today after he had gravely assessed the allied position in the Mediterranean and middle east war zones as a near-disaster with a hope of victory pinned on "very considerable" reinforcements now in progress.

The vote was 475 to 25.

The parliamentary victory came at the end of a speech in which Churchill staunchly defended his direction of the war as the best possible under the circumstances.

Churchill sketched a dark picture of the battle of Egypt. He said it had developed "a recession of our hopes and prospects in the middle east and Mediterranean unequaled since the fall of France."

To this he added, without elaboration, a statement that "at any moment we may receive news of grave importance."

The 475-to-25 vote left 115 of the house's 615 members unaccounted for.

Of the 115 some members undoubtedly expressed partial approval of the Churchill government by abstaining from the vote but many could not attend the session because of wartime duties and other causes.

Challenge Quelched

Tremendous cheering greeted announcement of the vote, which squelched the most serious challenge yet made to Churchill's premiership, the opposition vote was the highest since the prime minister took office May 10, 1940.

Churchill's somber portrayal of the war in Africa was relieved only by his statement that "very considerable" reinforcements have reached or "are approaching" the battlefield.

This major strengthening of the battered British eighth army, athwart the axis path to the Nile delta, Alexandria and Suez, was the basis of Churchill's statement that "I do not consider the struggle in any way as decided."

This appraisal of the allied position in Africa and the middle east, evoked by two days of debate in the house of commons on Churchill's conduct of the war, was given in a speech which also touched upon the prime minister's recent consultations with President Roosevelt.

He said the conversations were concerned "only with movement of troops, ships and aircraft and measures to be taken to combat losses at sea and more than replace sunken tonnage."

The United States army air force has been in action for some days in the North African struggle while United States service and supply units have been engaged on behalf of the allies on other battle lines.

"Almost everything arranged was secret," Churchill added of his talks with the president, and "there was never a more earnest desire between allies to engage the enemy."

In the closing passages of his reply Churchill said:

"I have stuck hard to my 'blood, (Continued on page 6)

Job Slacker Tries His Stuff on Wrong Man

NEW YORK, July 2.—(AP)—The Wall Street Journal, under the heading "True Story of the Week," today reported this occurrence at a midwestern war plant:

A big, tough worker told a new employee he was turning out too many units a day and had better slow down. Next day the new man upped his output. "We're at war," he explained. The third day, when the new man's production reached another new high, the other worker violently told him he was out.

"So you are," replied the bullied one. He showed an FBI badge, attached handcuffs to the tormenter and marched him the entire length of the assembly line.

Air Bombs Will Vanquish Nazis, Ex-Captive Says



(NEA Telephoto.)

Coffee and doughnuts taste good to Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Knowles, above, sister of the late Gen. Billy Mitchell, on her return to New York from Europe where she was placed in a nazi concentration camp after her capture while serving with the Yugoslav Comitadj, anti-axis guerrilla organization. "Bombing by planes is the way to beat Germany," she told interviewers. "They can't take it."

Glendale Women Hurt in Accidents

GLENDALE, Ore., July 2.—Mrs. E. R. Christie of Glendale is in the hospital at Grants Pass, suffering from a badly torn face as the result of a peculiar accident which occurred Tuesday. She was assisting her husband in burning the wooden handle from a logging peavey, preparatory to inserting a new one, when the handle exploded. A splinter of the wood struck Mrs. Christie's face, penetrating the cheek and tearing a gash from the mouth to the ear.

She was knocked unconscious by the blow and suffered severely from shock and concussion.

Following emergency treatment by Dr. A. J. Fawcett, she was rushed to the Grants Pass hospital, where she is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. E. J. McMullen, also a resident of Glendale, was hurt Monday night, when she suffered a broken arm in a fall while roller skating.

Ted Marshall, sawmill worker, is suffering from a sprained ankle resulting from a fall Tuesday.

