

AMERICANS GAIN VIRU HARBOR IN BATTLE WITH JAPS

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Nippons Lose 65 Planes, U. S. Forces 17 and Transport Ship Near Enemy's Solomons Base

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—American invaders of the central Solomons have captured Viru harbor, near Japan's Munda airbase, the navy announced today, after a fierce sea and air battle off Rendova island in which at least 65 enemy aircraft, 17 United States planes and one United States ship were lost. Viru, a port village, had been used by the Japanese as an outpost for Munda, which lies about 30 nautical miles to the northwest on New Georgia island, and had also been employed as a place for landing supplies. Its loss by the enemy marks the first specific American territorial triumph in the currently developing offensive of which the drive in the Central Solomons is only one part.

Quake Interrupts Tokyo Celebration

(By the Associated Press) The Tokyo radio reported that a sharp earthquake shook the Japanese capital and adjacent areas today, but damage was declared to be slight. The broadcast, said the epicenter was located near Shimotsuma, approximately 50 miles northeast of Tokyo. A DNB dispatch broadcast from Berlin reported high buildings in the "lower town" section of Tokyo swayed and trembled for one minute without causing serious damage. In some areas bricks were said to have been loosened, collapsing walls. The Berlin broadcast pointed out that the earthquake coincided with a celebration observing creation of the "greater Tokyo" municipal area. It was the second earthquake reported from Japan in three weeks. The Japanese news agency Domei reported in a broadcast June 15 that the island of Honshu, on which Tokyo is situated, and Hokkaido to the north, had been shaken without serious damage.

Record Parachute Drop Of 40,200 Feet Made

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—Lieut. Col. William Randolph Lovelace, 2nd, described yesterday how he parachuted from an army bomber near Ephrata, Wash., at an altitude of 40,200 feet. The jump is the highest on record in this country and Lovelace said he made it to convince himself that the emergency oxygen equipment furnished to army aviators is all that laboratory tests indicated. Lovelace's only injury was the freezing of his left hand. The jerk of his opening chute flipped off his heavy glove in 50 degrees below weather. It took him 23 minutes and 51 seconds to float down, he said, adding with a grin that this time "was almost exactly what laboratory calculations said it would be."

Pacific Coast Faces Tighter Gasoline Curb

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today the Midwest was closer to tighter gasoline consumption curbs than ever and declared the Pacific coast probably would be restricted more severely, too, before the end of the year. Ickes said that opening of the "big inch" pipeline's eastward extension within the next two weeks would bring the Midwest still nearer to sharper restrictions without easing the drastic curbs now on eastern motorists. He added that declining crude oil production in California, plus heavy military demands on that state's output, will almost certainly lead to a deficiency of oil on the west coast before the end of the year that "could, and probably would, mean more severe rationing there."

Fort Lewis Soldier Killed by Farmer

TACOMA, July 1.—(AP)—Pvt. Earl R. Taylor, stationed at Fort Lewis, died today after having been shot at the home of P. E. Whitmore, 76, farmer living near the Roy turnoff from the mountain highway. Whitmore is being held by the police for investigation. According to deputy sheriffs, Taylor and Whitmore had been drinking at a nearby tavern. About midnight Whitmore returned home. Taylor apparently followed him, and tried to enter the front door of Whitmore's house. After Whitmore ordered him away, Taylor went to the back door and was trying to pull off the screen when Whitmore shot through the door, the officers said.

Incidents Planned for Roseburg Defense Drill

Four incidents have been arranged for the civilian defense practice Friday night, according to Richard Maddox, commander of the Roseburg defense, utilities, fire department, utilities, rescue and demolition squads will not be used in the Friday rehearsal, but all other units are expected to be on duty, Maddox states. Particular stress will be placed on the use of the messenger service. In the last test many messengers failed to report to their air raid wardens, Maddox said, and it is urged that in the forthcoming test all messengers take their assigned positions promptly. The drill will start at 8 p. m. and will be concluded by 9 o'clock.

