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### Havoc Equal To Dortmund Blow, Belief

Daily Air Strafing of Enemy Also Includes Italy's Outer Defenses

LONDON, May 26.—(AP)—An armada of RAF bombers, probably as strong as the force which unloaded more than 2,000 tons of explosives on Dortmund Sunday night, blasted Duesseldorf last night in a continuing offensive apparently aimed at obliterating Germany's arms centers one by one.

Observers estimated that perhaps 500 bombers—at least three quarters of them giant four-motored craft capable of carrying tremendous weight of high explosives—participated in the assault. One informed source said "it would not be surprising to hear that the weight of bombs dropped" approached or equalled the tonnage dropped on Dortmund. Reports on the full extent of damage inflicted, however, were delayed because of heavy clouds which made observation over the target difficult.

The air ministry communique said the raid on Duesseldorf was carried out "in very great strength," the same phrase used to describe the attack on Dortmund. It also said that 27 bombers are missing.

The offensive continued today and shortly after noon a strong force of allied planes sped across the channel toward Calais to resume the battering of the axis-held continent.

The communique of the German high command today said the raid caused "losses among the population as well as damage to buildings."

German planes raided industrial establishments in Britain yesterday and dropped bombs on Brighton harbor.

Fresh reinforcements for the Canadian army overseas have arrived in Britain to take their places beside dominion troops already awaiting the opening of a European front, it was disclosed today.

**DESTRUCTION DEALT TO ITALIAN ISLANDS**  
**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 26.—(AP)** Allied aircraft, including large forces of Flying Fortresses and

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**Committee Vote Hits Finance Powers of F. R.**  
WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) The senate appropriations committee voted today to strip President Roosevelt of authority to use war emergency funds to finance operations of federal agencies denied specific appropriations by congress.

The committee wrote this restriction into a \$143,639,591 deficiency appropriation bill. It broadened a provision in the house-approved bill which sought to prevent transfer of presidential funds for use of the National Resources Planning board or the Home Owners Loan corporation.

The committee removed a house provision to bar payment of salaries to Goodwin B. Watson and William E. Dodd, Jr., employees of the Federal Communications commission, and Robert Lovett, secretary of the Virgin Islands government.

**From Headlines in Today's War News**  
(By the Associated Press)  
**ITALY**—Washington diplomatic sources predict quick collapse of resistance of Italy if allies invade and Germans desert her.

**GERMANY**—Purge of Nazi party hinted.

**FINLAND**—Finnish radio says allied invasion of continent certain and Russian front will be balky.

**BALKANS**—The greatest German pressure was reported being exerted on Rumania dispatches from Turkey said, to send another large army for a summer campaign.

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Relianstela

"East side, west side, all around the town,  
"New Yorkers tote their bundles, cause the OPA's cracked down;  
"Boys and girls together, back to the old foot-work;  
"Short is the gas, long is the trek on the sidewalks of New York."

## Pay Boost for 15 Rail Unions Recommended

### Panel Favors Increase of 8 Cents an Hour

#### Workers Asked Lift of 20 Cents; Demands of 5 Other Unions Pending

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) An emergency board of the National Railway Labor panel recommended today a general increase of 8 cents an hour for more than a million of the nation's railroad employees.

The 15 so-called non-operating unions involved had asked an increase of 20 cents an hour with a minimum wage of 70 cents an hour, and the union shop. The board declined to recommend these proposals.

The recommendations are not based on the "little steel" formula of the War Labor board, but the emergency board said "we certify" that the increases are within the national stabilization program.

The increases, said the report, are "the minimum, non-inflationary adjustments necessary to correct gross inequities and to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

The W.L.B., in addition to its little steel formula, may justify further increases under the same language.

The emergency board's report is not subject to action by the War Labor board. Only Stabilization Director Jas. F. Byrnes, acting for the president, may modify it.

An executive order provides that unless the stabilization director otherwise directs, the recommendations shall become effective 30 days after they are filed with the president.

**Rate Boosts Unjustified**

The report estimated the increases would add about \$204,000,000 to the carriers' annual pay-rates.

"It is the considered judgment of the board that the recommended wage increases do not, under prevailing circumstances, provide a basis for increases in

### Ellsworth Cites Forest Value in Maiden Speech

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R., Ore.), in his maiden speech in the house, urged that the nation utilize its forest products to meet shortages in food needs and warned the forests must be protected against fire, insects and enemies.

