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SEVASTOPOL FORTRESS ON BLACK SEA, RECAPTURED BY RUSSIANS AFTER BLOODY STRUGGLE OF 24 DAYS

Axis Slain or Captured Put At 100,000

Moscow Indicates One Besieging Army Rushed West to Hit Germany

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The fall of the Crimean fortress-port of Sevastopol after a 24-day siege was announced today by Premier Stalin in an order of the day which indicated one of the two original besieging soviet armies may already have rushed to the main front for a new Russian westward offensive.

Conspicuously absent from a list of 56 commanders cited by Stalin for distinction in the drive which completely cleared the last of the 10,000-square-mile Crimean peninsula was the name of General Yeremenko, whose independent maritime army struck 150 miles westward across the peninsula from Kerch and on April 19 reached Sevastopol's southern environs. The omission suggested that Yeremenko and his men might have been moved elsewhere in preparation for important new operations.

The order of the day was addressed jointly to Gen. Tolbukhin, whose Fourth Ukrainian army topped Sevastopol late yesterday in a final three-day plunge through three deep German defense belts, and Marshal Vasilievsky, chief of the red army general staff.

Axis Casualties 100,000

Through fall of the city the soviet Black sea fleet regained the second of two valuable ports from which to venture against axis forces on Romania's coast 200 miles to the west. The other is Odessa, 180 miles to the northwest, recaptured by the Russians April 10.

In the overall 31-day Crimean offensive, which the Tolbukhin

Roosevelt's Plan to Accept 4th Term Nomination Plainly Evidenced by His Refusal to Talk, Opinion at Washington

President Fooling Nobody But Self, Senator Says; Labeled "Quite a Kidder"

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's renewed refusal to talk about a fourth term convinced most capital Republicans and some Democrats today that he now plans to accept another presidential nomination.

With only a little more than two months remaining before the party's delegates convene in Chicago, Mr. Roosevelt declined at a news conference yesterday to comment on Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan's statement that he entertained a "firm conviction" the president again would be a candidate and would be reelected. Hannegan made this statement in a speech at New York Monday night.

Look, the president told reporters who packed his press-radio conference, he was only just back from a month's vacation in South Carolina. He hadn't read Hannegan's speech and he wouldn't talk about it if he had.

"Not Fooling Anyone"

Senator Bushfield (R.-S.D.) commented tartly that "the president may be fooling himself as to what he's going to do, but he isn't fooling anyone else."

"He's quite a kidder, isn't he?" remarked Senator Johnson (D.-Colo.), an outspoken opponent of a fourth term.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the republican whip, said that if Mr. Roosevelt didn't talk any more about a fourth term than he did about a third term, "that'll be plenty."

"Of course, he is a candidate," Wherry declared. "All the Democrats are having a convention for it to have him tell them who he wants for vice president."

Senator Thomas (D.-Okla.) felt that, while the president was not a candidate, he would accept a nomination.

DeValera Facing Political Battle

DUBLIN, Eire, May 10.—(AP)—A first class political fight was developing in Eire today as Prime Minister Eamon de Valera's opponents accused him of using dictatorial and dangerous tactics in ordering a rush national election for May 30—the country's second within a year—as a result of the defeat of his domestic transport bill in the house yesterday by a 64-63 vote.

Neither the war nor the country's neutrality is an issue in the fight, however.

The Irish Free Press, the organ of de Valera's Fianna Fail party, declared his opponents "must have decided to show that they are completely devoid of any sense of responsibility" by beating the bill and said the national interest demanded stability and a majority government.

At present the government has only a minority in the lower chamber, the Dail Eireann, and the independents hold the balance of power.

Child Fatally Burned Playing With Matches

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 10.—(AP)—Burns suffered while playing with matches killed Roger Donald Nelson, nearly 2, of Battleground last night.

Coroner Duresne said Roger and a 5-year-old brother played with matches while their mother, Mrs. Clyde Nelson, visited a neighbor near their farm home. When she returned she saw the boy running out of the house, his clothing aflame. He died later in a hospital.

