

MAULED NAZIS STILL FIGHT IN CHERBOURG

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U. S. SUBS SINK 16 MORE JAP SHIPS; ALLIED PLANES BLAST ANDAMAN ISLANDS

Struggle For Saipan Island Almost Won

Showdown Battle for China Looms as Enemy Campaign Advances

(By the Associated Press)

Heroic American seafarers have cut another big hole in Japan's vital merchant fleet.

The navy disclosed today that U. S. submarines have sunk 16 additional enemy vessels in the Pacific and Far East waters. This raised to a grand total of 774 the total of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged since the beginning of hostilities.

Almost simultaneously a south-east Asia command special communiqué reported that allied carrier task force planes hit into the heart of the Japanese-controlled eastern waters of the Bay of Bengal.

They raided Port Blair, capital of the Andaman Islands, bombing military installations.

The islands, guarding the approach to Rangoon, are less than 200 miles southwest of Nippon-held southern Burma. The Japanese offered no resistance.

Tokyo's version of the Andaman raid said that a force of 35 allied bombers and fighters raided Port Blair in the Bay of Bengal Wednesday morning. The damage inflicted was minor, Tokyo said in its usual vein, and six raiding planes were shot down.

The Japanese took the islands in March, 1942, and since that time they have been attacked a number of times by allied planes. The last attack was by American Liberators April 22 this year.

Saipan's Fall Impends

American infantrymen and marines spread through the hills

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GENERAL EISENHOWER says as this is written that the fall of Cherbourg seems probable "within a matter of hours."

For us of the Pacific coast, however, even that dramatic possibility is overshadowed by the gathering of the Jap battle fleet in the million square miles of the Pacific lying between the Marianas and the Philippines for what may be THE showdown naval fight of modern times.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ (U. S. navy commander in the Pacific) says that possibly the ENTIRE Jap fleet may be in these waters. He intimates that the first blow was struck Monday, asserting cryptically that damage was inflicted on ELEMENTS OF THE ENEMY FLEET that day.

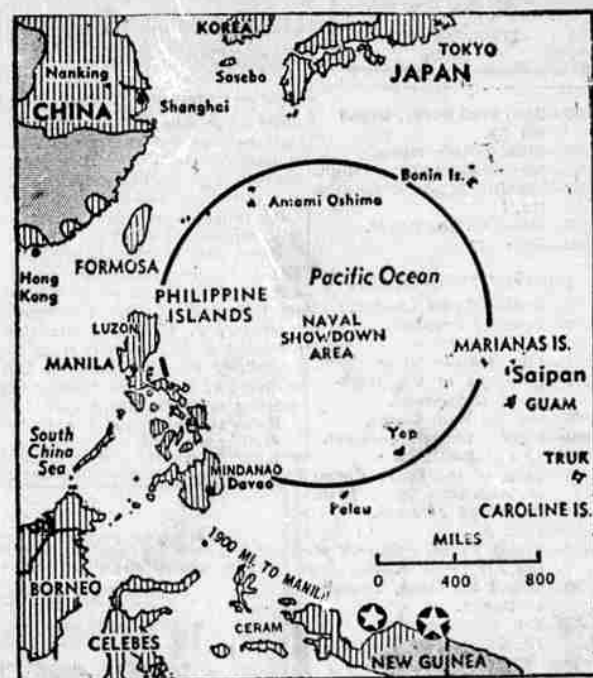
THE Japs hit first Sunday, sending planes from their carriers to attack our forces at Saipan. THREE HUNDRED of their planes were shot down—a frightful jolt at the beginning of a big naval battle.

We chased the remnant of their planes back to the carriers from which they came, striking at their ships when sighted. That could explain Nimitz' brief statement about damage inflicted on "elements" of the enemy fleet.

ALTOGETHER the Japs have lost 600 planes in the Marianas, leading Nimitz to say: "If we lost 600 planes in two or three days, we'd be very unhappy, even

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Where Japanese Were Walloped



At right of circle on the above map is shown the location of Guam, southernmost of the Marianas Islands, off which Japanese sea and air fleets, in an effort to aid their hard-pressed land forces on Saipan, were dealt a smashing defeat this week by an American air armada, supported by a naval unit. In the two-day battle, the Japs lost 353 planes, four of their ships were sunk and ten others damaged. Survivors of the battered foe fled westward toward the Philippines. Fall of Saipan to the U. S. invaders is imminent, according to today's dispatches.

