

SICILIAN AIR BASES BLASTED BY BOMBERS

Major Stepping-Stone to Italy Under Assault After Surrender of Third Island

Allied Air Armada Continues Devastating Raids on Germany, With Bremen, Kiel and Bochum Receiving Hardest Blows; Americans Win Record Combat

(By the Associated Press)

While Sicilians watched from their headlands for the coming of the massed air fleets of the northwest African forces, which already had smashed into submission all the lesser islands of Italy's guardian ring, American Liberators dumped tons of bombs on airbases of the threatened axis stronghold, allied dispatches said today.

Escorted by Spitfire fighters from Malta, a strong force of the bombers raided Gerbini and Catania airbases at the eastern end of Sicily yesterday, blanketing the Gerbini base where about 25 planes were seen in the target area, and leaving smoke clouds mushrooming from the hangars at Catania from the explosions of about 250,000 pounds of bombs.

The RAF, continuing the offensive on Germany, again struck at the Rhineland last night but the British air ministry did not name the specific targets. The German radio asserted no bombs were dropped.

The foray served to keep the new western aerial offensive begun last Friday night and continued yesterday when two large raiding forces of American bombers smashed effectively at two prime German targets, the naval centers of Bremen and Kiel, and suffered their greatest loss of the war—26 bombers.

The British said they lost one bomber in last night's attacks on the reich, indicating that the raids were on a comparatively small scale. Two enemy supply ships were torpedoed off the Dutch coast in a side operation.

The let-up followed the biggest raid of the war by bombers Friday night when Duesseldorf and Muenster were hit, and a second large-scale assault against the coal, steel and chemical center of Bochum in the Ruhr on Saturday night when the British lost 24 bombers. During the peak of the latter attack, two-ton blockbusters were falling at a rate of five a minute. Photographs yesterday showed fires still burning at Duesseldorf and Muenster from the Friday night blows.

Price Not Too High

Although the Americans suffered the greatest loss of the war in attacking Bremen and Kiel on Sunday, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, who commanded one wing of the operations, declared, "the price was not too high for the results achieved."

Flying into the biggest opposition they had yet encountered, the Americans of the European theater found themselves involved in their greatest air battle of the war and they shot down large numbers of enemy fighters. But the total was not announced by the U. S. air force.

In turn, the Germans dropped heavy showers of incendiaries on one northeast coastal town in England last night and caused an

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Nazi Aide of Japs At Pearl Harbor Gets Fifty Years

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—The Office of War Information reported today that German espionage agents helped the Japanese prepare their attack on Pearl Harbor and at least one of them was sentenced to death, but the sentence later was commuted.

The report said Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, a Nazi agent, was tried before a military commission in Honolulu on charges of betraying the United States fleet in Pearl Harbor to the Japanese five days before the December 7, 1941, attack. He was convicted on February 21, 1942, and sentenced to be shot. On October 26, 1942, the sentence was commuted to 50 years at hard labor. The basis for the commutation was not given.

Members of Kuehn's family have been interned for the duration, either in Hawaii or in this country.

The OWI report, based on information from the federal bureau of investigation, said Kuehn went to Honolulu in 1935 for the ostensible purpose of studying Japanese, and in three years banked more than \$70,000.

Picked up on December 8, 1941, Kuehn and his wife at first denied they ever had any negotiations with the Japanese government, OWI said, adding:

"But increasing evidence from the F. B. I. contradicted their assertions, and on December 30, 1941, Kuehn signed a statement admitting he had prepared the system of signals for the Japanese consul general which the latter had dispatched to Tokyo in his message of December 3."

The signals, OWI explained, were for use in reporting the movements of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PANTELLERIA surrenders before a SINGLE ALLIED SOLDIER had set foot on its soil. It was an exclusive AIR victory.

THERE are suggestions in the news that Pantelleria was an experiment.

Twice we called on its garrison to surrender. There was no response. So we turned loose our war birds.

Spearheaded by Flying Fortresses "in greater numbers than ever used before," our planes darkened the sky, flying practically nose to tail. So close together were our bomber waves that frequently a following formation had to CIRCLE AND WAIT while the preceding formation got out of the way.

Nothing like it had ever been seen before since the world began. Blankets of smoke and flame lay over the whole island.

AS at Tunis, when our planes blasted a path through Rommel's defending lines, flesh and blood could stand it only so long.

A white flag fluttered out from a hilltop 2000 yards from the shore.

IT WAS ALL OVER. For the first time in history air power, alone, (without even parachute troops) had compelled the surrender of ground forces and TERRITORY.

It has often been said that it can't be done. IT WAS DONE at Pantelleria.

WE were evidently taking no chances.