Levy Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein
Duty of the Joneses is to keep up with Uncle Sam's family in wartime needs. It is hoped Marvin Jones, new food czar, will keep up with dietary demands better than Jesse Jones, in his dollar-picking as RFC head, kept pace with the need of essential materials.

PALERMO FIRES ENGULF TARGETS OF ALLIED BOMBS

Many Axis Airplanes Destroyed or Damaged in New Series of Raids

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 1.—(AP)—United States bombers of the Northwest African air force blasted Palermo and four axis fields on Sicily yesterday, virtually without opposition from enemy fighters, it was announced today.

(The Italian high command communicate, broadcast from Rome and recorded by the Associated Press, reported "great damage and many casualties" at Palermo, a port of Northwest Sicily. Sardinian targets also were attacked, the communique said. Fires were reported started and several buildings destroyed in Cagliari. (Submarine pressure upon axis supply lines continued. The London admiralty announced that British submarines had destroyed four vessels and probably had sunk a fifth ship in Italian waters, boosting to more than 20 the number of enemy craft sunk or damaged in the Mediterranean during the last week.)

The attacks by U. S. bombers came after RAF Wellingtons, in a pre-dawn attack, smashed again at the ferry terminus and freight yards of Messina and also at the road south of San Giovanni and San Marco, on the nearby Italian mainland. Fires Engulf Targets One two-ton bomb was among the explosives seen to burst in the Messina yards and many fires were observed. A large fire also developed south of San Giovanni. The American raids on Sicilian targets yesterday left fires blazing at air fields and many enemy planes were destroyed or damaged in dispersal areas. At Palermo seven direct hits

Nazis Admit Drop In U-Boats' Toll

(By the Associated Press) The Berlin radio testified today a marked reduction in the efficacy of German submarine warfare last month, broadcasting a DNB dispatch which listed the U-boat toll of allied shipping in June at 20 ships totalling 107,000 tons, but implied this was only a temporary setback. The enemy claim represented less than one-seventh of the reported sinkings in March—149 ships. It was presented 24 hours after Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons that, as a result of the massacre of U-boats in May, "we have had in June the best month we have ever known in the whole 46 months of the war."

Lowell's Store Gets Temporary Quarters

L. H. Rhoden, owner-manager of Lowell's store, announced today that temporary quarters have been secured in the Lillie Moore store building, adjoining Wilder's, and that preparations are being made to conduct a fire sale next week. A considerable quantity of merchandise has been salvaged from the quarters destroyed by fire last week. Rhoden states, He also had goods en route from wholesalers. He plans to place the new and damaged stock on sale to close out all goods on hand, after which he proposes to close business activities temporarily with a view of reopening in the spring, when seasonable merchandise will be available.

FOUR SICILIAN AIR FIELDS BLASTED

Price Ceilings Upped in Oregon Areas to Meet Higher Production Costs

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1.—(AP)—To offset increased production costs, the regional OPA office today increased milk price ceilings in many sections of Oregon and in five southwest Washington counties under the Portland district.

In some cases the price to the producer was increased but the retail price held at its present level. These instances, including the Portland market, were where OPA received evidence that while producers were being pinched, distributors were receiving a margin greater than necessary. Explaining the increase, Blair Stewart, district OPA officer, said that "we were under an inhibition by the department of agriculture not to set fluid milk prices so high that they would attract milk away from the manufactured milk industries. The manufacture of dried and processed milk for export to the armed forces must be increased, and the War Food administration insists that the consumption of fluid milk must not be increased. It has already reached a higher per capita rate than at any time in our history."

Idle Coal Miners Reduced to 104,000

PITTSBURGH, July 1.—(AP)—More thousands of hard coal miners returned to the pits today in eastern Pennsylvania and a couple thousand more soft coal miners returned in Alabama, reducing the number of idle in the nation's mines to roughly around 104,000. Last night Secretary Ickes, fuel administrator, in charge of the mines now under government control, appealed to coal miners everywhere not to stay away from their jobs "on the eve of the greatest military campaign in history."

