

Reds Counter-Attack Fiercely

Sevastopol Dashes Back Nazi Drives; Chuhsien Yields

Showdown Fight Expected in Libya; Soviet Troopers Fired by Treaty Signing With Britain, America

By The Associated Press

The red armies, fired by the Anglo-American pledges on creation of a second European front, were counter-attacking Friday both against the Nazi armored forces which have begun an offensive from Kharkov in the Ukraine and against the besiegers of the Sevastopol naval base in the Crimea. From their fortified fortifications about Sevastopol, the Russians were credited officially with destruction of 50 German tanks and damage to a dozen more; ten enemy batteries were reported smashed in one day by accurate Soviet cannon fire and three Nazi infantry regiments and a cavalry squadron destroyed.

Tokyo Raiders Coming Home

Some of Planes Went To China, Radio Cairo Says

NEW YORK, June 12—(AP)—Leslie Nichols, MBS correspondent, has reported in a broadcast from Cairo that at least some of the United States planes which raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities in their sensational April 18 attack landed in China, MBS headquarters announced Friday night.

Nichols said that 11 pilots, including several wounded, of the 79 who participated in the raid with Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle had now passed through Cairo en route home from China.

His statement that these 11 had landed in China after the raid was the first public hint regarding this phase of the operation. Their starting place has been a strictly-kept secret.

The statement was made in a broadcast Wednesday night from Cairo which Lester Gottleib, MBS public relations director, said had been withheld until tonight when released by the office of censorship.

The pilots were reported returning home now in a sub-stratosphere bomber for a well-earned rest.

Gen. Doolittle announced in Washington on May 19 that all the raiding planes reached their destinations safely after blasting a 40-mile path of fire and destruction through Japan. He declined to discuss a Russian announcement that an American plane had landed in Russia shortly after the raid.

President Roosevelt said that Shangri La, mythical Tibetan sanctuary portrayed in James Hilton's novel, "Lost Horizon," was the starting place of the raid. The axis radios, missing the point of the president's jest, solemnly broadcast later that they were unable to find Shangri La on their maps.

Salary Survey Aid Approved

City water commissioners Friday night authorized C. E. Guenther, manager of the city-owned system, to cooperate with bureau of municipal research of the University of Oregon and the League of Oregon Cities in a survey to determine comparative scales of salaries paid employees of municipally-operated utilities. The planned survey, as presented by Howard Ennor, would provide information of value to the commission in later cost studies, it was declared.

Guenther was authorized also to act, with Chairman Van Wiedner, in bidding on a \$40,000 issue of refunding bonds to be offered by the city of Salem on Monday. The purchase of bonds would provide a "stop gap" during the coming 10 years and make available sums needed in 1952 to meet the commission's own payment schedules, Guenther said.

Planes Attack Japan Parties

The landing on Attu was not the first on American territory but was the first so far as is known on American soil on the eastern side of the international dateline, technically in the western hemisphere.

Actually, however, Attu is a small and rocky island having little apparent strategic value which is the fact that led authorities here to believe the Japanese were seeking in the first instance to make a successful surprise attack against remote territory in order to report raids which might affect their setbacks in the battle of Midway.

Attu island is about 30 by 35 miles in extent, and indented by many bays and long inlets. It has mountains up to 3000 feet high, and reefs offshore make navigation hazardous. A small native village, Attu is

China's veterans, yielding here and gaining there in their fight to hold a vital eastern China rail line, received their own heartening proof of the coming might of US air power-planes of the American Volunteer group, again in the Oriental sky, wiped out half of a Japanese force of 18 bombers and fighters over the South China base of Kweilin. After independence day, these pilots will become part of the regular US army air force.

In the Libyan desert the British eighth army was fighting, in the sands 30 miles or less from Tobruk, an armored battle which appeared to be the prelude to a showdown thrust by the Nazi Africa corps and its Italian helpers. The axis made this possible by breaking Bir Hacheim, Free French garrison at the lower end of the allied semi-fortified forward line, which now is outflanked.

Ships Biggest Invasion Need

Allied Air Force Will Overwhelm Germans; Nazis Plug Holes

LONDON, June 12—(AP)—Ships are the crux of plans for the allied invasion of the continent and "when they are ready we are ready to invade," a naval informant declared Friday night.

Armies far stronger in equipment and at least equal in training to those which hold western Europe for the Germans are ready to cross the channel and the North sea. These forces, the naval observer said, will be preceded by an overwhelming air force which by February, 1943, will outnumber the German air force, as now constituted in the west, by about two-and-a-half to one.

"But," he added, "I can promise you the invasion will not come in the way everybody expects."

This source's insistence on the need for shipping to move an invasion army reflected the primary objection to the "invasion now" idea voiced by British military, naval and air men during the past three months.

German commanders of occupation forces apparently were reacting Friday to the implied threat of invasion contained in the British-American-Russian accord by bolstering their defenses of western Europe's coastline and plugging holes in their tight control of the conquered populations.