New Dealer Wins Race in W. Virginia; Ohio Mayors Nominated for Governor

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., May 10.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Clarence W. Meadows, a new deal supporter, piled up a formidable lead today over Rush D. Holt, former "boy senator," in West Virginia's democratic gubernatorial primary, but the republican race still remained in doubt.

The 38-year-old Holt, youngest man ever elected to the U. S. senate, fell behind early in the slow counting of yesterday's voting, which climaxed one of the bitterest primary campaigns of two decades.

Mayor D. Boone Dawson of Charleston held a slim margin over Millionaire Industrialist Raymond J. Funkhouser of Charleston for the republican nomination, moving out in front after the 55-year-old manufacturer had jumped off to an early advantage.

In 1,011 precincts, the unofficial tabulation for Dawson was 31,125, against 30,676, for Funkhouser, who lost the republican senate nomination to Senator Revercomb (R.-W. Va.) in 1942.

Roosevelt vs. Dewey

A lengthy ballot slowed the returns for other contests, including the selection of 19 national convention delegates by the republicans and 18 by the democrats, as well as for congress. Although the delegations will go uninstructed, the democrats, almost without exception, declared for a fourth term for President Roosevelt, while republicans leaned toward Governor Dewey of New York, with Governor Bricker of Ohio as second choice for a presidential nominee.

OHIO PRIMARIES NAME RIVAL PARTY CANDIDATES

COLUMBUS, O., May 10.—(AP)—Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland, son of Slovenian immigrants, captured the democratic nomination for Governor of Ohio over five opponents in yesterday's primary, mounting returns showed today, and Mayor James Garfield Stewart of Cincinnati held a lead for the republican nomination.

Lausche was backed by the CIO's political action committee and endorsed by Democratic State Chairman Darrell S. Jones.

Voters gave William G. Pickrel of Dayton nearly a two-to-one lead for the democratic U. S. senatorial nomination. Senator Robert A. Taft, Cincinnati republican, won renomination without opposition.

There was no contest for convention delegates. Gov. John W. Bricker was given the state's 50 republican votes, while the democrats' 52 went to President Roosevelt—if he wants them. All incumbent congressmen apparently were renominated.

Stalin Covets No Lands Of Neighbors, Assertion

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—(AP)—Forrest Davis, associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post, quotes Marshal Joseph Stalin in a Post article published today as saying that the soviet union has no desire for the lands of her neighbors.

In the first of two articles, "What really happened at Teheran," Davis says Stalin made a sweeping declaration at Teheran of "his desire to conciliate his neighbors, saying flatly that he had no desire to own Europe."

Davis says Stalin added that "his country is only half populated and the Russians have plenty to do at home, without undertaking great new territorial responsibilities."

Davis has not revealed the source of his information.

Chinese Grip On Vital Rail Line Slipping

Japs Knife Deeper Into Wheat Region, but Are Checked Near Loyang

CHUNGKING, May 10.—(AP)—Chinese forces have all but lost their grip on the north-south Peiping-Hankow railway in Honan province, the Chinese high command indicated today.

Two strong Japanese columns were reported less than 14 miles from a juncture as they struck from the south and entered the railway town of Suiping from the north. The invaders from the south were said to have gained several miles, appreciably narrowing the 14-mile gap.

The invaders pressing toward the ancient Honan province city of Loyang, however, were said to have been checked east of the Yi river. The nearest Japanese forces several days ago were reported only six miles from Loyang.

Major Gen. Cherinault's 14th air force continued to participate in the battle with telling results by strafing enemy columns and key points, but this only partly balanced the odds against the ill-equipped Chinese who have yielded a large slice of the richest wheat growing area of China since the invaders began their offensive April 18.

CHUNGKING, May 10.—(AP)—An appeal to the allies for quick help to alleviate the suffering of the Chinese army and people, who on July 7 enter the eighth year of war, was made today by the councillor of the executive Yuan, Chang Ping-Hsun.

"If the Chinese soldiers have the necessary weapons they cannot win battles," he said in a statement.

In Honan, he declared, the Japanese have mobilized 50,000 to

Originator Of "Poppy Day" Dies

ATHENS, Ga., May 10.—(AP)—Miss Moina Michael, who originated "poppy day" in 1918 as a memorial to the war dead, died in a hospital today after an illness of several months.