Feud End Asked Of French Chiefs

LONDON, July 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill disclosed today that both the American and British governments had asked General De Gaulle and Giraud June 19 for assurances that there would be no important change in the French command in North Africa at present. The prime minister also declared that the two French leaders had been asked to satisfy Gen. Eisenhower, allied commander-in-chief in North Africa, that the present French military commander in that area, Gen. Giraud, had effective control of the French forces there. The assurance was requested, Churchill added, "in view of the prolonged discussions between the French leaders in Algiers on questions involving the character and control of the French armed forces and the serious effect which this might have on the furtherance of the war effort and the safety of allied forces."

Oregon Fireworks Ban Continued by Snell

SALEM, Ore., July 1.—(AP)—Governor Snell issued a proclamation today continuing the ban on the manufacture, distribution, sale and use of fireworks. The ban also was in effect last year. General John L. DeWitt, commanding the western defense command, asked for the ban in all states of the western defense area.

DeValera Re-elected as Eire's Prime Minister

DUBLIN, July 1.—(AP)—Eamon De Valera was re-elected prime minister of Eire today by a vote of 67 to 37 in the first meeting of the dail since the general election of June 22. His opponent was William Cosgrave, leader of the opposition Fine Gael party. The vote was taken after De Valera had opposed a suggestion to suspend the party system until after the emergency and to replace it in the interim with a national government.

Gas Ration Books Stolen After Owner Is Killed

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 1.—(AP)—Clark County Sheriff R. E. Brady today nominated for the "meanest man" the thief who took the A and C gasoline ration books from Henry Walmer's automobile a few minutes after an accident in which Walmer was killed. The widow today reported the theft of the books from the car's glove compartment. She presumes they were removed during the confusion immediately after the accident.

Martinique Would Join Allied Camp

Robert Asks for Envoy From U. S. to Help in Change of French Rule

NEW YORK, July 1.—(AP)—Martinique's high commissioner, Admiral Robert, was reported today to have invited the United States to name an envoy "to fix terms for a change of French authority" on the island, a step which may align it at last with the allies. Robert, who served by appointment from Vichy and declined to side with either General De Gaulle or General Giraud, remained silent when the French Committee for National Liberation was established in north Africa. The Martinique radio announced last night, however, in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications commission, that the commissioner had addressed a "communique to the population" telling them that "to avoid bloodshed" he had dispatched a request to the United States for "terms."

Money Bills Left in Jam By Congress

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—A log jam of money bills in congress left President Roosevelt without a nickel of emergency funds today for the first time in three years and forced many war agencies to operate temporarily on the cuff. Although both senate and house were agreed that the executive should start off the new fiscal year with at least \$89,000,000 for emergency purposes, a deadlock over withholding salaries of three federal workers blocked passage of a bill making the sum available. The measure was one of half a dozen major bills left stranded when congress adjourned overnight after a futile attempt to shove them through before the 1943-44 fiscal year ended at midnight. The only bill cleared was a \$71,500,000, 000 win-the-war army supply measure.

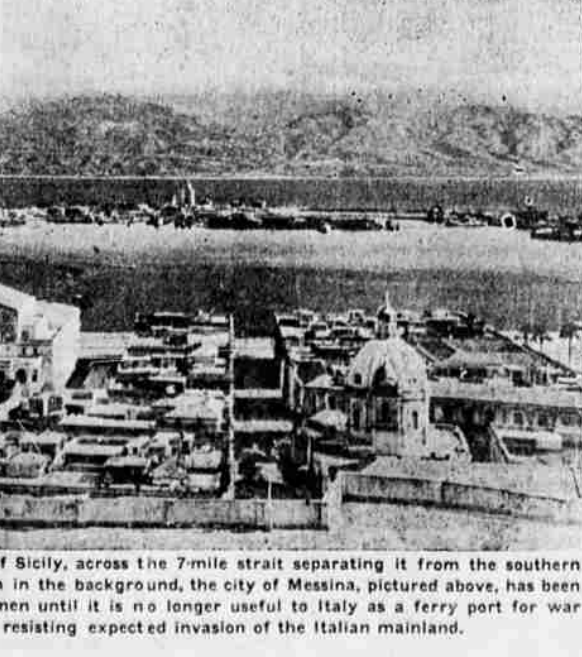
Emergency Fund Lack Leaves War Agencies Operating on Cuff