A little way out from shore, our ground forces were waiting in landing barges. When the white flag of surrender floated out from the enemy's hilltop command post (but NOT before) the signal was given for them to land. Twenty minutes after the giving of the signal, the barges grated on the beach.

Twenty-two minutes later, Pantelleria was in our hands.

THE fact that the landing barges weren't turned loose until AFTER the surrender flag was flown suggests that we were testing out the all-air assault to see if it would work but were all set with landing forces if it didn't.

BEFORE drawing too-hasty conclusions about the invincibility of completely organized air power, let us examine the situation carefully.

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U. S. Flag Salute Not Compulsory, Ruling

Subsidies to Slash Prices Urged by F. R.

President Cites Success Of Plan in Britain and Canada; McNary Opposes

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported to have urged congressional leaders at a conference today to provide between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 in subsidies to roll back the prices of agricultural commodities to consumers.

While the president was said to have received support for this position from democrats who attended, he was reported to have encountered sharp opposition to the proposal from republicans, particularly Senate Minority Leader McNary of Oregon.

Mr. Roosevelt was said to have dwelt on the operation of food subsidies in Great Britain and Canada, observing that the system worked efficiently there. Republicans were reported as asserting that conditions are not the same in England, which imports about 6 per cent of its food under a system by which the government has ownership and can control prices more readily.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes was said to have agreed that the application of subsidies for rollbacks on prices would be much more difficult in this country.

Anti-Strike Bill Passed

Meanwhile today a congress awaited the president's action on legislation passed last Saturday to outlaw strikes in government-operated war industries and to curb walkouts in privately-controlled plants.

The senate vote on the measure was 55 to 22. The house's previous vote of approval was 219 to 129.

The bill authorizes government seizure of strike-threatened war plants and prescribes delaying

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Japanese Not To Be Released From Camps, Assertion

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—(AP)—The Dies subcommittee, whose chairman, Rep. John M. Costello, (D., Calif.) has given assurance that Japanese will be barred from the Pacific coast for the duration, will reconvene its hearing here tomorrow for further testimony concerning operation of relocation centers.

Costello, in San Diego yesterday with other committee members for conferences with members of commerce officials, declared that testimony already given in the hearing here is the basis for his statement that Japanese will not be permitted to return to this coast during the war.

This testimony, he said, indicates administration of the centers has been lacking in efficiency, a condition for which he held the War Relocation authority, and not employees of the centers, to be responsible.

Representative Karl Mundt (R., S. D.) a committee member, said yesterday he is convinced, from testimony he has heard, that the army should operate relocation camps.

About 1,000 Japanese, said Chairman Costello, were being released weekly from centers on a temporary basis, but this number has been reduced since the committee's hearings began.

Louis Pleuard Injured Seriously in Car Wreck

Louis Pleuard, 29, Sutherlin, was critically injured Sunday evening when his automobile was wrecked on the highway immediately south of Sutherlin. Brought to Mercy hospital by ambulance, he was found to be suffering from chest and head injuries and was reported today to be in a very critical condition.

Bombing Of Japs Harder In All Areas

Major Base at Rabaul Heavily Blasted; Havoc Dealt in China Spots

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, June 14.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses and Liberator bombers, continuing the pounding of Japanese airplane concentrations, dropped nearly 30 tons of bombs on Vunakanau airdrome at Rabaul yesterday.

Numerous large fires, which were visible at a distance of 50 miles, were started at the airdrome where reconnaissance photographs the day before had revealed 96 planes.

Sunday's raid was the third strong attack in four days against the big Japanese base at the northeastern tip of New Britain island.

Last Thursday the bombers scattered 40 tons of bombs among Vunakanau, Lakunia and Ropopo airdromes, all in the Rabaul area, and followed up with 19 tons more Friday. None of the allied planes was lost.

Mitchell bombers raided Dill and Koepang, in Dutch Timor. Three fires were started at Koepang, where photographs showed a total of 50 buildings were destroyed in two raids last week.

A small formation of Boston planes bombed and machine-gunned Japanese tracks and trails in the Komiatum area near Salamaua, New Guinea, making 38 strafing passes on scattered enemy holdings.

The Japanese made two nighttime raids, one with three planes against Gona, the other with four planes against Port Moresby.

There was no damage from either attack.

JAPANESE GET FRESH HAMMERINGS IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, June 14.—(AP)—American planes carried out heavy bombing and strafing raids against Japanese strongholds in northern Kiangsi province yesterday, U. S. air force headquarters said today.

More than a hundred bombs were dumped onto the big airfield at Nanchang, the Japanese-occupied province of the capital, where direct hits were scored on the runways and on gasoline dumps. Nanchang airfield probably is the most important Japanese air base between Shanghai and Hankow.

All the American bombers which struck the blow returned safely to their base.