Known as the "poppy lady," she also originated the annual memorial to soldiers and sailors who died at sea in the first World War. Yearly she made a seven-foot anchor of poppies, setting it adrift at Savannah, Ga., until 1930. Thereafter, the anchors were launched by naval authorities at Annapolis.

She was a member of the University of Georgia faculty staff for more than 25 years.

She carried the "poppy day" idea to the American Legion, which sponsored it in August, 1920. The British Legion adopted it in 1921. Since then poppy sales have brought millions of dollars, chiefly for the aid of disabled war veterans.

Six Men Escape Death in Flaming Bomber Crash

SPOKANE, May 10.—(AP)—Six men were in hospitals here today recovering from burns and bruises after tumbling from a flaming army bomber as it touched the ground in a crash landing last night. All were expected to recover.

The plane, from a Texas field, was on a routine flight from Geiger field to Boise, Idaho, when one engine caught fire. The pilot made an emergency landing at Calkins airfield, a training site. None of the fliers are from the northwest.

Ward Store Turned Back To Company

Union Demands Contract Observance, but Avery Says "No Closed Shop"

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—Immediate extension and enforcement of a CIO union contract with Montgomery Ward and Company, released from government control last night, was asked by the union today in a telegram to the War Labor board.

The appeal to the WLB to extend the expired contract pending negotiation of a new agreement followed yesterday's collective bargaining election won by the union, whose controversy with the company led to federal seizure of the plant last April 26.

The union's action came as Sewell L. Avery resumed control of the huge mail order house, 13 days after two soldiers carried him from his office when he refused to comply with a WLB directive and a presidential order to extend the contract.

Avery, barred by federal officials from entering his office, returned today following a ruling last night by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones ending federal possession of the Chicago properties.

The CIO union won the collective bargaining election—a basic issue in the dispute over extension of a union-company contract—by a vote of 2,440 to 1,593, out of a total of 4,894 eligible employees.

Union Objective Gained

In the telegram to WLB Chairman William H. Davis, Samuel Wolchok, international president of the CIO parent organization of the local unit, asserted that "the fictitious question of representation raised by Montgomery Ward upon expiration of a contract of Dec. 8 now has been answered."

He said that during the 14 days of government control of the plant, workers had been discharged "in defiance of government instructions to the contrary," and "hundreds of grievances which have accumulated since Dec. 8 have not been settled."

Wolchok told Davis that the

Jap Airfields on New Guinea Raided

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, May 10.—(AP)—Southwest and central Pacific headquarters announced new air blows struck against Japanese bases guarding the approaches to the Philippines and Truk.

In a communique today, Gen. MacArthur reported Monday attacks on enemy airfields on that part of Dutch New Guinea nearest the Philippines. Only over Japanese air base on the northwest tip was any nipponese air opposition encountered. The raiding Liberators shot down one "and probably several others" of 11 interceptors but one of the big bombers was lost.

MacArthur's communique, in a new summary of the successful Hollandia invasion, said Japanese dead total 871 and the prisoners 183. These totals do not take into account the dead and prisoners at Aitape, 150 miles southeast of Hollandia. The last report of enemy casualties (dead, wounded and prisoners) at Aitape exceeded 800.

Husband's Story Clears Trunk Corpse Mystery

CRYSTAL CITY, Texas, May 10.—(AP)—A confession that he killed his wife, Mrs. Louise Villegas, by hitting her in the back of the head with his fist and shipped her body in a trunk from Chicago to Los Angeles has been signed here by Soyla Villegas, 26, Deputy Sheriff Garrett Barnes said last night.

Barnes quoted Villegas as saying that he struck Mrs. Villegas during an argument, following a visit to a Chicago tavern, where the two had had some drinks.

Barnes said Villegas was working in an aircraft plant at Chicago at the time of the slaying and that he obtained leave and returned to his home here.

Fourth Anniversary of Hitler Blitzkrieg Finds Situation Reversed, With Germany Trying to Prevent Inevitable Knockout

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The Germans were reported striving hastily to tighten up their shaken western defenses on this fourth anniversary of the Nazi drive through the low countries as the gigantic British-American air campaign developed new aspects pointing toward a climax in preparation for invasion D-day.

