

ROOSEVELT ORDERS U. S. SEIZURE OF STRUCK MINES

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AMERICANS WIN 3 MORE HILLS; RAF BLASTS RUHR INDUSTRIES

Bloody Fight Gains Vital Tunisia Area

British, However, Yield More Ground; Axis Hard Hit by Aerial Bombs

(By the Associated Press)

American troops have captured three more "important localities" and seized 200 prisoners on the northern Tunisian battlefield, allied headquarters said today, while the British 1st army fell back slightly for the second time in 24 hours along the center of the 100-mile western barrier.

Frontline dispatches said United States troops captured the bloody Djebel Tahent—hill 609—in savage fighting yesterday 16 miles southwest of Mateur, gateway to Bizerte, and shelled Mateur itself for the first time in the campaign.

Mateur lies 18 miles southwest of Bizerte. In the skies, allied warplanes unleashed "full effort" attacks against axis shipping, and at sunset yesterday the sea off Cap Bon was dotted with five burning hulks.

Direct hits were scored on at least eight ships, including a cruiser and two destroyers. The cruiser was left engulfed in flames and apparently sinking; both destroyers were believed sunk.

An allied communique said exceptionally heavy fighting raged

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RECENT news from Tunisia carries a note of keen disappointment. Our side didn't break through the German defenses northeast of Medjez El Bab and sweep down onto the Tunis plain—as obviously we had hoped to do.

THE British, attacking in two waves, reached the summit of Djebel Bou Aoukaz, the last major hill guarding the open plain before Tunis ("Djebel" is an Arabic word meaning hill).

The first wave was cut to pieces by heavily protected enemy mortars and machine guns, but the second wave gained the crest. The Germans then threw in shock troop reserves, backed by tanks, in a desperate counter-attack, driving the British back "slightly."

(The dispatches do not specify the extent of "slightly." It seems likely we lost the hill.)

DANIEL DE LUCE, AP correspondent with the British, says in a dispatch that the first phase of Alexander's offensive by way of the Medjez El Bab gate has been DEFINITELY concluded and that the hoped-for "climactic" breakthrough has not been achieved.

HE adds: "There is little hope that the enemy will collapse in Tunisia as long as supplies and reinforcements continue to arrive at axis ports and airfields and they are STILL COMING IN despite powerful allied air assaults against both air and surface craft."

RECENT dispatches say that along the western wall of the Tunis-Bizerte defenses the enemy

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Allies Will Break Backbone of Axis, Stalin Asserts; Nazi Propaganda to Split Russia, Britain, U. S. Decried

MOSCOW, May 1.—(AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin hailed the British-American aerial blows at Europe today as foreshadowing a second front when all the allied armies "will break the backbone of the fascist beast" with joint smashes from east and west, and called for the "utter routing" and "unconditional surrender" of Hitler's Germany.

In a May day order of the day to his nation and its army, Stalin echoed the "unconditional surrender" keynote struck by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at the Casablanca conference.

The Russian leader praised the allies' campaign on the north African front which, together with the aftermath, the Russian successes and the failure of the German counter-offensive in the Kharkov region, Stalin said, had caused a great axis crisis which resulted in the German "babble about peace."

Decrying German propaganda attempts to split the Russian-British-American coalition, he threw off German peace talk with the statement: "But of what kind of peace can one talk with the imperialist bandits from the German fascist camp who have drowned Europe in blood and studied it with railroads?"

Hard Task Still Ahead. "It is not clear that only the utter routing of the Hitlerite armies and the unconditional surrender of Hitlerite Germany can bring peace to Europe."

"The German-Italian fascist camp is experiencing a great crisis and facing catastrophe. This does not mean, of course, that the catastrophe of Hitlerite Germany has already come."

"Another two or three powerful blows from the west and east are needed such as that dealt to the Hitlerite army in the past five months, for the catastrophe of Hitlerite Germany has already come."

Jap U-Boat Fleet Menacing Supply Route of Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 1.—(AP)—With allied air action limited for the moment to relatively light blows at the familiar island targets northeast of Australia, General MacArthur's southwest Pacific command centered attention today on an undersea threat developing suddenly in the waters below these Japanese bases.

"The enemy has launched a submarine attack in some force in the waters east of Australia," an allied communique disclosed. Details of the nature, effect and exact location of this new Japanese activity were withheld temporarily, lest the knowledge assist the enemy in his operations.

But there was general conjecture that Japan, intent on reducing the flow of war supplies into MacArthur's theater of war, had enlarged its hit-and-raise submarine tactics of the past to the scope of a coordinated campaign by a fleet of undersea craft.

