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Troops Eager For Assault, Briton Avers

Total Destruction of Axis Pledged but Hard Combat Envisioned

LONDON, June 8.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told commons today that a large scale invasion of Europe was approaching, that the allies were determined to destroy the axis by air and other means and voiced confidence that the deadly submarine menace was swiftly being overcome.

"It is evident that amphibious operations of a peculiar complexity and hazard on a large scale are approaching," he said in his first war review since his Washington and north African conferences. "Operations now impending in the European theater of war have been fitted into their proper place in relation to the general war."

About the allied air offensive, which many term the actual first phase of the invasion, Churchill said:

"So far as the British government and the dominion governments of the United States and the Russian soviet republics are concerned, nothing will turn us from our endeavor and intention to accomplish the complete destruction of our foes by bombing from the air, in addition to all other means. The steady wearing down of the German and Japanese air forces is proceeding remorselessly."

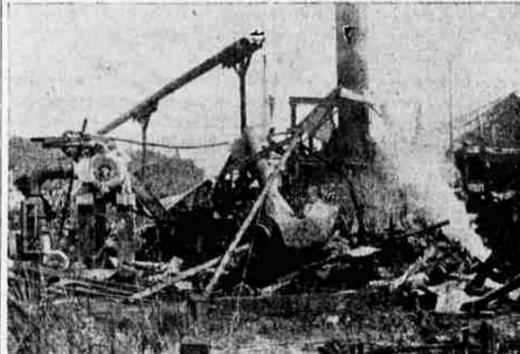
He disclosed that a "very long range air power—V. L. R. as it is called—was in effective operation against submarines and that the first week of June 'is the best ever' in U-boat kills. May was the best month of the war in the battle at sea, he said, and this may be a 'fateful milestone' toward axis defeat since the axis was banking heavily on the U-boat.

Nazi Disasters Cited.

He said the prisoners captured in Tunisia totaled 248,000—24,000 more than any previous estimate. He said 50,000 axis troops had been killed, making total enemy casualties in Tunisia about 300,000. Tunisia and Stalingrad were the greatest military disasters that ever have befallen Germany, he said.

"The suddenness of the collapse of these great numbers of brave and skillful fighting men with every form of excellent equipment must be regarded as significant and in a sense characteristic of the German psychology generally after Jena and after the

Sutherland Mill Will Be Restored



Workmen already are engaged in clearing away the fire blackened and twisted wreckage, pictured above, resulting from the blaze last Saturday night which badly damaged the Schetky-Fisher sawmill at Sutherland. The mill owners report plans to restore the mill to operation as quickly as replacement machinery and equipment can be obtained. Most difficult to replace will be the 450 h. p. electric turbine. The fire resulted in a loss estimated at around \$40,000.

Proposed City Budget, 1943, Only \$2,420 Over 1942 Sum Despite Boosts in Salaries

Committee Hoists Pay of Entire Staff

City Operating on Cash Basis, With Carry-Over Of About \$21,000

Despite salary boosts, the second since January 1 for nearly all city employees, the 1943 budget for the city of Roseburg will be only slightly above last year's total, if recommendations of the budget committee, as agreed upon at a meeting last night, are adopted by the city council. The committee approved a budget calling for expenditure of \$87,005.00 as compared with last year's budget of \$84,585.75, an increase of \$2,420.

Considerable controversy centered around proposed salary increases, but requested pay boosts were recommended in nearly all cases. The council at the first meeting in January of this year had provided increased salaries in all departments, but employees requested further additional pay.

A proposal to increase the salary of the city treasurer from \$1,200 to \$1,680 per year was compromised at \$1,500. The city recorder was allowed an increase from \$1,650 last year to \$1,920 for 1943-44, the committee cutting \$60 from the rate of pay requested. Since January 1, the treasurer has been paid on the basis of

Klamath Falls Cops Seek \$200 a Month

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—A concerted drive for higher pay for Klamath Falls policemen opened last night, when the city council received appeals from the AFL, CIO and the Loyal Order of Moose in behalf of the officers.

The proposed pay boost was justified in the letters on the grounds that the \$165 monthly salary now received by patrolmen does not provide a "decent living standard." A salary of \$200 a month was suggested.

The council invited the interested organizations to send representatives to a budget committee meeting.