All Lumber Use Is Placed Under Blanket Controls

WASHINGTON, June 23—(AP)—Blanket controls over all use of lumber—even small amounts for householders to construct kitchen shelves or a bookcase—have been ordered by the War Production board to go into effect August 1.

The new controls cancel most existing restrictions now determined by types of wood and applied to all lumber except that produced by a farmer from his own woodlot.

J. Philip Boyd, director of the WPB lumber and lumber products division, said quarterly consumer quotas will be assigned to manufacturing, distributing and other bulk consumers. Provision will be made for allowing some lumber to purchasers of small amounts and, in no case, Boyd asserted, will the new controls completely eliminate manufacturing or transport of particular products.

First quota purchase authorizations will be sent out from Washington beginning today, Boyd said.

Termination of the controls, he declared, will depend upon the success and rate of advancement of our invasion forces. Extensive demolition by the enemy will increase the lumber demand for temporary military rehabilitation of the captured areas.

For instance, he said, when Cherbourg is captured, some 500 to 1,000 carloads of lumber will be needed to reconstruct necessary establishments.

Representative Semon's Son Killed on D-Day

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 23—(AP)—State Representative and Mrs. Henry Semon were notified by the War department last night that their son, Second Lieutenant Charles Semon, of the paratroopers, was killed in action in France on June 6, D-day.

Lieutenant Semon was born in Klamath county, attended grade and high schools, and Oregon State college.

Lumber Wage Boost Denied In Northwest

Hoist Wouldn't Solve Manpower Issue, Ruling Of Board's Majority

(By the Associated Press.)

Approximately 130,000 Pacific Northwest pine and fir lumber workers today found themselves back where they were a month ago with refusal of the War Labor board to grant a general wage increase.

The board's reaffirmation of its May 17 directive was announced last night in Washington, D. C., and Dexter M. Keizer, public member and author of the board's 16-page majority opinion, said "no convincing evidence" had been found that a general increase would solve the industry's manpower problem and would, on the other hand, have "powerful potentialities to destabilize the wage structure of the Pacific coast."

Advised of the decision, Don Gallaher, secretary of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers local in Seattle, predicted lumber workers would demand a legal strike vote under the Smith-Connally act. He said a number of workers had favored such action last month, when some 30,000 workers went on unofficial strike in protest against the WLB decision which was reaffirmed last night.

Worth Lowery, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, who warned last month that the CIO's return to work did not preclude a possible strike later, said the union's

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Rocket-Bomb Area, Rail Lines Used By Nazis Blasted

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 23—(AP)—A force of up to 250 American Liberators and Fortresses stabbed through clouds today for the eighth straight day of round-the-clock attacks on the rocket-bomb coast in the Pas-De-Calais area, giving it the fourth heavy pounding in 24 hours.

Occasional rocket-bombs continued to zoom toward England, but British Home Secretary Morrison assured parliament that they had done "little damage of national importance."

Today's attack came after a night in which RAF heavies struck at the Nazi reinforcement-crammed rail yards at Reims and Laon, bringing to a climax one of the greatest days of aerial operations since the launching of the Normandy invasion.

Seven bombers were missing from the assault on these key rail points, both about 80 miles northeast of Paris. The yards are in the network of lines leading toward the battlefield from Germany and the lowlands, and both now are jammed with Nazi reinforcements struggling to get through.

British bombers hit rail targets at Lisieux, Dreux and Evreux last night while fighters and intruders destroyed seven German planes over northern France.

This morning southern England received one of its heaviest flying bomb assaults since the Germans launched the robot attacks a week ago. New incendiary types of robots, along with the now familiar high explosive winged bombs, were used by the Nazis.

Housekeeper-Killer of War Veteran Is Paroled

PORTLAND, June 23—(AP)—Gertrude C. Lillie Miller, indicted for second-degree murder in the shooting of the 70-year-old invalid war veteran for whom she was housekeeper, was free on parole today.

Mrs. Miller pleaded guilty to manslaughter yesterday, and was paroled to the state parole board from a five-year penitentiary sentence. She told the court George Harr, who was fatally shot Dec. 14, had threatened her with his gun.

