

141 DIE WHEN TORNADO LASHES AREAS OF 3 STATES

Ruin Left in Pennsylvania, W. Virginia, Maryland, With Hundreds Injured, Homeless

PITTSBURGH, June 24.—(AP)—A toll of 141 dead and hundreds injured was reported today in the wake of a tornado which left a twisted trail of devastation and horror through southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and western Maryland.

Scores were reported missing from homes demolished by a sudden, deadly, swirling wind which last night spent its fury on towns, villages, and farm and coal country from the outskirts of Pittsburgh more than 100 miles into West Virginia.

Authorities feared the list of dead would increase as rescuers battled their way through the wreckage and searched the hills and hollows of West Virginia.

At dawn, 10 hours after a funnel-shaped cloud descended first on Pennsylvania and then in its neighboring state, rescue squads redoubled their efforts to locate bodies.

Highway in Maryland Blocked—Maryland state police reported today that the tornado apparently had cut its way through Garrett county, Md., first reports from the isolated section indicating there were possibly 15 dead and many injured.

The police said land slides across highways had made communication with the westernmost Maryland county difficult, while the telephone company in Cumberland reported all lines were down from there to Oakland, the Garrett county seat.

Mountain Lake Park is another sizable Garrett county community with which no communication had been established today.

Every hour brought reports of death and destruction in new sections of West Virginia. The death toll there rose steadily this morning from 53 to 95 victims. In Pennsylvania 31 were reported dead in rural areas from McKeesport, near Pittsburgh, to the state line near Waynesburg. Pittsburgh itself was not hit.

Hundreds were made homeless as whole blocks in some communities were leveled. Hospitals were filled with the injured.

Worst hit apparently was the little town of Shinnston, a coal town of 2,800 a dozen miles from Clarksburg, W. Va. A Red Cross representative reported 53 bodies had been recovered from that vicinity.

The representative, Mrs. Lola Heavner, said possibly a hundred persons still were unaccounted for.

Captain Dorsey Bailey of the West Virginia state police said:

"We are certain to find more bodies."

Relief work was reported in good control.

Hospitals all over West Virginia sent blood plasma to Shinnston.

Homeless Dazed—Almost too thunderstruck to realize what had happened, hundreds of homeless men, women and children waited around in stricken communities until the dead, the dying and the injured could be cared for.

Meadowville, a little town in Barbour county, W. Va., was placed

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

It is beginning to appear unlikely that the Jap navy intends to fight it out with us. This seems to be about what happened in the Marianas.

The little yellow men TRIED ANOTHER SNEAK, failed, got terribly punished and RAN FOR COVER.

The picture of the battle is fairly clear by now.

The Japs thought they had a smart scheme. They would strike at the extreme ONE-WAY range of their carrier planes and deal a crippling blow to our fleet covering our Saipan landing. Their planes would then land on Jap island bases, refuel, rearm and maybe FINISH OFF our fleet.

After that, with their tanks full, they would wing their way back to their carriers. Our planes, having no island bases to land on for fresh fuel and bombs, would be UNABLE TO FOLLOW.

ON paper, it WAS a smart scheme. It failed because our men were just TOO GOOD. They shot down 353 of the Jap planes. Then, DISTANCE OR NO DISTANCE, they went after the fleet from which the enemy planes had come.

They caught it — caught it WITH ITS PLANES GONE. (Nothing is more helpless than a carrier force without defending planes.)

They sank four Jap ships, probably sank two, heavily damaged two and less heavily damaged five—a total of 14.

The rest of the Jap ships ran for it (night was then coming on) and escaped to lick their

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NAZI CONVOY SHATTERED IN DASH FROM CHERBOURG; RUSSIAN SMASH DEALS HEAVY LOSSES TO GERMANS

Thrust of Ten Miles Knifes Enemy's Line

Railway Connection in Vitebsk Area Severed in East Front Offensive

LONDON, June 24.—(AP)—Soviet troops have plunged nearly 10 miles through the German defense belt northwest and southeast of Vitebsk in White Russia and inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, Moscow announced today.