Thus the war in the west had swung in a full cycle, reversing the position of May 10, 1940, when the Germans supreme in the air and on the ground, sent their legions crashing into Belgium and the Netherlands in the all-conquering blitzkrieg which led quickly to Dunkerque and the collapse of France.

With conclusive defeat in the air staring him in the face, Adolf Hitler has designated 29-year-old Maj. Gen. Oberst Felz to command German air forces in the west and ordered him to assemble a force to combat the impending allied invasion, said reliable advisers from underground Europe.

Felz, looked upon as an air genius and a prime favorite of Hitler, was given the task of keeping together a force to strike back at the invasion fleets—no matter what damage the homeland suffers in the meantime.

Quick Air Control Expected

No matter what the Germans do, even the most conservative American and British air leaders are agreed the allies can win full control of the air within seven to 10 days after the invasion starts.

In addition to the enormous acceleration in allied attacks—in the first 10 days of this month there has been almost as much activity as in the two previous months—there were at least three new phases noted:

These were (1) the RAF's new attacks against German ammunition dumps and other critical concentrations, (2) the two-pronged bombing of both railroad junctions and airfields, and (3) the speeded up drive against railroads and bridges.

The campaign against continental air fields was aimed not only at combat planes but against aerial troop transport, for which the Germans have been famous. It was considered that bombardment of the fields had damaged the nazis' chances for whisking reinforcements by air to critical points.

Foe To Be Crippled First

It seemed reasonable to presume the allied high command was repeating the process of preparation used in North Africa, where the big push was not started until the Germans' reinforcement and supply lines were wrecked or in a position where they could be wrecked shortly.

This condition, still uncrystallized, seemed to be one of the key factors in determination of the exact day for invasion.

Germany's defensive position was emphasized last night by Lt. Gen. Kurt Dietmar, one of the Berlin radio's leading military commentators, who declared:

"There is no doubt that Germany now lives in a state of siege. It is undeniable that there is a great tension among the defenders of Europe."

Broadcasting a promise of deliverance to her people, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, anticipating a return to her country, said she would take a brief rest "in order to be fresh and strong for the moment when you will need me."

Belgian Premier Pierlot declared that "with all her soul and all her strength Belgium awaits the moment to take part with the united nations in their gigantic and victorious effort."

Today Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg broadcast to her people that "preparations for the invasion are in full swing. Now you should be doubly cautious. An attempt will be made by the Germans to unmask pa-

Fine for Contempt Levied on Counsel in Sedition Case

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Justice Jennings Bailey of federal district court today found James L. Laughlin, Washington lawyer, guilty of contempt of court for his conduct as attorney for two defendants in the mass sedition trial and fined him \$150.

Laughlin immediately served notice of appeal, and Justice Bailey said he would stay the fine on condition Laughlin post bond of \$300.

Bailey said that in his opinion various motions filed by Laughlin were for the purpose of embarrassing Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher, presiding judge of the sedition trial, and to attract publicity for the purpose of disqualifying prospective jurors.

Eicher resumed the sedition trial shortly after Bailey's decision in the Laughlin case. The attorney continued to represent his clients.

Approximately 160 prospective jurors were on hand, with other panels available. The task of selecting a jury began all over again because the term of the previous panels expired shortly after the contempt action was brought against Laughlin.

Twenty-nine defendants answered the roll in Eicher's court.

Marvin F. Blischoff, an attorney, reported to Eicher that his client, 80-year-old Elmer J. Garner of Wichita, Kas., had died and that he was withdrawing from the case. The coroner's office reported yesterday that Garner died of natural causes in a Washington rooming house last Thursday.

More Dwelling Units For Reedsport Approved

SEATTLE, May 4.—The national housing agency Tuesday announced approval of construction of 20 family-unit dwellings at Reedsport, Ore., for use by immigrant lumber industry workers.

The new order brought to 105 the number of family units approved for the locality.

FSA Abolition Recommended by House Committee

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Abolition of the farm security administration was recommended today by a special house committee to day in a report which accused the agency of controlling its clients "to the extent of telling the borrower how to raise his children" and "how to plan his home life."

The FSA, the committee said "has not been wisely administered and has been used as an experiment station of un-American ideas and economic and social theories of little or questionable value."