Nation Needs New Regime, Dewey Says

New Deal's Chaos Cited In Message to Planners Of G. O. P. Platform

CHICAGO, June 23—(AP)—

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York sent a republican platform drafters a message today criticizing the national administration as "a sprawling, overlapping bureaucracy" and calling for a new regime in which the president would act with congress to "raise the federal service to a high level of efficiency and competence."

The message from Dewey, whose supporters have contended he will win the republican presidential nomination on the first or second ballot at next week's convention, was read to the platform committee after Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) had presented a proposed foreign plank calling for creation of "peace forces" to prevent future aggression.

Dewey Pictures Chaos

In connection with presentation of a report on the postwar advisory committee on government reform, Dewey's message said: "The national administration has become a sprawling, overlapping bureaucracy. It is undermined by executive abuse of power, confused line of authority, duplication of effort, inadequate fiscal controls, loose personnel practices and an attitude of arrogance previously unknown in our history."

"The times cry out for the restoration of harmony in government, for a balance of legislative and executive responsibility, for efficiency and economy, for pruning agencies and personnel, for effective fiscal and personnel controls, and for an entirely new spirit in our federal government."

"We need an administration

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Red Invasion On East Begun, Germans Say

Berlin-Bound Offensive Reported; Triple Drive In Finland Progresses

LONDON, June 23—(AP)—

The Germans announced today that the red army, striking on the third anniversary of Hitler's supreme invasion of Russia, had launched its long-awaited summer offensive on the eastern front.

While Moscow had not as yet confirmed the opening of the drive, the German high command and official Berlin broadcasts declared the Soviets moved forward yesterday on a broad front north of the Pripiet marshes—on the most direct road from Moscow to Berlin and Warsaw—in an assault which may be coordinated with allied advances in France and Italy.

The Germans said a large-scale Soviet offensive was set in motion from south of Mogilev to north of Vitebsk with heavy tank and plane support, while Moscow announced that triple Russian spearheads drove deeper against the Finns, north of Lake Onegskoe (Onega) and up the Anzhus isthmus, as well as along the northern reaches of the Karelian isthmus.

Bitter Fighting Reported

The Berlin communiqué said the initial thrusts were parried, but "bitter fighting is still going on on either side of Vitebsk."

The assault was accompanied by local attacks northwest of Tarnopol toward Lwow in southern Poland below the Pripiet marshes, the report added.

It is certain that the Russians are employing only a small percentage of their rested and re-equipped forces against Finland, and that the red army is in a position to strike anywhere it chooses along the front from the

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D. A. V. Elects Officers, Hits Easiness on 'Conchies,' Asks Pension Law Changes

The state convention of Disabled American Veterans was concluded in Roseburg late Thursday with the election and installation of new officers.

M. E. Woodcock, Corvallis, was chosen department commander; Roy O. Young, Roseburg, senior vice-commander; Oren M. Clark, Pendleton, junior vice-commander; Doris Quayle, Portland, treasurer; Levi White, Roseburg, chaplain. Appointive officers are Frank Barnes, sergeant-at-arms; J. F. Moritt, chief of staff; Lile Dailey, adjutant; Levi White, hospital chairman. Members of the executive committee are Ollie Clax, Portland; James Ollie Clax, Clatskanie; Eign Beyer, Eugene; W. V. Monger, Oregon City; Herman Dobson, Salem; E. N. Waldron, Forest Grove; Clarence Griffiths, Medford; Erwin Short, Roseburg; W. R. Farris, Grants Pass; H. L. Lofblad, Klamath Falls; Charles Lutz, Pendleton; H. G. Daniels, Newport; C. N. Lilley, Corvallis; Bert Akin, Ontario; S. Blankenship, Baker; E. N. Sundell, Portland.

Auxiliary officers are Eunice Farris, Grants Pass, state commander; Orpha Egus, Portland, senior vice-commander; Alice Teppit, Newport, junior vice-commander; Adeline Grissom, Medford, treasurer; Bessie Eggers, Grants Pass, adjutant; Elizabeth Stedman, Portland, chaplain; Josephine Ostrander, Salem, sergeant-at-arms.

The convention in its resolutions voiced strong protest against "soft" treatment of conscientious objectors, "Conchies," it was claimed, are being permitted to come and go from detention camps at will, some have been employed by the forest service or have been permitted to take civilian employment at normal wages.