Price Subsidy Idea Of OPA Scored By Grange Chiefs

EUGENE, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—Morton Tompkins, Oregon State Grange master, and Ray W. Gill, chairman of the national grange executive committee, today joined National Master Albert S. Goss in strongly criticizing the OPA price subsidy program.

The two officials, here for the annual State Grange meeting, declared the OPA's program "directly contributes to inflation by further increasing the purchasing power of the high income group—a purchasing power which already is in excess of the amount of consumer goods available."

"The rollback price program is in reality a consumer subsidy coming at a time when consumer income is the highest in our history," they said in a joint statement.

"It places the American farmer in a position where he must come with hands out to the public treasury rather than securing fair prices for his produce."

"A subsidy, in and of itself, is inflationary and burdens future generations with a debt contracted on inflated values."

The national master criticized the program severely yesterday when he appeared before a senate agriculture subcommittee.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHURCHILL, eluding the trap set for him by the Germans in the Spanish skies, arrives safely in London.

No great stretch of the imagination is required to build a thriller around his trip home from Africa, with German spies snooping frantically to learn the plane he was taking and German fighter pilots shooting down the WRONG plane.

THERE were possibilities for a double-barreled thriller — for London hears that Hitler missed death by ten minutes when the French train on which he was returning from an inspection trip to the Atlantic "wall" was wrecked by an explosion.

OUR Top General Marshall accompanied Churchill, and by way of adding to the axis jitter he gives out this statement: "We are out to win this war in the quickest and most economical way."

IN the absence of fighting news, there is much talk.

Artemus Gates, our assistant secretary of the navy for air, back from a 27,000-mile tour of the Pacific fronts, says: "The present trend of the war (in the Pacific) seems to be a battle for air bases. Air power will be used more and more as time goes on. My belief is that in the use of air power we still have only scratched the surface."

He adds: "The size of our air forces (in the Pacific) will INCREASE."

IT'S surprising how far behind the times one can get in these days. This writer, who tries to keep reasonably well informed, didn't even know we had an assistant secretary of the navy for air, and certainly didn't know his name is Artemus Gates.

SPEAKING of planes, the Germans sent 500 bombers against the Russians at Kursk on

Japs Attack Russell Isles, Lose 19 Zeros

Six Others Damaged in Air Battle That Costs U. S. Only Seven Planes

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—United States fighter planes shot down 19 Japanese Zero fighters and damaged six others in an air battle near the American-held Russell islands in the Solomons, the navy reported today.

The engagement occurred Monday, Solomon Islands time. Seven United States planes were lost but three of the American pilots were saved.

The Japanese aerial thrust into the vicinity of the Russell islands, which lie northwest of the main American base on Guadalcanal, had the appearance of a counterblow prompted by a heavy American raid over enemy-held Bougainville island in the northwestern end of the archipelago last Saturday. The American planes then sank a destroyer and set ablaze a corvette and a cargo ship. Japanese fighter planes attempted to intercept and 15 were shot down and three were damaged. Four American planes were missing in that action.

The navy also announced today that on June 7 "an additional eight Japanese were killed on Attu island. Eleven more of the enemy killed themselves with grenades after being surrounded by U. S. army troops in Chichagof valley. The total known enemy dead as of June 7 is 1,826."

Lampedusa Isle Repulses Allied Onset

Several of Attacking Ships Sunk, Says Axis' Unconfirmed Report

LONDON, June 8.—(AP)—Communications broadcast from Rome and Berlin reported today that the first allied landing attempt on one of Italy's outlying islands, the desolate prison island of Lampedusa, was repulsed last night.

Official military and naval quarters in London did not confirm the axis announcements immediately, and the axis itself appeared to recognize that Lampedusa would not be an objective in a full-blown invasion attempt when a German-controlled broadcast from Vichy said "a British and American offensive against Italy may be expected at any moment."

DNB, official German news agency, said in a broadcast, however, that the attempt on Lampedusa was a "serious effort" to take the island by five companies of British commandos superbly trained and equipped.

Lampedusa, 70 miles east of Sousse on the east Tunisian coast and 120 miles south of Sicily, normally has a population of about 3,500 of whom a fifth are convicts. It is a spot of desert jutting up from the Mediterranean and the most southerly of Italy's outlying defense positions. Although it once figured as a secondary Italian air base, it has not been a recent objective of allied air attacks.

