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Large Force Bombs Germany Third Night

9 Ships Blasted, Atlantic

41 Dead or Missing in Torpedos

Deadly torpedoes have blasted nine more ships to the bottom of the Atlantic in intensified U-boat warfare but the loss of life was small, the navy reported Tuesday night in a three-day resume of announced sinkings.

Only 41 seamen were listed as dead or missing from the nine vessels and incomplete survivor totals showed at least 286 sailors landed safely.

Three announced sinkings Tuesday boosted the toll in Atlantic and adjacent waters since the start of the war to 236. Six had been reported the previous two days.

Fifty nine seamen from a 67-man crew survived the torpedoing of a large American motorship in the Caribbean sea northwest of Trinidad.

Only one man was killed when a Panamanian merchant ship plunged to the bottom after a torpedo hit in the Atlantic. The attack took place May 20 and 44 survivors were rescued by an American naval vessel.

Led by plucky Capt. Angus Shaw, the full crew of 61 from a British merchant ship landed at an Atlantic port after sailing for eight days in open lifeboats. During a storm the three boats became separated but the men were so sure of their course that they declined to be rescued by an outbound ship and continued on to land.

'Food' Italians Demand Of Slipping Mussolini

Editor's note: Richard G. Massock, back in the United States following five months' internment in Italy after serving as chief of the former Rome bureau of 'Italy Today', discloses the factors in Mussolini's decline in this article on 'Italy Today.'

NEW YORK, June 2.—(Wide World)—Mussolini, once the world's number one dictator, is dwindling in power, prestige and performance with his place in history much less secure than it seemed a dozen years ago.

That is the very definite impression of observers who came back from Italy on the repatriation ship Drottningholm.

The duke of fascism is losing—if he has not already lost—his sway over the Italian people. His ill-fated foreign policy has made him a subordinate of Hitler, whose mastery of Europe has encompassed Germany's anti-German ally, Italy.

Unlike the ancient dictators of Rome, Mussolini can give his people neither bread nor circuses. In the grim blackout of war, the modern dictator is slipping.

This does not mean that a revolution, either of the popular or palace variety, yet is stalking the man who rose to power 20 years ago on the political ruins of the first World War.

Mussolini's decline is a gradual thing. In majority opinion, defeat of the axis powers would swamp him into oblivion, a victory of Germany would leave him only a sort of pathetic galleiter under Nazi orders.

Mussolini went to Bologna, former hotbed of socialism, to show himself to the workers and charm them into renewed loyalty with his dynamic, theatrical personality. He intended going on to Milan for the same purpose.

The Bologna pep-tour was a flop. Mussolini never went to Milan. "How about food for our babies?" women asked the strutting dictator. Unable to answer their demand, he was conveniently called back to Rome for "important affairs of state."

'Diplomat' Ship Brings Americans Home



Jubilantly, passengers came down the gangplank of the Swedish-American liner Drottningholm, docked at Jersey City Monday. The debarking passengers included many women and children. The Drottningholm, bearing the word "Diplomat" painted in large letters port and starboard and with the Swedish flag painted on the sides, brought marooned diplomats and others from axis countries to the United States, some of them en route to South America.

Two War Housing Projects In Portland Get Go Signal

WPB Permits Contractors to Secure Sufficient Lumber to Finish Units; 1300 Houses Involved in Oregon

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—More than 100,000 of the most "essential" war housing units now under construction—involving 76 publicly-financed projects in 25 states and 51,350 privately-financed units in 20 states—were given the official go-ahead signal by WPB Tuesday.

Work on virtually all would otherwise have been stopped because of the "freeze" of supplies of construction lumber, John B. Blandford, jr., national housing administrator, reported.

Under the special relief order, WPB will issue an overall authorization permitting contractors on these specific projects to obtain enough lumber to complete them, it was understood. Officials said only about half the publicly-financed work already started was included in the approved list and the fate of the others already under construction remained uncertain.

In making the list of approved projects public, WPB emphasized present demand for lumber "greatly exceeds the supply" and even contractors who receive authorizations to purchase lumber could not expect prompt delivery in every instance.

Projects given the go-ahead signal and the number of dwelling units involved in each, included:

Public projects: Oregon—Portland, 400 units. Washington—Bremerton, two projects of 1750 and 1000 units each; Keyport, 300 units. Seattle, three projects of 900, 350 and 500 units each. Also (Kirkland), 100 units; Vancouver, 4000 units. Private projects: Oregon—Portland, 900 units. Washington—Seattle, 1500 units; Tacoma, 300. Vancouver, 250.

San Francisco, June 2.—(AP) Harry Bridges surrendered to immigration authorities Tuesday on a deportation warrant and was promptly released under \$3000 bond on an application for a writ of habeas corpus, first step in a lengthy legal battle that may go to the supreme court of the United States.

The west coast CIO leader was also granted court permission to leave California, enabling him to attend a conference of CIO chiefs in Washington opening Wednesday.

Attorneys will argue next Monday before Federal Judge Martin I. Welsh over granting the Bridges corpus petition, without habeas being present in court.