Airdromes at Gasmata and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and the town area of Lue, New Guinea, received the bomb loads of allied reconnaissance planes yesterday over these frequently visited enemy centers, the communique said.

Another allied bomber attacked a cargo vessel of Kaylenz, New Ireland and Mubo, the Japanese front line outpost below Salamaua, New Guinea, was subjected to its customary bomb and machinegun plastering from attack planes supporting MacArthur's ground forces.

Douglas Over Top in Quota On War Bonds

Excess May Go \$10,000, Indication; All Oregon 16 Million Above Goal.

Douglas county has reached its goal in the Second War Loan drive and will probably show an excess of at least \$10,000 on its quota of \$2,527,800, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county War Savings staff, announced today. Incomplete reports, Pargeter announced, indicate that of the quota of \$660,800 set for the individual bond buyers, the amount exclusive of investments by commercial banks, allotments, etc., the sum has been oversubscribed by \$10,000 or more.

Of particular interest in the closing days of the drive has been the contest between the woods and mill crews of the Roseburg Lumber company, Horace Berg, vice-chairman of the county committee and chairman of the payroll deduction department, who has been conducting the campaign in the industrial plants, reports that the woods crew won the contest with bond purchases amounting to \$5,700 as compared with the mill crew's purchases of \$5,475 worth of bonds, making a

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Senator Hiram Johnson Battles Grave illness

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Senate republican leader McNary of Oregon said today he had been informed that the condition of Senator Hiram Johnson, 76 years old, had taken a serious turn for the worse at naval medical center, Bethesda, Md., where he has been ill for several days. Johnson was taken to the hospital after he had developed a bad cold. He was reported threatened with pneumonia and McNary said the Californian apparently was not responding well to treatment.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



THE SUTHERLIN HOTEL, top photograph above, and, below, a building formerly owned and operated as a pool hall, by the late Theodor Anderson.

There's an acute housing shortage in Sutherland—as is the case with most towns experiencing industrial activity. It's so acute that it is 100%. There aren't any livable vacant houses in town.

Russell Hubbard, co-partner in

Authors Book to Be Used in High Schools, Oregon



Miss Annabelle Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Berg of Roseburg, is the author of a textbook entitled "Essential War-time Mathematics," which was recently published by the state of Oregon, department of education. The book contains a preface by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and is for use by the high schools of the state.

"Essential War-time Mathematics" outlines a course of study in certain fields of mathematics that are especially important for boys in the junior and senior years of high school who may be called into the army at any time.

Miss Berg undertook this task while doing post-graduate work at Oregon State college. Co-operating with Miss Berg was Mrs. Margaret Oberteuffer, graduate student at Oregon State. The book was undertaken because of the importance placed upon this type of work by the war department, and the fact that it was published and made official by the state department of education to the excellence and importance of the work of the author.

Essen Again Feels Fury of Blockbusters

Assault Costs British 13 Bombers; U. S. Force Launches Sequel Today

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—The RAF made a "heavy attack" last night on Essen and other Ruhr valley targets in western Germany and today several squadrons of heavy bombers, believed to be American Liberators or Fortresses or both, flew across the channel to continue the assault on the Nazi war potential.

The daylight bombers appeared headed for the Cherbourg peninsula, perhaps to pound anew Hitler's submarine bases. The air ministry announced that 13 bombers were lost last night during the fourth attack of April on the Ruhr valley, concentration point of heavy German steel and coal industries.

The German communique, recorded from Berlin broadcasts, said considerable damage was caused at Essen and other places in western Germany.

Continental weather conditions probably caused the raiders to scatter over several targets instead of losing one saturation raid, observers said. The other objectives were not immediately identified.

Essen itself has been bombed 55 times since the beginning of the war and 900 tons of blockbusters were dropped on it in the last previous raid April 3.

Photographs taken during the following days showed that the vital Krupp works there was idle

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Officer Kershner Slugged; Alleged Assailant Sought

L. S. Kershner, city police officer, was in Mercy hospital today suffering from concussion and scalp and face wounds, resulting from an attack staged last night by a man whom he had arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Robert Tree, 25, an Idaho sheep shearer, who has been working in the Roseburg vicinity recently, alleged to have made the attack on Kershner, escaped from the officer and is being sought today on a charge of assault and battery filed in the local justice court.