The Italian communique today declared, however, that it was under heavy attack just prior to the landing attempt.

"The enemy attempted a landing on the island of Lampedusa," the war bulletin said. "The attempt was carried out by British units. It was promptly repulsed by our defenses which sank several enemy naval vessels."

Other Places Battered.

Meanwhile, allied warplanes returned to the assault on Italy's battered Mediterranean outpost at Pantelleria, bombing the island on "many missions," and heavily punished the vital ferry port of Messina, Sicily.

The Italian command admitted "considerable damage" at Messina and said "uninterrupted enemy air activity" centered over Pantelleria.

General Eisenhower's headquarters said every type of allied aircraft, from Flying Fortresses to Warhawks, smashed at Pantelleria with a deluge of bombs and shellfire, and burning targets sent up smoke clouds 4,000 feet above the "Italian Gibraltar." Eleven axis planes were shot down in the attack.

CRUSHING JAP DEFEAT SAVES CHINA'S RICE AREA

CHUNGKING, June 8.—(AP)—China's great "rice bowl" is no longer in danger as the result of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's great victory over the Japanese in the counter-offensive on the upper Yangtze river, an army spokesman said today.

The high command communique said the Chinese were in complete possession of Itu, 18 miles below Ichang on the Yangtze, and had made further progress in a thrust toward Sungtze, a river port between Shasi

Argentine Neutrality Pledged by New Head

BUENOS AIRES, June 8.—(AP)—Argentina's day-old military government headed by President Pedro Ramirez was pledged today to an international policy of neutrality "for the present" and "loyal cooperation with nations of the Americas in conformance with existing pacts."

The Ramirez government was sworn in last night, succeeding the short-lived provisional government of Gen. Arturo Rawson, who resigned suddenly yesterday after wresting control from isolationist President Ramon S. Castillo in a lightning revolution Friday.

Ramirez made no reference to congress, which was to have convened today but was dissolved by decree during Rawson's brief administration.

Gauze Left in Patient Costs Surgeon \$10,000

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—The state supreme court upheld today a Multnomah county circuit court judgment awarding \$10,000 damages to Mrs. Callie H. Parker against Dr. Joseph A. Pettit, Portland surgeon.

Dr. Pettit, who removed a growth from Mrs. Parker's head, was accused of leaving a piece of gauze in her head for five months after the operation. The jury awarded her \$20,000, but Circuit Judge Hawkins reduced the amount to \$10,000.

Liquor Ration Cut Not To Pare Pension Fund

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—The governor's office said today that the state liquor commission's pint-a-week rationing program would not reduce the amount available for payment of old age pensions.

It said a survey disclosed that enough liquor will be available for the next 18 months.

Oregon Convicts May Be Freed for War Duty

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—The state parole board disclosed today that a special prisoner draft board had been set up and that recommendations are being made to release a few prisoners to enter the armed forces.

Dairy Fire Near Salem Inflicts \$50,000 Loss

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—The John J. Roberts Sunshine dairy south of Salem was destroyed by fire last night. The loss was more than \$50,000.

Zoot Suits Ripped Off Los Angeles Youths In Night Rampage of Soldiers and Sailors

LOS ANGELES, June 8.—(AP)—Civil and military police early today succeeded in dispersing thousands of service men and civilians in the downtown business district after a night of disorders in which zoot-suited youths were ferreted out by sailors and soldiers who divested at least 50 of their bizarre attire.

By 1 a. m. police and sheriff's deputies had arrested 24 civilians, 11 sailors and five soldiers on charges of disturbing the peace and unlawful assembly. In three nights of battling with service men, who maintain they and their girl friends have been "pushed around" at random by hoodlums, more than 100 youths in neat pleat trousers and knee-length coats were jailed on vagrancy counts.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall declared a general riot alarm last night, summoning 1,000 policemen to special duty. Navy shore patrolmen and military police also toured streets teeming with service men and spectators and jammed with traffic.

Cars and taxis carrying bands of bluejackets and soldiers sped through the district, halting at theaters, cafes, penny arcades and dance halls in search of zoot-suiters. Victims, their outlandish clothes ripped from them, were left on sidewalks. Ambulances took three to emergency hospitals, where they were treated and re-clad. None was seriously hurt.