The Oregonian asserted the country's most plentiful natural resource was timber and said protein yeast could be made inexpensively and easily from wood waste that could be used for cattle feed and to produce alcohol for the rubber program.

He said Germany collapsed in 1918 because she did not have the solution to providing protein food for cattle, hogs and poultry. He said he was informed this nation now had in sight less than half the protein feed it would require in the next twelve months and declared the situation here was similar to that of Germany 26 years ago.

Rep. Ellsworth requested the senate appropriations committee today to approve amendments to the agriculture appropriation bill which would add \$7,829,490 to the measure for emergency forest fire control and about \$1,500,000 for cooperation with states in forest fire protection.

The amendments were introduced by Senator Holman (R., Ore.).

"If our enemies would ever seek to make a landing on our mainland, the attempt will most likely be made on our Pacific ocean coastline," Ellsworth said.

"If such attempt is ever made, it will be preceded by a wholesale dropping of incendiary bombs upon the western forests."

Ellsworth was notified yesterday of appointment to the house committee on mines and mining. He is already on the public lands committee.

His appointment fills a vacancy created by the death of Rep. Englebright of California.

### Compromise Reached On New Tax Bill

#### Plan Waives 75 Perct. Of Year's Total, Sets Pay-as-You-Go Levy

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) House and senate conferees who finally struggled to a compromise on pay-as-you-go income tax collection raced against the legislative clock today to put into effect by July 1, only five weeks away.

Prospects look good for speedy senate and house approval, leaders among the conference group declared.

Designed to put the nation's 44,000,000 taxpayers on a current basis without the compulsion of paying two year's taxes in one, here, stripped of detail, is what the bill would do:

Cancel a whole year's income tax liability for persons owing the government \$50 tax or less.

Cancel 75 per cent of a year's liability for all others, with the remainder to be paid half in 1944 and half in 1945.

Impose a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portion of wages and salaries, to be applied against income and victory tax liabilities.

Require quarterly payments of the current year's tax by persons with income from sources other than wages or salaries, and from persons in upper salary brackets.

**Passage Predicted**

Chairman Doughton of the house ways and means committee, who headed the house conference delegation, said he hoped the bill would be accepted by both houses this week and approved by the president.

Senator Vandenberg, ranking republican member of the finance committee, told a reporter he did not think there would be any serious controversy about the measure now that the conferees have ended a five-day deadlock.

"It is perfectly obvious that it is the best compromise available," he said, "and it is equally obvious that there must be a bill passed."

Whether the legislation would eliminate any necessity for higher income tax rates this year remained to be determined. President Roosevelt has asked for an additional \$16,000,000,000 in taxes and savings.

Rep. Knutson, who helped work out the compromise and predicted "it will pass," said there was a general impression that the existing rates would be frozen. Vandenberg pointed out

### Here's How Japs Are Being Pushed Off Attu



A War department release, this photo-diagram shows the method of attack by U. S. forces on Attu island in the Aleutians. Starting with a landing by scouts at Blind cove, American soldiers have pushed Nip defenders across the island until their backs are against the sea. The above view is of the northern side of Attu, including the area containing a partially completed Jap landing strip, the beach held by U. S. units and the territory within which Jap forces are not trapped. (Official U. S. Army Signal corps photo.)

**Potato Retail Price Slashed 7 Per Cent**

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) Price Administrator Brown yesterday ordered a seven per cent cut in the retail price of potatoes, but authorized a 30 cents per hundred pounds increase in payments to farmers. He explained that this was made possible by cutting in half the mark-ups that may be made by wholesalers.

While the order came at a time when potatoes are rare in many communities, particularly in the east, officials expressed hope that it may bring potatoes to market.

One official said he understood that many farmers had been holding back potatoes in anticipation of higher prices. Today's order applies to the 1943 crop.

### 51,000 Now Idle In Rubber Strike; Parley Arranged

AKRON, O., May 26.—(AP) The executive board of the CIO United Rubber Workers was called into special session today to consider a back-to-work plea of the War Labor board as a union work stoppage that halted production in three of its rubber capital's major companies spread to a fourth concern.

Sherman H. Dalrymple, the UMW's international president, summoned the union leaders after conferring in Washington with WLB officials and obtaining a promise of a rehearing on a wage decision.