British sources said the Germans, obviously concerned by implications of the accord regarding a second front, backed up as it is by the growth of allied armies and the concentration of overwhelming air power in the British isles, were erecting new machine gun nests and anti-tank gun positions along the coasts to stop future commando landings or invasion by heavier forces.

located at the head of Chichagof harbor on the north coast of the island. In the village, the navy said,

OTTAWA, June 12—(AP)—Vice-Admiral Percy W. Nelles, chief of the Canadian naval staff, said "the attack has begun" when informed tonight of the Japanese landing on Attu island and the movement of Japanese ships among the Rat Islands of the Aleutian group. He declined to comment further.

are a church, and a trading post maintained by white men. Vessels of the coast guard have visited Attu each year but otherwise there has been little communication between the village and the outside world.

51 Jap Ships To Yanks' 5 Is New Score

By The Associated Press

In two great sea fights, the United States navy has rolled up a score of about 51 to 5 against the Japanese in ships sunk and damaged—with additional reports of Japanese losses virtually certain to come in.

The navy's tabulation Friday of the outcome of the Coral sea struggle listed at least 15 enemy ships sunk and more than 20 damaged.

Up to now, the disclosed toll taken by Americans in the Midway battle stands at four enemy aircraft carriers and a destroyer sunk; three battleships and eight to 11 other ships damaged. These figures probably will be raised in the final accounting of what happened to the Jap armada of 30-odd vessels.

American ship losses: one aircraft carrier, two destroyers and a tanker sunk; one aircraft carrier damaged.

25 Slain by 2 Tornadoes

Twisters Hit Houses In Oklahoma City, 10 Minutes Apart

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 12—(AP)—At least 25 persons were killed and 100 injured Friday night by two tornadoes which ripped through the southwest part of Oklahoma City, leveling more than 60 houses.

Scores of persons were missing. Both tornadoes struck in the same area, cutting a swath through a 16-block residential area. The first twister struck about 9:30 p. m. and the second about 10 minutes later.

Only one of the dead was identified. She was Mrs. Ina Trout, 50, who was in a grocery store which was demolished.

Other dead were in hospitals and morgues. City hospitals were crowded with injured. Soldiers from nearby Will Rogers air base aided in rescue work and many injured were taken to the base hospital.

A half dozen automobiles on one street in the area were picked up and carried into ditches and fields. Debris was piled 10 feet deep in some streets.

Every available highway patrolman, police officer and fireman was rushed to the scene and helped pull victims from the wreckage of their homes. Virtually every ambulance in the city was pressed into service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCarty and their three children were driving home when the twister picked their automobile up and turned it over three times. They were uninjured.

A refugee center was opened at a grade school with cots, blankets and food provided for the homeless. Class rooms and corridors were filled with the victims.

Fifty Red Cross first aid workers through the night administering to the less seriously injured.

Stars Appear At Rose Show

PORTLAND, Ore., June 12—(AP)—Film stars Edmund Lowe, Mary Brian and Marjorie Weaver urged a Portland rose festival crowd Friday night to buy war bonds.

In former years this would have been the day of the festival's rose parade.

Instead an indoor program was held, featuring music, vaudeville and the movie stars.

Weatherford Dies

THE DALLES, Ore., June 12—(AP)—M. E. Weatherford, 70, large-scale Arlington wheat rancher, died here Thursday. Among survivors are Mark V. Weatherford, a brother, Albany.

The territory of Alaska maintains radio station KDE there, the navy said, but otherwise there were no installations of any importance reported there.

Kiska island was described as a mountainous block of land lying north-northeast and south-southeast with a ridge of mountains, running up to 4050 feet, as the backbone. The shores are hilly and rocky.

Our Senators

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Columbia Power Bill Denounced By Gov. Sprague

Avers Pending Bone Bill Would Set Up a "Super Government" And Force Public Ownership

The proposal to form a Columbia power authority now receiving hearing in congress was denounced by Gov. Charles A. Sprague Friday as a measure that would set up a "super government" and force public ownership of electric power facilities on communities throughout the state regardless of their wishes.

"The evident intent of the various Columbia power authority bills now before congress is to do just that," Gov. Sprague said, in a letter replying to an inquiry from B. H. Kizer, Spokane, Wash., regional chairman for the national resources planning board, regarding his attitude toward the Bone bill, on the Columbia area series.

The device of using a federal agency to acquire private power systems would be tantamount, to forcing public ownership on various communities, the governor maintained.

Saying that the wartime emergency is being used as an excuse to push this program forward, Gov. Sprague declared that in his judgment "there is no war condition which makes immediate action necessary," and "in fact, it is wiser policy to defer such controversial questions as public ownership for post-war decision."

Gov. Sprague said it is not sufficient to freeze at present levels payments in lieu of state and local taxes on utility property which may pass into public ownership.