CCCs Go to School

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP) All civilian conservation corps men with less than a fourth grade education were ordered Tuesday to attend classes in reading and arithmetic.

100 Warships Promised, '42

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The navy informed congress Tuesday that approximately 100 more fighting ships would be put into commission this year, ready to take battle stations on the far flung seafronts and to guard the vital shipping lanes between this nation and its troops and allies.

The progress report on construction of naval vessels was furnished, in executive session, by Rear Admiral A. H. Van Keuren, chief of the navy bureau of ships, to the house naval committee, and was made public by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) with the admiral's permission.

Vinson described the committee as "well satisfied" with the report. Simultaneously, he announced committee approval of a \$1,100,000 measure authorizing additional construction of 500,000 tons of auxiliary vessels, such as tenders and supply ships.

He served notice, too, that he would introduce Wednesday another big measure for a major increase in the number of aircraft carriers, thus carrying out, he said, the navy's plan to "build a new build" that type of ship and obtain an "overwhelming" aerial punch.

White Collars Help Harvest, Utah, Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, June 2.—(AP)—The governor, and a great many other white-collared city dwellers, went back to the farm in Idaho Tuesday.

Business men, office workers—women and men alike—did their best to relieve an emergency labor shortage in sugar beet fields.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 2.—(AP) Gov. Herbert B. Maw Tuesday declared an emergency existed and called upon all Utah citizens to aid in saving the sugar beet crop.

In a proclamation, Maw asked business and professional offices to close part of each day and that the owners and employees work in the fields.

Dr. Matthews Said 'Slightly Worse'

Dr. James T. Matthews, professor of mathematics at Willamette university for 49 years, who was taken to the Deaconess hospital recently for treatment of a stomach disorder, was reported by hospital attaches as "slightly worse" Tuesday night after having shown improvement the two preceding days.

British Raid, Russian Thrusts, Libya Stand Put Allies High On All Fronts Excepting China

Bombers Destroy Barracks

Allies Hit Jap Units on Timor, Florida Islands

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Wednesday, June 3.—(AP)—Allied bombers destroyed Japanese warehouses, barracks and road transports in heavy attacks Tuesday on Timor and Florida islands above this continent, General MacArthur's headquarters announced Wednesday.

Other offensive units bombed and strafed the Japanese airbase at Rabaul, New Britain Island, the communique said.

In the attack on Japanese-held Dutch Timor, the allied airman chose a new target, the town of Atambona on Timor's north coast near the island's center.

Barracks were demolished and extensive fires left raging. Ten barracks and road transport were taken under fire, the communique said.

One allied raider failed to return from that operation. On Florida island in the Solomon group northeast of Australia, a large warehouse was destroyed and other enemy installations were set afire. All the allied bombers returned.

One Survives Bomber Crash

Portland Man One of Seven Killed Near San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—(AP) Winging its way home from a night patrol, a navy bomber of the Catalina type crashed near Half Moon bay, killing seven of its crew of eight.

The dead and their nearest kin were: Ensign Willis Wayne Campbell, USNR; father, Brent W. Campbell, West 2256 Southeast 39th avenue, Portland, Ore. Carl Elmer Siedelman, aviation machinists mate; wife, Irene, San Diego, Calif.

William Hart Stute, aviation pilot; mother, Mrs. Eloise J. Stute, San Clemente, Calif. Kenneth Wayne Simmons, seaman; mother, Mrs. W. O. Simmons, route one, Pasco, Wash. Richard Cowman Viall, seaman; father, Clarence L. Viall, Dayton, Ohio.

William Wayne Sands, radio-man; father, William Earl Sands. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Strike Closes Tacoma Plant

TACOMA, June 2.—(AP)—The city's largest lumber plant, St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company, was closed by strike Tuesday, choking off production on thousands of dollars worth of defense contracts.

Picket lines surrounded the factory and its three logging camps. Approximately 1200 employees are involved in the strike, Corydon Wagner, company vice-president, reported.

The strike was called by the CIO-International Woodworkers of America, whose local secretary said long standing negotiations regarding wage increases had broken down.

The secretary, Freeman L. Cochran, said the union demanded \$1 a day wage increase and vacations with pay. He said conferences on wages began last September, when the union sought a \$1.20 per day raise. Later, he said, the union demand was reduced to \$1.

Large Cologne Area Ruined; Toll Heavy

BERN, Switzerland, June 2.—(AP)—An area of about a mile by a mile and a half was virtually wiped out by British airmen in their Saturday night raid on Cologne, reliable reports from Germany said Tuesday.

This meant a heavy death toll in the closely packed Rhineland metropolis but anything like a reliable figure on casualties was lacking.

The military correspondent of Dienst Aus Deutschland said "the inner city suffered considerable damage."

Arctic Convoy Loses 6 Ships

Constant Daylight on Route to Russia Makes Easy Prey

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—Battered five days and nights in the strange, unending light of the Arctic's midnight sun by U-boats and at least 100 German planes, a big US-British supply convoy was disclosed Tuesday to have reached a Russian port with an indicated loss of half a dozen ships.