The number of idle workers protesting the decision rose to more than 51,000 as employees of the General Tire & Rubber company rejoined the stoppage. General's workers left their jobs Saturday but returned a day later. They have a separate case pending before the WLB.

Union officials said 12,000 workers were involved in the new walkout while the company announced operations had been suspended.

Previously closed by the stoppage were the B. F. Goodrich Co., the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. About 18,500 were idle at Goodyear, 17,000 at Firestone and 14,000 at Goodrich.

Industrial sources estimated the work stoppage to date has caused a \$14,000,000 to \$15,000,000 loss in war materials.

### Russians Expect Heavy Nazi Onset

MOSCOW, May 26.—(AP)—Land action moved today from the south to the north central sector of the soviet front, where the Russians reported they had captured four settlements, but on the whole an uneasy calm continued to prevail over the long battle lines.

The great air battles of the current softening-up campaign were unabated however, with red airmen hammering again and again at German communications and supplies—particularly railway stations, supply dumps and truck columns.

Col. Nikolai Akimov, reviewing the military situation, said: "The Germans evidently have been unable to recover fully from the blows inflicted on them at Stalingrad, the middle Don and northern Caucasus."

"It would be a mistake, however, to think the military might of the Germans has already been smashed and that they will make no attempt to resume active operations on a broad scale," he added.

"On the contrary, there are a number of signs indicating that the Germans are preparing intensively for the summer campaign of 1943 on the soviet-German front."

### Churchill Asks Italians to Disown Their Leaders, Bids Indirectly For Soviet Cooperation in War on Japs

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP) Italians got an informal invitation from Prime Minister Churchill today to disown their leaders and get out of the war, while Russia received an indirect bid for eventual cooperation in destroying Japanese might.

So far as another fighting front in Europe is concerned, the prime minister appeared to project action into a somewhat indefinite future, for he said at a press conference yesterday that no steps had been taken to select an allied commander for such a stupendous project.

But Italians, he said, would be very well advised to throw themselves on the justice of those whom they so grievously have offended. It is a matter for them to settle among themselves, Churchill asserted, and all we can

### Seals, Sea Lions Slow Salmon Run in Rogue

GOLD BEACH, Ore., May 26.—(AP)—Fishermen of this region blamed a slackening in the salmon run in the Rogue river today to the presence of hordes of seals and sea lions at the bar entrance.

### Edsel Ford, Head Of Ford Motor Co., Claimed by Death

DETROIT, May 26.—(AP)—Edsel Bryant Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, died today.

Death came to the 49-year-old president of the world's greatest family-owned manufacturing enterprise at his home in suburban Grosse Pointe Shores, after an illness of many months standing.

With him at his bedside were his wife, the former Eleanor Lothian Clay, and three of their four children.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, were not present, but hurried to the home immediately upon being advised of their son's death.

A statement issued by a member of the Henry Ford Hospital staff said:

"Death was due to a condition which developed from a former stomach malady for which an operation was performed 16 months ago. Undulant fever was also present."

Edsel Ford was the only son of the founder of the Ford company that grew from an initial paid-in investment of \$28,000 to a worldwide organization for which Henry Ford once was reported to have refused \$2,000,000,000.

At the time of Edsel's birth in Detroit, his father was employed at \$30 a week in the engine room of the Detroit Edison plant and had just completed in his off hours, his first gasoline-driven "horseless carriage." After finishing grade school at 14, Edsel completed a course in Detroit University school. Instead of going to college, however, he began training in his father's automotive plant.

**Changes Await Decision**

What if any changes are to be made in the executive management of the company probably will not be decided for several days. For the time being, it was assumed in sources close to the company, direct management will be undertaken once again by Henry Ford himself, who will be 80 years old next July 30. In this undertaking he would have the aid of Charles E. Sorenson, long time associate and production genius of the company.

Sorenson is the outstanding remaining key man with the Ford organization. He joined Ford in 1905.

### Industrial Plants Face Peril From Rampaging Rivers

(By the Associated Press)

Two huge industrial plants in southern Illinois, as well as several small communities in that region and in eastern Missouri, remained imperilled today as the rampaging Mississippi river, choked with flood waters from sources of tributaries, showed no material drop in the lower reaches.