"The requirements of income for government show steady increase," Gov. Sprague continued, "and it is only fair that expanding investments in electric enterprises should yield increasing contributions for support of government."

Otherwise the burdens borne by remaining property grow steadily more disproportionate as the total tax burden increases. The western states already suffer because a very large proportion of their lands is owned by the federal government and so is off the tax rolls."

Gov. Sprague said the vesting of broad powers in a regional federal authority, as contemplated in some of the power authority bills, would establish a super government, extra-constitutional in character, of uncertain status, which would further complicate the relation between the states and the federal government.

"These regional authorities of field convenient vehicles for wielding vast economic and political power, responsible to no definite constituency," Gov. Sprague declared.

The governor said there is embraced in some of these bills grants of powers over waters of streams which supersede the long established rights of landowners to waters for irrigation, held under state law and confirmed under state courts.

"While the Columbia power bills are not as comprehensive in this regard as some of the others the fear is justified that rights of the states to control waters for irrigation purposes are endangered. The risk is not to the abstract rights of states but to the very real rights of water users and to continued irrigation development."

Gov. Sprague outlined his own ideas respecting the organization of a power administration as follows:

Planning for state and regional development should be done as at present by state and regional planning agencies, heading up in the national resources planning board.

Projects recommended by such agencies should require approval by the congress and appropriations from the congress. Existing federal agencies such as the reclamation service, the army engineers, etc., should be used in their respective spheres without making one authority superior to the other agencies. The rights and interests of states and communities should be given due consideration and cooperative relationships maintained.

The proper function of the power authority for the federally-owned plants on the Columbia river is the wholesale distribution of the electric energy produced at these plants. I believe the authority should operate as a part of the department of the interior, the same as the reclamation service, with a single executive head. To insure expression of local opinion in the development of policies of administration a regional advisory board, truly representative in character, might well be created.

The authority should not override state regulatory agencies in the fixing of resale rates for energy. Gov. Sprague said that because of the vital importance of this proposed legislation to the people of the Pacific north-

Ration Board Moves Today To City Hall

Doors Open at 9 a.m. Will Accommodate More Sugar-Seekers

The long wait is over for women of the Salem district who seek authority to buy sugar for canning, Chairman John Heitzel declared Friday night as he announced that the county-city rationing board office would open its doors at 9 o'clock this morning in the roomy council chambers of the city hall.

Instead of a few hundred applicants, between 2000 and 3000 a day can be accommodated in the new quarters, Heitzel estimated.

Moving hurriedly to meet the emergency, Salem city councilmen as individuals had Friday night authorized use of their chambers by the war rationing and price administration board. Without waiting for formal meeting call, members assured city officials that they would favor action suggested editorially by The Statesman, making available enlarged office room without outright expenditure.

More than 40 volunteer workers are to be provided through the Marion county civilian defense council office to work under Mrs. Julia Hopp, assisting Mrs. Florence Bell with the registrations for sugar canning rations, automobiles, tires, tubes or other commodities.

Women in the offices of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company have been instructed to assist with the rationing on their weekly day off. With this help, Heitzel suggested Friday that the current rush for early season canning sugar should be over within a week, although it is planned that the new quarters will be utilized for duration of the war. Filing cabinets and other office equipment of the rationing board are to be moved by county truck and crew this morning from the Ladd & Bush building offices to the city hall.

Bombers Land At Ankara

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), June 12—(AP)—The Ankara radio, correcting an earlier report, broadcast an official statement Friday night that three large British bombers landed at Ankara airport Friday and that a fourth crashed near the city, the Berlin radio said.

The pilots (whose nationality was not given) were quoted as saying they were chased across the Black sea from the Sevastopol front by German fighters. The planes were reported seized and the crewmen interned.

The earlier report had identified the planes as American.

Viesko-Hannaman Begins House Job

Viesko & Hannaman, Salem firm of general contractors, have started the housing authority job at Milwaukie, a \$1,756,000 project. Old buildings on the site are being razed and offices and warehouses are being constructed. Local sub-contractors on this job are Armpit & Elstrom, roofing and sheet metal work; Nathaniel & Ransom, plumbing; and Ben Otjen, excavating. Many Salem men are employed on this project.

A one hundred housing unit project being built by Viesko & Hannaman for the same housing authority is rapidly nearing completion near Oregon City.

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Thursday's Weather Weather forecasts withheld by request of the US army and temperature data delayed. Thursday's max. temp. 65, min. 47. River Friday, 1.2 ft.

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REMEMBER Wake Island Remember BATAAN Remember CORREGIDOR Remember DUTCH HARBOR Remember LUZON Remember the PHILIPPINES BUY WAR BONDS NOW AT THEATRE BOX OFFICES

STARTS TOMORROW

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Don "Red" BARRY Alan CURTIS Fay MCKENZIE

Show Time Pearl Harbor: 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Shut Mouth: 1:00, 3:45, 6:35, 9:25

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