Edwin Short, city chief of police, reported that officers were called last night to arrest two men allegedly engaged in a brawl in a beer tavern. The two men had separated by the time the officers arrived, but descriptions were obtained and a search was made for them.

One of the men, George Keith Gough, 24, Dillard, logger, was located and fined \$20 in city court this morning after pleading guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. Tree escaped through the rear door of a restaurant when officers searched for him there, but later was located on a side street by Kershner, who placed him under arrest, the chief of police reported.

On the way to the city jail, Tree is alleged to have assaulted Kershner with a hard object, inflicting deep cuts on the head. The officer was removed to the hospital where he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain, but his physician, Dr. C. B. Wade, reported his condition was not critical.

A warrant for the arrest of Tree was issued in the justice court and he is being sought by local and state police.

Executive Action Follows Refusal of 250,000 Men to Obey Back-To-Job Ultimatum

Extension of Walkout to Hundreds of Thousands More in Coal Mines Impends; President to Address Workers in Broadcast Set for Tomorrow Night

(By the Associated Press)

President Roosevelt today ordered government operation of the nation's struck coal mines—with troops ready to provide any needed protection—and at the same time called upon miners to "return immediately to the mines and work for their government."

Moving quickly to remedy the war production crisis threatened by the walkout of more than a quarter of a million men—with another several hundred thousand expected to leave the pits—Mr. Roosevelt sent orders to Fuels Administrator Ickes and War Secretary Stimson and promised to talk to the miners themselves in a nation-wide radio address at 7 p. m. PWT tomorrow.

The White House action came less than two hours after John L. Lewis and the rank and file of his United Mine Workers allowed to expire a 10 a. m., back-to-work ultimatum.

The president ordered Ickes to take possession and operate the mines with such workers as he can provide, and told Ickes he could call on the army for protection for the mines if necessary.

"Except in a few mines the production of coal has virtually ceased," the president said. "The national interest is in grave peril." The White House action followed John L. Lewis' defiance of both Mr. Roosevelt and the War Labor board to which contract disputes involving both the bituminous and anthracite miners were certified.

Shortly after the president's order was issued, a press dispatch telling of it was delivered to Lewis at the closed anthracite conference in New York City. He crumpled it up and declared shortly: "I won't say anything."

The anthracite conference then was adjourned abruptly until 11 a. m. (PWT).

No More Talk With Lewis.

Asserting that the production of coal must and shall continue, the chief executive said he would talk over the radio "to the miners of the nation" tomorrow night.

This was taken to mean that he will take his case to them and to the country without stopping for more talk with John L. Lewis, who thus far has ignored War Labor board and presidential appeals to take up the miners wage demands with board in routine fashion.

The president repeated that the coal strike was "a direct interference with the prosecution of the war and challenged the governmental machinery set up for the orderly and peaceful settlement of labor disputes and the power of the government to carry on the war."

He also reiterated that continuation and spread of the strikes would have the same effect as a crippling defeat in the war, and promised that whenever the miners submit their case to the WLB "it will be determined promptly, fairly and in accordance with the procedure and law applicable to all labor disputes."

Meanwhile, coal-eating war planes reported their supplies of

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Ellsworth Acts For Roseburg in Equipment Quest

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, acting upon applications by the city of Roseburg for additional civilian defense equipment, particularly fire fighting apparatus, has gone directly to the office of the OGD director, James M. Landis, with a request that applications from Roseburg and Douglas county be given consideration.

Informed that applications had been rejected because of the fact that records indicated no military objectives of prime importance, Congressman Ellsworth has furnished Director Landis with maps and information and points out the city's strategic position from the standpoint of transportation and communication channels, as well as its central location and importance in timber production.

Attention also is called to the danger of bombings for the purpose of destroying timber resources and to provide smoke screens to cover possible invasion attempts.

So asserted Ray B. Schwartz, Food Distribution administration representative, at a meeting of the state public welfare commission here.

He said the 12 warehouses used by the government in this state would be emptied because of the current food situation.

Schwartz added, however, that lend-lease foods move through the state constantly and would be available in case of emergency. Clothing and bedding will be retained in the warehouses, he said.

Camas Valley Logger Suffers Leg Fracture

Don W. Hall, resident of Camas Valley, was treated at Mercy hospital today for a serious leg fracture suffered Friday in a logging accident at Camas Valley. The leg was reported to be badly crushed.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A championship battle between Joe Louis and Billy Conn has been banned, but the action is offered a good substitute bout between John (Mell) Lewis, the "Mauling Miner," and F. D. Roosevelt, the "Hydra Park Hurricane."