Although conditions upstream on the Mississippi and the Illinois rivers were reported improved with drops recorded, the two swollen streams continued relentlessly along their path of destruction over a wide section in the danger zones of the flooded area.

At Wolf Lake, 125 miles south of St. Louis, six inches of water covered the town and fear was expressed by officials that the Atlas Powder plant, covering 2,000 acres of low land, was endangered by the spreading Mississippi waters. The plant, which manufactures industrial explosives, is about three miles east of the Mississippi, which already has spilled water over thousands of acres of land in the vicinity after levees broke at Preston and Albridge.

**Power Plant Periled.**

About 25 miles north of Wolf Lake, at Grand Tower (Ill.) the Illinois central public service generating plant, a \$9,000,000 project, was menaced by the ever-rising Mississippi waters and the situation was termed "critical" by coast guardsmen at the scene.

The plant, which supplies power for Illinois south of Tuscola, including many coal mines, also covers 2,000 acres and it was ringed with sandbags. The plant's intake for the generator cooling system is located on the normal bank of the Mississippi.

Mayor C. D. Gardiner, who reported that water covered 80 per cent of the town, urged the immediate evacuation of 50 per cent of the 800 inhabitants and the 400 refugees.

At Beardstown (Ill.) the Illinois river continued to rise and indications were that it would reach the 30-foot crest today or tomorrow. Army officials termed the situation "potentially serious." About 5,500 of the river town's 6,500 residents have been evacuated.

### Japanese Erased From One Defense Position on Attu

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—United States troops have wiped out the Japanese position in Chicago valley, one of three major areas held by the enemy on Attu island, the navy announced today, and were reported following up with a drive against a second main position around Chicago harbor.

Army bombers supported the continuing assault, a navy communique said. The planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Chicago area and started fires.

Although there was no report of enemy casualties, it was assumed here that the dwindling Japanese units on the bleak north Pacific island had again lost heavily and that those which survived the attack fell back upon Chicago harbor for a final stand with their comrades in the ridge overlooking the narrow coastal plain.

SEATTLE, May 26.—(AP)—A member of the staff of the Seattle air wing command just back from a 12-day observation trip into the Aleutian war zone yesterday described the island of Attu as the "most God-forsaken, desolate, grim and utterly unlovely place I have ever seen."

The observer was Lieut. Col. H. D. Neely who said he now understands fully a navy chaplain's description of the island as a spot that "looked like the Lord had run out of material when he made it."

Of the enemy defenses on the island, the colonel remarked: "From the number of gun emplacements on Attu, it is apparent the Japs intended to stay. The island was well defended."

### New Ships Outracing Subs' Toll, Land Says

PORTLAND, May 26.—(AP)—Admiral Emory S. Land thinks shipbuilders have outdone the submarine.

Launchings will stay ahead of sinkings from now on, the maritime commission chairman told reporters here, adding, "It may be a dangerous thing to say, but I believe it."

Land also told reporters ship production now was on a schedule of 2,000,000 tons annually, and said the North African victory meant a gain of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 tons of shipping for the United Nations.

### Fuel Oil to Be Granted On Basis of 1942 Data

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Owners of small homes, the OPA said yesterday, will get increases in their fuel oil rations for the next season automatically.

When householders return their mail application blanks next month, their ration boards will dig up the figures on floor space and other data from last year's application, apply a new formula and grant increases accordingly, without any red tape for the householders.

### Motorists Ignore Plea On Unessential Driving

PORTLAND, May 26.—(AP)—Numerous Oregon motorists are ignoring the plea to stop unessential driving.

That's what the Office of War Information reported after a weekend investigation by OPA agents.

The agents found 150 Portlanders, many of them with B and C cards, fishing on the Deschutes river near Maupin, and found others on outings at Multnomah Falls and at the beach, the OWI said.

Irregularities in use of rations and windshield stickers were reported to ration boards. Other investigations will follow in coming weeks, the OWI said.

### "Nice Man" Ties Lady To Tree, Takes Her Coin

SEATTLE, May 26.—(AP)—"He seemed like a nice person," when she met him in a cafe last night, Mrs. Hazel Greenaa, 36, told police today, but on an automobile ride, he tied her to a tree with his necktie, ripped off part of her raiment, emptied her purse of \$2 and fled. Two passersby rescued her.