The committee, headed by Rep. Cooley (D.-N. C.), emphasized that its criticism applied to the administration of Rexford Guy Tugwell and C. B. Baldwin. It commended the recently-appointed administrator, Frank Hancock, for having made "substantial and worthwhile changes in both policies and personnel."

Nevertheless it called for abolition of the FSA and regional Agricultural Credit corporations, discontinuance of the emergency crop and feed loan offices, liquidation of FSA's resettlement and rural rehabilitation project, and transfer of the federal aid to low-income farmers program to the Farmers' Home corporation.

The FSA's rural rehabilitation loan program was commended by the committee, which said it has "actually relieved distress and human suffering in many stricken agricultural areas," despite abuses in administration.

Redmond High School Again Struck by Fire

REDMOND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—City and state police investigated today a fire that broke out in Redmond union high school yesterday, eight days after a \$40,000 blaze destroyed the school's gymnasium.

The latest fire started in the agricultural department at 5 p. m., the same hour as the recent blaze which police said a 14-year-old boy admitted setting.

Battles Rage Over Eastern Alps, Report

Latest Forays Follow Night Blows at Berlin, Plants in Paris Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 10.—(AP)—American bombers raided Vienna and nearby Wiener Neustadt in Austria today.

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The allies threw another series of armadas, probably totaling 2,000 planes, against German defenses of Europe in day and night strikes today, blasting front-line airfields and railways and war-supporting industries with more than 3,000 tons of bombs in preparation for the invasion.

German accounts, telling of violent aerial battles over the eastern Alps, indicated that this massed aerial strength was being supplemented by Mediterranean air force "heavies" perhaps striking at Austrian targets.

An Ankara broadcast said Bucharest in Romania was bombed. A night fleet of approximately 750 British bombers carried their greatest load of the 26-day offensive in smashing at both Berlin and Paris and hitting at least 10 targets of the highest priority, including the Anney ballbearing works near the Italian frontier in France.

The air ministry disclosed that the Germans were using the Anney factory extensively for making castings for airplane engines since the ballbearing plants at Schweinfurt were damaged so heavily recently.

Marauders and Havocs dropped more than 450 short tons of bombs on three rail centers in Belgium and France today and on an airfield near Amiens. Two bombers failed to return.

The RAF lost seven aircraft in its night operations. Five bombers and three fighters were lost yesterday out of nearly 1,000 lighter aircraft of the allied expeditionary air force which joined in the 4,000-plane blows reaching from the French coast to Germany.

Annoyance Damage Heavy

Mosquitoes dropped a profusion of 4,000-pound blockbusters into the ruins of Berlin last night. The main target of 750 bombers was Gennevillers on the northwest fringe of Paris, where the Germans had planted important military and industrial establishments. Some RAF planes bombed a ballbearing plant at Anney near the Italian border; others hit the channel invasion coast; still others mined German waters.

The Swiss radio said that doors and windows were shaken in Geneva during last night's RAF bombing of Anney. This report said the ballbearing factory, railroad yards and station were hit and a large fire started.

The Journal de Geneva at Geneva also reported the Anney attack caused enormous damage.

Nazis Extend Retreat

Bombers from Italy struck the

Doris Cromwell's Divorce Held Void

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 10.—(AP)—Advisory Master Douglas Herr in chancery court today found null and void the Reno divorce of Doris Duke Cromwell from her husband James H. R. Cromwell, former U. S. minister to Canada, and ordered it set aside.

Herr held the decree "null, void and of no effect in New Jersey." In handing down the court's decision the advisory master challenged the 31-year-old tobacco heiress' competence as a married woman to select a residence outside the state so long as her husband stayed in New Jersey.

He held that an element of fraud was "conspicuous" in Mrs. Cromwell's claim that she was a Reno resident.

At the same time Herr declared Nevada had forfeited its right to the full faith and credit clause of the United States constitution in sealing testimony of Mrs. Cromwell and not permitting its perusal by the New Jersey court.

Cromwell's suit for a limited divorce under the laws of the state of New Jersey will be heard later before Herr.

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Point-free beefsteaks may ultimately be partial atonement for OPA mistakes.