The result was announced by the admiralty in a communique which gave a graphic picture of the perils of the arctic convoy route to Muransk and Archangel, where there never, at this time of year, is any protecting darkness and where the breaking of the Arctic ice restricts maneuverability of ships to a minimum.

German dive bombers, torpedoes and level-flying bombers assaulted the convoy almost without pause from the evening of May 25 until May 30. Three of the attacking planes were reported shot down for sure, two others probably were destroyed and two others damaged.

One Heinkel, the admiralty disclosed, was destroyed by a Hurricane fighter catapulted from a specially-fitted merchantman.

In such cases, it was explained, the catapulted plane must land in the sea when its flying endurance is exhausted, and the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Keep Flags Flying All Day—Army

SPOKANE, June 2.—(AP)—A flood of inquiries from civilians as to how to fly their flags, prompted Capt. Joe Bush, public relations officer at Geiger field, Tuesday to issue a statement urging all persons to "keep 'em flying" from daylight to dark day in and day out.

The inquiries started when it was reported that Gen. Douglas MacArthur had ordered the flag over Manila flown all day regardless of rain, hail or bombs, Capt. Bush said, and most of the inquirers wanted to know if they should let their flags get wet.

The sight of the flag defying elements of weather as well as enemies has a definite morale lifting effect and they should be flown, he said. The army flies their flags—of course he hastened to add—they use specially heavy storm flags in bad weather.

Our Senators

Lost 43

1036 Planes Make Second Overnight Industry Bombing

Axis Moves Desperately in Africa; Reds Drive to Break Nazi Plans; Japs Open New Fronts in China

BY WILLIAM SMITH WHITE Associated Press War Editor

The royal air force struck at Germany Tuesday night for the third time in four nights in its massive, all-out campaign to pulverize German war production city by city.

The specific objectives of the new assault were not announced immediately but the Berlin radio said they were in western Germany and reported 12 of the invading aircraft shot down.

Western Germany already had been shaken in the first two devastating raids of the offensive—the 1250-plane attack directed primarily at Cologne on Saturday night and an assault by 1036 planes aimed principally at Essen on Monday night.

That the latest blow was effected by another large force was indicated to British along the channel coast Wednesday morning by the fact that the roar of the returning bombers continued for more than an hour.

In north Africa, the searred axis armies of Libya were attacking only in desperation, trying to win through two gaps in the 50-mile British line running southward from coastal Ain El Gazala to Bir Hacheim, and while the final decision was yet to fall it was plain that the imperial armies of Britain had won two significant victories.

They had broken Field Marshal Rommel's thrust for Tobruk, the key to Libya, the axis forces had lost by official British account some 260 tanks and were split with some of their tanks having been able to beat through back to the west but with a great number remaining entrapped short of the British unit had been annihilated, with 3000 captives taken. Rome reported 2000 British prisoners in hand.

In Russia, the soviet forces of the northwestern Moscow front were striking out in local thrusts in sectors about Kalinin, apparently seeking to break up suspected German plans for an offensive in that area as had earlier been done before Kharkov in the Ukraine.

Soviet dispatches reported that while action had not been on a major scale it had resulted in an improvement of the Russian position above the capital.

The German high command reported "only local actions" from the Russian front generally.

In eastern China the coastal area was an arena of continued Japanese advances on three fronts. One enemy force was beating forward from Kiangsi province, which adjoins Chekiang province on the west. This force was moving southward and eastward, and was heading for a juncture with another moving from due east.

Still another enemy column was driving northward from the Canton region of Kwangtung province along the Canton-Hankow railway. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Program for Restaurant Closing Is Adopted Here

A tentative program by which one or more member restaurants will remain closed on successive days of each week was adopted Tuesday night by the Salem Restaurant association in a meeting at the Quells to discuss means of meeting existing conditions created by the war effort. The group will meet tonight to draw up a definite schedule of closing of co-operating members.

The curtailments of vital supplies by the rationing system, the freezing of numerous items of equipment essential to restaurant operation and an existing shortage of experienced restaurant workers were foremost topics of discussion, according to Ralph Nohlgren, association secretary.

The program as proposed will enable members of the cafe association to achieve better efficiency in operation through simplification of working schedules, better service and planned menus to conform with rationing restrictions, Nohlgren said.

US War Asked On Balkans

Congress Set to Act Soon; 150,000 More Would Be 'Enemies'

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress to make the list of America's enemies officially complete Tuesday by declaring war on the axis satellite nations Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

As "instruments of Hitler," he said in a special message to congress, these countries had declared war on the United States. Further, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The justice department listed Tuesday the number of aliens of Bulgarian, Hungarian and Rumanian nationality residing in the various states.

Idaho 19, 36, 12. Montana 73, 99, 68. Oregon 88, 212, 112. Washington 134, 272, 100.

he said, they were engaged in military activities against the United Nations, activities which were about to be broadened.

Therefore, he urged that congress recognize the existence of a state of war between them.

The acquiescence of congress in the president's request was regarded as a mere formality. Arrangements were made to bring up a war resolution in the house (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)