Tied up in the other legislation were 1944 funds for the Department of Agriculture and Interior, the Federal Security agency and a group of other departments including the Office of Price Administration, the Office of War Information and the War Production board. Except for the urgent deficiency bill carrying the president's money, all the other measures have provisions validating any obligation incurred after June 30 provided the obligation was in accordance with limitations in each bill. Trusting Uncle Sam Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) of the house appropriations committee contended, however, that, legally, none of the agencies depending on presidential

Farmers Asked to List Weekend Labor Needs

Farmers in need of helpers over the Fourth of July week end were requested today by James Mess, president of the Umpqua Valley chamber of commerce, to make their needs known immediately. At the same time Mess urged Roseburg residents to spend their week ends on farms in order to aid with the task of making food available for the forthcoming fall and winter months. Growers are asked to notify the chamber of commerce, county agricultural agent or U. S. employment office of their labor needs. They are requested to report the kinds of crops on which work is needed, the number of helpers required, and the hours during which extra labor can be used.

Sicily's Ferry Port Bombed Into Uselessness



Situated on the eastern tip of Sicily, across the 7-mile strait separating it from the southern tip of Italy, whose hills are seen in the background, the city of Messina, pictured above, has been repeatedly bombed by allied airmen until it is no longer useful to Italy as a ferry port for war supplies, or as an axis base for resisting expected invasion of the Italian mainland.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LATEST reports from the Battle of Washington: Vice-President Wallace, in his capacity as chairman of the Board of Economic Warfare, jumps Jesse Jones, in his capacity as head of the Reconstruction Finance corporation (the Washington boys have more titles than a Balkan princess), accusing him of delaying the war effort all along the line from rubber to quinine. One gathers that Jones hasn't been tossing the public's money around as freely as Wallace thinks he should have been.

All these Washington big shots could be transferred to the front and would fight the Japs as hard as they fight each other, the war would soon be over.

It is disclosed that P-38 fighters are being used to bomb the Japs on Kiska.

They dive down through the fog with blinding speed, drop their bombs on Jap gun positions and zoom away—if they're lucky. The idea is to flash in and out so fast that the Jap at the gun can't hit you.

It's a pity the temperamental prima donnas of the Washington front can't make JUST ONE hurrying dive down through the overcast in one of these mechanical thunderbolts, with death in a dozen gruesome forms lying in wait at the bottom and only skill of hand backed by a stout heart to ward it off. It would give them a new and wholesome outlook on war.

WASHINGTON observers, incidentally, think the mounting fury of allied air blows in the Pacific may signal the opening phase of a new campaign. The Tokyo radio, quoting Jap military observers, says Japan

Farm Machinery Quotas to Exceed Peace Era Normal

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—Congressional farm leaders said today that new agricultural machinery quotas for 1944, soon to be announced by the War Production board, would range up to 150 per cent of peacetime normal. Some types of implements, however, will be limited to lesser quantities. Down to 45 per cent for certain types of cultivators. The overall allowance will be about 80 per cent of the 1940-41 production and purchases. Cotton pickers and soybean, beet and green pea harvesters drew the biggest increase, 50 per cent above normal, legislators said. On other equipment, these allotments were reported: Wagon and truck boxes, 77 per cent of normal; sleighs, 150 per cent; buggies and spring wagons, 55 per cent; horizontal type power pumps, 55 per cent; hand and windmill pumps, 85 per cent; levelers and scrapers, 45 per cent; milking machines, 60 per cent; horse shoes, 107 per cent; tractors, 41 to 82 per cent, depending on horsepower. While more than double the 1943 allotment, the 1944 tractor quota of 149,729 of all types was described as being 24,729 below estimated minimum requirements of county boards and 133,000 below 1940-41 production and sales. Quotas for the current crop year were about 40 per cent of normal and only part of the allotment was available when the planting season started. Farm stockmen in congress claim actual needs for this year and next are 129 per cent of the 1940-41 base.