A broadcast Russian communiqué, detailing first gains in the new offensive that rounds out the united nations strategy of hammering Hitler's Europe from the west, south and east, said yesterday's attacks cut the last railway line connecting German troops at Vitebsk with the rear.

Artillery and aircraft battered Nazi fortifications for several hours, then "in the wake of a wall of fire" red army infantry began the attack, the Russian communiqué said.

These were the immediate gains listed:

Seven and one-half to nine and one-half miles on a 19-mile-wide front northwest of Vitebsk, with more than 100 towns taken; gains of five to six miles on a 16-mile-wide front from southeast of Vitebsk, with more than 50 towns freed.

The railway between Vitebsk and Orsha, 50 miles to the south, was cut with the capture of Zamoshtchye, 14 miles southeast of Vitebsk. Two railway stations are among the captured towns, including the large one of Sirofino, 27 miles northwest of Vitebsk.

"The enemy is suffering enormous losses," the communiqué said. "German trenches and battlefields are littered with Hitlerite corpses, smashed equipment and

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Most Meats to Remain Ration Free in July

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—OPA Administrator Bowles hinted today that most meats may remain ration-free through July.

"There will be a few changes next month, but nothing drastic," he told a reporter.

He did not elaborate, explaining that official announcement of July ration point values is scheduled for the latter part of next week. The only meats now rationed are beef steaks and roasts.

Reedsport-Sponsored Recreation Area Plan Given Approval at Roseburg Meet

Unanimous approval of the Reedsport-sponsored plan for a Douglas county recreational district was given at a meeting held last night at the Roseburg chamber of commerce offices. Representatives were present from Reedsport, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Roseburg, and including numerous civic organizations.

The plan would necessitate passage of an enabling act by the state legislature to permit counties, by favorable vote of residents, to establish recreational districts, similar in pattern to irrigation, road, port, or other special districts. A board of trustees would be elected, and authority would be given to levy a special tax, proposed in the Reedsport plan to be at the rate of 1.5 mills. The district would have power to acquire lands to be used for public recreational purposes, protect the rights of the public to use of fishing streams, propagate and conserve fish and game life, develop recreational facilities and engage in advertising and promotional activities.

Frank H. Taylor, Reedsport hardware merchant, who initiated

Smash Japs in Pacific Warfare



At top—Vice-Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, 57-year-old tactical commander of the U. S. carrier task force, wore a baseball cap as he directed the victory this week over a Japanese naval and air fleet off Guam as the latter attempted to relieve besieged Saipan.

Lower picture—Brig-Gen. Lawrence S. D. Alderfer, ranking officer of the armada of Super-Fortresses that recently smashed the homeland of Japan. His men call General Saunders, former West Point football star, the "fightingest general in the air forces."

Playing Child Drowns in Irrigation Ditch

THE DALLES, Ore., June 24.—(AP)—Six-year-old Patricia McGuire drowned Thursday in an irrigation ditch backwater near her Wapinita home while splashing with playmates.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McGuire, a sister and a brother.

Giant Carrier Added to Toll Of Jap Craft

Yankee Sub Puts Three Torpedoes Into Ship; Saipan Still Holds Out

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 24.—(AP)—A new 28,000-ton Japanese aircraft carrier was believed today to be at the bottom of the Philippines sea—latest reported addition to the disaster which beset Nippon's navy when it hesitantly tried to stay the impending doom of Saipan's garrison.

An American submarine rammed three torpedoes into the vitals of the costly Shokaku class flat-top Sunday and the navy, disclosing the action last night, conservatively stated "the Japanese carrier is regarded as probably sunk." Sunday was the day Jap carriers lost a costly, long distance attack on the U. S. invasion fleet at Saipan.

The navy already had announced that American carrier planes, giving chase to the enemy fleet Monday, sank four enemy ships, including a 19,000-ton carrier, and damaged 10 other ships, including a battleship, two 19,000-ton carriers, a light carrier and a cruiser. Last night's communiqué added a fifth ship, a destroyer, to the carrier and three tankers previously listed as definitely sunk.