Front line dispatches, meanwhile, (Continued on page 4)

Old Age Pension Fund Safe Despite Liquor Ration Cut

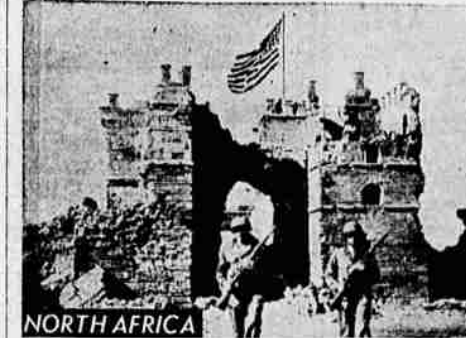
SALEM, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—It won't be necessary to hold a special legislative session to provide old age pension funds, because enough funds will be on hand despite the state liquor commission's pint-a-week rationing system, Governor Snell said today.

The governor said his pension program, which calls for an increase of the average pension to \$38 a month within a year, will be fulfilled. The maximum pension permitted by law is \$40 a month, and many pensioners are getting that now. The average now is \$27.59, compared with \$24.50 four months ago, and \$23.01 a year ago.

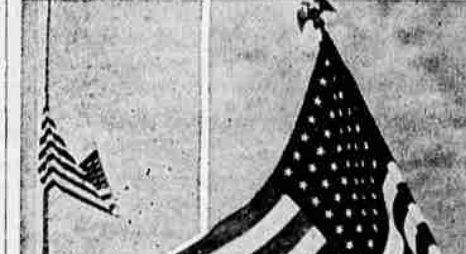
"If the liquor supply drops more, the state can issue certificates of indebtedness and finance the program that way," the governor said. "Also, the new pinball tax revenues will be of great help in maintaining the pension program."

The state's share of pension costs is financed exclusively by liquor profits and the pinball tax. Governor Snell said that a reduction of 70 per cent in income taxes will be possible.

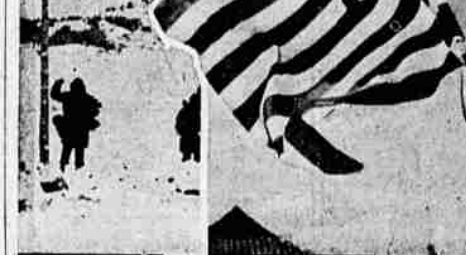
Old Glory, 166 Years Old, Waves Over Many Lands



NORTH AFRICA



THE ARCTIC



HOME FRONT



THE SEVEN SEAS



GUADALCANAL

Another milestone was reached today by Old Glory, proud emblem of the U. S. A. On June 14, 1777, the first Stars and Stripes, made by Mrs. Betsy Ross in Philadelphia, was adopted by the Continental congress. It first floated over an Old World fortress at Derne, Tripoli, on April 27, 1805. "This year the Stars and Stripes is a battle emblem flying in the deserts and jungles and over Arctic snows. It flies with our men in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China, Burma and the Aleutians and in the vastness of the world so remote that the American flag has never been there before."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Father Drafting Soon Will Start

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—Testimony made public today in connection with the manpower commission program gave scant comfort to draft fathers, indicating that a majority of the physically fit will be in service by the end of this year.

Inductions from that class are expected to start in August and run through the end of 1943. At the end of the year inductions, now running about 300,000 per month, will be cut about 60 per cent, under plans revealed in the testimony, and be limited largely to youths newly reaching draft age. Fathers not in uniform by then, it was indicated, stand an excellent chance of never going to war.

Administrator McNutt estimated that a net increase of 1,200,000 must be made by July 1, 1944, in the labor force and armed manpower of the nation. He arrived at the figure by adding 1,300,000 needed by war industries to 2,400,000 to be inducted, and subtracting 2,500,000 to be released from civilian industries.

He said "a large share of the new workers will be 'home' makers, without young children, who live in war production centers."

Boy Kills Brother in Marble Game Quarrel

OREGON CITY, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Joe Shobe said today that a children's quarrel over a marble game resulted in the death yesterday of Franklin G. Baird, 8.

Shobe said a younger brother, Tommy Baird, 5, picked up what he thought was an unloaded .22 caliber rifle after the quarrel, pointed it at Franklin and pulled the trigger. The gun was loaded, and the bullet struck Franklin in the neck.

Shobe said the death was listed as accidental, and there would be no prosecution.

The shooting occurred at the home of the boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baird, in the Dodge area.

Umatilla Mishaps Kill Two Persons

PENDLETON, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Two people were dead today and one man is not expected to live as the result of accidents in Umatilla county over the weekend.