Order was restored after military authorities declared out of bounds the entire downtown strip of Main street, where most of the disturbances took place, and Chief Horrall ultimately released the 1,000 riot squad officers from duty. Officials at the Chavez ravine naval armory canceled all

OPA Aide Quits Because "Honest" Job Prohibited

CINCINNATI, June 8.—(AP)—John K. Westberg, a price executive of the OPA, said today he was resigning, effective July 3, "because I was not permitted to do a fair, honest and complete job."

In a speech before the Ohio Grain and Feed Dealers' association, Westberg said:

"OPA was forced to do many things we knew were not right, because somebody at the top did not have guts enough to cross a political bridge. I have resigned and am leaving Washington July 3 because I was not permitted to do a fair, honest and complete job, which means fixing equitable ceiling prices at every level of production and distribution."

Westberg halted consideration of a proffered resolution which sought to have him reconsider his resignation. The association then adopted another which commended him and put members on record as saying the OPA "needed more men of Westberg's type. Asserting that 'price control has received less support than anything in this war,' Westberg said 'people are ready to criticize hell out of it.'"

Such control there should be no listening to pressure groups, to John L. Lewis and his gang, and not even to the farm bloc."

Flywheel Blast Damages Mill at Myrtle Creek

An exploding flywheel on a steam-driven engine at the Orwest Lumber-Mill, Inc., plant at Myrtle Creek Monday resulted in damage estimated at from \$1,200 to \$1,500, but fortunately no one was injured. The flywheel, shattered by centrifugal force, tore the roof off the power plant building, ripped out walls and wrecked the floor and motor supports. The runaway engine was demolished. A fragment from the exploding wheel struck the saw filing motor and equipment, wrecking it completely.

Plans have been made, it was reported today, for temporary installation of available equipment to put the mill back in operation by the end of the week. A new engine will be secured as soon as possible.

The Myrtle Creek mill, owned and operated by E. Bregman, is supplying the owner's Calwest Lumber company retail yard at Los Angeles. Russel Briggs is the logging contractor. The mill has been producing about 35,000 board feet of lumber daily and has a cold deck capacity of three million feet to provide all-year operation.

Tire, Equipment Rules For Farmers Eased

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Effective next Saturday, OPA certificates for farm tires will also be good for industrial equipment tires or used or recapped passenger tires. If none of these is available, rationing boards will issue a certificate for a new passenger tire if it will serve the purpose.

OPA also ruled that a tire inspector may certify a tire for recapping without removing it from the rim.

Farmers are permitted to buy small motors and other general industrial equipment frequently used on farms without getting priority ratings, the WPB announced.

Burke Wine Bill Faces Probable Referendum

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Opponents of the Burke wine bill, which would restrict the sale of fortified wines to state liquor stores, were expected to file referendum petitions against the measure today, last day on which they may be filed.

If they are filed, the bill would not become law at least until the November, 1944, general election.

A referendum movement was started against the bill to tax pinball games \$50 a year, but the state department doubted that enough signatures were obtained.

At midnight tonight, 339 laws of the 1943 legislature will become effective, including the compulsory automobile insurance law, the tax reduction program, abolition of the state milk control board and the world war veterans' state aid commission, and amendments to the workmen's compensation law.

Teacher Lack to Close Many Oregon Schools

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Many Oregon schools will close next fall because of an acute teacher shortage.

So predicted Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, yesterday at an educational conference here.

He told high school principals and other education representatives that the problem probably would be solved by closing smaller schools and providing transportation of students to other districts.

Coal Operators, Miners In Hopeless Deadlock

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Soft coal operators and John L. Lewis' mine workers tried again today to compose their differences over portal-to-portal pay but the dispute still appeared to be headed back to the War Labor board.

Recessing after a two-hour meeting, the conferees officially would make no announcement. Privately both sides expressed pessimism over the prospects of a voluntary agreement over the issue.

The 15 days which the WLB gave the parties to work out a settlement expires tomorrow, and the operators are understood to be ready to report unsuccessful attempts to achieve an agreement. What the board would do with the dispute back on its doorstep is speculative.

Detached Stamps May Be Mailed for Coffee

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Starting next Monday, coffee users who order by mail may enclose detached ration stamps with their order rather than the entire ration book, OPA said yesterday.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Having in their African triumph put the "dent" in "Italia irredenta," the allies are now putting the cuffs on the pants in Pantelleria and "socks" on the Italian boot.

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