Increasing Japan's shipping woes, Gen. MacArthur announced today his bombers probably sank an enemy merchantman and destroyed five coastal vessels off northwestern Dutch New Guinea. Yesterday the navy in Washington reported submarines recently sank 15 Japanese cargo vessels and a navy auxiliary.

There was no official word Friday on the invasion of Saipan in the Marianas where steadily re-

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Soldiers' Wives Start Long Trek on Horseback

BEND, Ore., June 24.—(AP)—The wives of two Camp Abbot soldiers plan to take the slowest method of transportation to their Mississippi homes — but they won't be crowded. They will ride horseback.

Mrs. Mary Knasel, 20, and Mrs. Georgia Dickey, 30, sought steeds today and estimated the trek will take three months. Their husbands are to be transferred.

Plans Being Prepared for Linking 2nd Avenue South With the Pacific Highway

Plans are now in preparation for the proposed extension of Second Avenue South to a connection with the Pacific highway in Roseburg, K. D. Lytle, district highway engineer, reported today. The state highway department is preparing to widen highway approaches at the top of the Winchester street grade, lowering the grade at that intersection, and to install "islands" and wider pavement at the point where the extension of Second Avenue South would join the highway.

It is contemplated that the city of Roseburg, Douglas county and the Public Roads administration will jointly assume the cost of extending the street and construction of a bridge to provide the direct route.

Under the plan proposed by highway department engineers, logging trucks southbound into Roseburg, would turn at the top

of Winchester street, following that street to the rear of the Northside apartment building, where a route would be cut through to join with Second Avenue South.

No left turn would be permitted at the lower entrance, which would be built by curving Second Avenue South through the service station at the Jackson street intersection, then along the south side of the apartment building and directly west to the highway, using bridge for the crossing over Deer Creek, near the point where the spur railroad track crosses the highway. This route would be used for logging trucks northbound into Roseburg, or southbound out of the city.

In the event the plans for the two intersections can be completed in time, it is planned, Mr. Lytle states, to submit them to the highway commission for approval at the next regular meeting.

Allied Air Raids Answered With More Robot Bombs

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 24.—(AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators, ranging over France with escorting fighters which made up a total force of 500 planes, hammered rail bridges, airfields and other enemy installations behind the Normandy battle zone today while Marauders ripped up four German gun positions blocking the advance of infantry into Cherbourg.

(The Berlin radio reported U. S. bombers also were heading into northwest Germany.)

The channel raids were jammed with allied planes of all types which roared back and forth continuously for more than five hours this morning and which were still going strong at noon.

Renewing their close support of the allied invasion troops, the Marauder bombers, under a Thunderbolt escort, dumped more than 250 tons of explosives on the heavy guns near Cherbourg. Crew members described the results as devastating.

Encountering only negligible anti-aircraft fire and no German planes at all, the entire force of Marauders and escorting planes returned from the mission.

The Germans' rocket bomb attack on southern England continued through the night and until after daylight. The droning pilotless projectiles plopped down on various sectors in bigger batches than ever, although at less frequent intervals.

In the 24-hour period ending at dawn today 29 allied planes were lost including 16 heavy bombers. While 18 German planes were destroyed.

Norwegian Submarine Bags Eight Nazi Ships

AT A NORTHERN BRITISH NAVAL BASE, No Date (Delayed)—(AP)—Forty-two thousand tons of German shipping and a 600-ton German naval vessel were sunk and damaged by the royal Norwegian submarine Ula during a recent series of operations in Norwegian waters, her captain announced today.

The Ula headed into this base cockily flying from her bridge a Jolly Roger of skull and cross bones decorated with eight white stripes, showing eight merchant vessels sunk; one rec. stripe for a naval vessel, and two daggers for two special operations which thus far are a secret.

During this strike the Ula survived with virtually no damage despite more than 100 depth charges hurled at her.

Ploesti Area in Romania Attacked 2 Successive Days

ROME, June 24.—(AP)—American Liberators today blasted the Ploesti area in Romania and Fortresses attacked a rail bridge on the Olut river near Piatra Neami on the main line from Ploesti across Romania to centralized Europe.