Owen Carnes, elderly Pilot Rock rancher, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon on the main avenue of that community when he fell beneath the wheels of a tractor which he and a son-in-law, Wayne McGowan, were using to cut weeds along the Pilot Rock streets.

Mrs. George Isitt of Boardman died at a hospital here this morning and her husband is in a critical condition as the result of a collision between their car and a C. F. Davidson Construction company truck six miles west of Hermiston late Saturday afternoon. Isitt has not regained consciousness since the accident.

The three Isitt children received minor injuries, as did Harry Jordan, driver of the truck. The crash occurred at an intersection of U. S. 30 and the road leading to the new town of Ordinance.

Eight Car Thefts Charged to 3 Boys

The three San Francisco youths who escaped pursuit at Sutherland last week are under arrest at Portland and are to be prosecuted in the state of Washington for automobile theft, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported today. State and county officers participated last week in an effort to capture the youths, who abandoned a stolen car at Sutherland and, after eluding officers in a chase through the brush, fled in a stolen truck, which later was found at Comstock. Sergeant Morgan said he was informed the youths had stolen at least eight motor vehicles, including two in California, four in Oregon and two in Washington. They were reportedly driving a car stolen in Washington at the time they were taken into custody at Portland. All are juveniles. The state police were not given the names of the three prisoners.

Liquor Ration Faces No Further Slash Now

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—Administrator Ray Conway of the Oregon Liquor Control commission asserted today there is no immediate prospect of a cut in Oregon's pint-a-week liquor ration.

Conway, just returned from a trip to the east, said he had been "fairly successful" in buying liquor for the state.

He warned, however, that the liquor shortage is bound to get worse unless the war ends soon or the government releases more alcohol from industrial use.

Warning on Duplicate Ration Books Issued

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—If you mailed a faulty application for ration book 3, then followed it with a correct one you may get two ration books, but you'd better send one back, the OPA advised in Portland, warning that investigation and prosecution would be launched soon.

Deserted Husband Found Dead of Gas Fumes

SEATTLE, June 14.—(AP)—A 32-year-old shipyard worker, Howard Harvey Schmitt who came here from Medford, Ore., was found dead in his apartment yesterday, a letter from his wife, Esther indicating she had left him, crumpled under the body. Deputy coroners said the body was found when neighbors smelled gas fumes.

Man Hit by Officer Dies Natural Death

Sergeant Paul Morgan, who is in charge of state police activities in Douglas county, spent the weekend at Marshfield, where an autopsy was made into the death of Joel Melton, a resident of Ash creek, near Loon lake. Melton allegedly jerked a gun from a state policeman's holster at Reedsport Saturday night, Morgan stated. The act occurred in a dark spot and the officer struck Melton with a sap as the man stood with the gun raised.

Melton died a few hours later and an autopsy was performed to determine whether death resulted from the blow. The post mortem revealed, Morgan said, that Melton's death occurred from natural causes, specifically a heart ailment coupled with incipient pneumonia.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstela

Suggestions for mental relaxation from war worry and the daily dozen with your rationing points:

Offer out your 1943 taxes. Figure a solution for the Giraud-DeGaulle feud.

Estimate your canning sugar need on the basis of how much fruit or what have you?

Forecast the effect on the union labor-democratic party companionate marriage by the anti-strike bill.

Decide which interned Japanese are loyal to the U. S. and which are not.

Calculate your victory garden crop after the neighbors' dogs are done using it for a romping spot.

High Court Reverses Its 1940 Decision

Jehovahites of School District Win Appeal on "Religious Scruples"

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—The supreme court overruled today a decision it delivered in 1940 and held that school children can not constitutionally be required to salute the American flag if they had religious scruples against such action.

Justice Jackson delivered the decision, involving a challenge by members of "Jehovah's Witnesses" of a flag-salute requirement by the West Virginia board of education.

Justices Roberts, Reed and Frankfurter dissented.

"We think the action of the local authorities in compelling the flag salute and pledge" Jackson asserted, "transcends constitutional limitations on their power and invades the sphere of intellect and spirit which it is the purpose of the first amendment to our constitution to reserve from all official control."

In its June 3, 1940, decision, the court sustained the constitutionality of a flag-salute regulation by the Minersville (Pennsylvania) school district. It also was challenged by "Jehovah's Witnesses" who contended that saluting a flag constituted idolatry.

Three Reverse Seives

Chief Justice Stone was the lone dissenter at the time. But, since then, Justices Black, Douglas and Murphy, who had participated in the majority decision, expressed the view that the case had been "wrongly decided."

Justice Frankfurter wrote the 1940 majority opinion. Both Justices Rutledge and Jackson, who were not members of the court in 1940, joined in the majority opinion.

The West Virginia regulation provided that the right hand be placed upon the breast and the following pledge be repeated in unison: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, in-

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