Pension Changes Asked

A number of resolutions were adopted pertaining to pensions. One would amend existing laws to provide that the amount of compensation or pension payable

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Stubborn Resistance Offered To American Infantrymen at Every Point in Combat Area

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 23—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Bradley's American assault troops have stormed over one of the three fortified peaks dominating Cherbourg's military harbor, supreme headquarters announced today, and speedy fall of the city is expected.

Describing Cherbourg's defenses as "fairly formidable," a headquarters announcement said a "prolonged siege is unlikely" now.

(The British radio, quoting a British correspondent, said a captured German battle order declared the Germans in Cherbourg must "hold their positions or be shot.")

American infantrymen rocked the German defenders of Cherbourg with continued powerful attacks today, and an official announcement reported "strong indications" that the enemy had withdrawn from the eastern tip of the peninsula to the city for a house-by-house stand.

Bradley's all-out offensive, now in its second day, struck fierce German resistance at every point. A particularly vicious battle raged for control of the big airfield at Maupertus, five miles east of Cherbourg.

Inside the besieged port, the German garrison stood up stubbornly under yesterday's 1,000-plane assault on the forts and pillboxes comprising the city's defense. The U. S. ground troops had to fight for every inch of their advance.

Nazis' Resistance In Italy Stiffens

ROME, June 23—(AP)—Allied forces in Italy have made progress along both coastal sectors, but the Germans apparently are planning a determined stand along strong positions between Lake Trasimeno and Lake Chiusi and north of Perugia in the central sector, allied headquarters indicated today.

The Eighth army is encountering "strong resistance" north of Perugia, and southwest of Lake Trasimeno, where a number of German counter-attacks have been repulsed, the communiqué said.

An Algiers radio news roundup said allied forces on the Adriatic were 25 miles from the important seaport of Ancona.

On the west coast the Fifth army, despite strong resistance, is approaching Foligno, some 55 miles below Pisa, believed to be the anchor of the next major German resistance line.

The Mediterranean air force attacked targets in northern Italy and the battle area, and also in Albania and Yugoslavia. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed, compared with ten allied planes missing.

Methodists Must Sell Site on Little River

PORTLAND, June 23—(AP)—Oregon Methodists, in annual conference here, learned their churches gained 1,245 members for a 30,743 total in the past year. Sunday school enrollment was up 1,256 for a total of 26,645.

Dr. F. A. Magruder of Oregon State college said that the Little river institute site in Douglas county will have to be sold and a new campground purchased because of logging operations.

Dr. Guy Goodsell, Rev. Owen J. Beadles and F. H. Phelps, all of Portland, were elected Willamette University trustees.

Two More Local Firms Over Top on Bond Quotas

The Roseburg Dairy and Douglas County Flour Mills are among Roseburg firms which have oversubscribed their quotas for the Fifth War Loan campaign, it was announced today by H. C. Berg, vice-chairman of the county war finance staff and chairman of the payroll deduction program. A fine record is being established by business and industrial firms of the area in meeting the assigned goals, Berg reports. Many others are believed to have surpassed their quotas, but have not reported to headquarters.

Job Changers Need O. K. To Obtain Extra Gas

PORTLAND, June 23—(AP)—Workers seeking extra gasoline rations to move to another county or state must be certified by the U. S. Employment service or the Department of Agriculture's emergency farm labor division, the district OPA announced today.

Those who merely wish to look for employment elsewhere will not get additional gasoline, the agency said.

Tornado Hits Two States; 8 Killed

PLATTEVILLE, Wis., June 23—(AP)—A tornado struck two border counties in Wisconsin and Illinois last night, killed at least eight persons, injured an unestimated number, and destroyed more than a dozen homes in Belmont, Wis.

Damage to property was estimated at thousands of dollars, with estimates of more than 100 homes and farm buildings leveled.

Sheriff Homer L. Curry of Lafayette county, Wis., said at least six persons were killed in Belmont, while three others were killed in the county. Two other persons were killed when the tornado struck Stephenson county, Ill.

A Wisconsin home guard company was dispatched to the stricken area at Belmont and Darlington.

Officials in both counties said the death toll might be higher than was learned immediately. The storm cut a path about three miles wide and extended for about 30 miles, striking the small towns in Lafayette county from the northwest and traveling across the state line into northern Illinois.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Some odd coalition tickets for president and vice-president are being proposed these days, but none is suggested that would sweep the country, viz: any old hack for president so long as he has a crooner for a running mate.