Cannery Workers at Salem Out on Strike

SALEM, July 2.—(AP)—Union members estimated today that 148 employees of the Paulus Brothers cannery here are on strike for higher wages and union recognition, although AFL officials said the strike has no official sanction from the Salem labor council. Officials of the plant declined to comment.

Sandstorm Screens Blow By Rommel

Attackers Say British Fleet May Be Scuttled

LONDON, July 2.—(AP)—Fighting the battle for Egypt in a desert sandstorm, the British announced today the repulse of powerful axis armored and infantry attacks at El Alamein, 70 miles west of Alexandria, but the Germans and Italians asserted they had seized that coastal village and were pursuing the British headlong toward the delta of the Nile.

All sources agreed on the intensity of the conflict, but on nothing else.

"Results were not unfavorable to us," British headquarters in Cairo declared in reporting a battle that continued all day yesterday.

The armored forces of nazi Marshal Rommel were acknowledged to have made a temporary break at one defended locality, only to be driven out again by the British columns.

Farther south, on the edge of the great Quattara depression, British forces ranged 17 miles west of their positions to engage axis units, but the main battle obviously was along the coastal road toward Alexandria, where General Auchinleck chose to make his stand against persistent frontal assault.

Dive-Bombers Big Factor Despite the sandstorms, the RAF continued intense bombing and strafing of the enemy in the El Alamein area, the British said, but the axis claimed domination of the skies over the battlefield. The Germans credited their dive-bombers with paving the way for the claimed breakthrough at El Alamein.

In recognition of the close threat to the Nile valley, the Egyptian government replaced police guards with soldiers at all important bridges, dams and buildings and began rounding up criminal elements as a precaution.

The Vichy French expressed fears that the British might destroy the French battleship, sub (Continued on page 3.)

Rancher Slays Cougar Battling Dogs in His Yard

Hearing a commotion in the yard of his home as his dogs attacked a prowling cougar, George Kohl, resident of the Peel district on Little river, 30 miles east of Roseburg, clubbed the six-foot varmint to death Tuesday morning, and today presented the pelt to County Clerk Roy Agee for payment of bounty.

Hearing a terrific commotion in the yard of his farm home at about 4 a. m., Kohl ran outside to find his dogs fighting a cougar, which apparently had been trying to raid the chicken house. Kohl said his dogs were faring badly in the battle, and to save them he rushed into the fray armed with only a short length of 1 by 6 plank, and was able to stun the cougar with the first few blows.

Alaska Coastal Waters Proclaimed "Dangerous"

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 2.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Jr., commanding the Alaska defense forces, today proclaimed all Alaska coastal waters westward from Cape St. Elias, extending 20 miles off shore, as a "mobile zone dangerous to navigation." Vessels were warned to enter only under navy direction.

The area extends from longitude 144 degrees west and includes all islands within the 20 mile limit.

The southeastern Alaska area is not affected.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A HAYSTACKER in operation at the Marks ranch in Riverdale yesterday. The pictures appearing above will give you a clearer idea as to how it works than I could hope to otherwise.

The upper one illustrates the transfer of a load of hay from a tractor-operated buck-rake, which has gathered it from the shock, to the receiving unit of the stacker. The middle photo shows the load being pulled up by the standards of the stacker by means of another tractor, while in the picture below the hay is being dumped on the stack.

Through an ingenious system the reach of the elevation standards on the stacker is manipulated,

so that the hay needs only be raised a short distance to dump on a newly started stack; but this reach may be extended as needed until the load is lifted to a maximum height of 36 feet.

Using one buck-rake, two men on the stack and another on the tractor pulling up the hay, four tons of hay per hour may be stacked. The stack shown above will contain from 15 to 16 tons of hay when topped out, having been erected in four hours.

The stacker, a Western Epco jumbo, was purchased by Ed and John Marks from Bill Miller, of the Roseburg Grange Supply company. It is, Bill tells me, the only stacker of its type in Douglas county.