Intense flak and a number of enemy planes were encountered during the raid on Ploesti, which also was hit yesterday by Fortresses.

Other Liberator formations bombed a railway repair depot at Craiova, 80 miles southeast of the iron gate, and 30 miles west of Piatra-Neami.

An excellent pattern of bomb hits was reported on the bridge over the Olut river and at Craiova. The results at Ploesti were not observed, headquarters said.

In the raid over Ploesti yesterday fighter planes escorted the Flying Fortresses shot down 23 enemy planes, while the bombers accounted for eight. Approximately 75 enemy fighters attempted to disrupt the bombing attack.

The Germans, who are making a firm stand against the Eighth army in central Italy, are continuing to offer strong resistance east and west of Lake Trasimeno and in general the situation in Italy is little changed, an allied headquarters communiqué said.

Warning on Vacation Use Of A Gas Coupons Issued

PORTLAND, June 24.—(AP)—Those A-12 gasoline coupons that became good Wednesday may be used up on one vacation jaunt, the OPA said today—but if they are, holders can't use their automobiles for family purposes again until the next A rations come due Sept. 21.

These motorists, said T. W. Veness, district rationing attorney, "would legally be unable to use any of their B or C rations for an emergency trip to the doctor, to go shopping or visiting."

License Renewal Denied Owners of Seized Liquor

PORTLAND, June 24.—(AP)—The state liquor commission has refused to renew the Pogo Pogo club's restaurant and service license or the Turf restaurant's beer license.

Federal agents recently seized 175 cases of liquor on an upper floor of the premises. Al Winter and Barney Morris, owners, testified at a special commission hearing yesterday that the liquor was their personal property. They have had some of it for 20 years, they said.

Five of Seven Ships Sunk or Hit by British

Nazi Lines Inside City Begin to Totter Under Assaults of Doughboys

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 24.—(AP)—A German convoy attempted to escape from Cherbourg last night, presumably with troops, and five of seven merchant ships were sunk or damaged.

The convoy was intercepted by light British coastal forces, which sank two of the merchantmen and damaged three others despite a heavy barrage from escorting craft. Then the British ships drove the convoy into refuge at the channel island of Alderney.

Progress in the land drive to capture Cherbourg has been "steady but resistance is fierce and it looks like the attack on the port might turn into stubborn street fighting," supreme headquarters said.

The Germans have been ordered by the German high command to "fight to the last," headquarters added.

U. S. doughboys smashing yard-by-yard deep into the powerful outer shell of the Cherbourg line drove this morning within 2,000 yards—little more than a mile—of the port on the south, and "enemy defenses showed signs of crumbling," a field dispatch declared.

An American spearhead punctured the stubborn, interlaced pillbox defenses southeast of Octeville, the fortress just southwest of Cherbourg, after a pulverizing air and artillery bombardment. Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said in a dispatch written at 9:15 a. m. today (12:15 a. m., P. W. T.).

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Vice-Presidential Entrant Problem

CHICAGO, June 24.—(AP)—The republican vice-presidential nomination appears today to be going temporarily begging with two of the most discussed possibilities, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio and Gov. Earl Warren of California — maintaining steadfastly that they are not considering or expecting it.

So strong had become the pre-convention hotel lobby gossip to the effect that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York has the inside track for the presidential nomination that knots of delegates spent much of their time discussing the lack of a hot vice-presidential contest.

Other vice-presidential possibilities include Lieut. Commr. Harold E. Stassen, whose friends say he wouldn't have it; Rep. Everett Dirksen (R-Il.) and Gov. Simeon Willis of Kentucky.

Alf Landon, who once ran for president himself, said there was a great deal of talk about "rewarding" Bricker with the vice-presidential nomination—if he fails to get the first place designation his friends still think will come to him.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Prompt and heavy increase in the surrender of German soldiers is expected as soon as they learn of Berlin's action in banning the reading of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" in the homeland. This will give them an incentive to live as against the preference of death in battle to suffering the torture of a literary nightmare.