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Thousands See Italian Vessels Sunk in Battle

Two US Ships Torpedoed

Navy Planes, Boats Search For Submerged U-boat Off Virginia; One Ship Sunk

NORFOLK, Va., June 16—(AP)—An enemy submarine torpedoed two large American merchant ships Monday with in view of thousands of persons who stared seaward spellbound as bombing planes, a navy blimp and a half dozen naval surface ships roared over the area in search of the daring undersea raider, dropping bombs and depth charges that sent huge geysers of water skyward.

The navy had no comment as to the fate of the submarine in announcing the twin attack Tuesday. Only one man was killed in the torpedoings, which occurred about 30 minutes apart. He was Rubin Redwine of Philadelphia, second assistant engineer aboard one of the ships. There were 46 in the crew of the vessel and 62 in the crew of the other.

Fear of Power Bill Described

Tugman and Pierce Heard by Committee On Measure

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—An Oregon newspaper editor told a joint congressional committee Tuesday people of his state were "fearful" of legislation to create a Columbia power authority to market energy from the big Bonneville and Grand Coulee federal hydroelectric projects.

William M. Tugman of the Eugene Register-Guard asked the committee to proceed cautiously and slowly in considering the Smith-Bone bills (SA2430 and HR6890) which would set up the authority to purchase private utilities in the Pacific northwest and resell them to municipalities and public utility districts.

"There is a sincere and far-reaching difference of opinion on these bills in the northwest," the editor told the committee. "We want this committee to consider all the complex factors involved."

He said Oregon elections to determine creation of public utility districts had resulted negatively in a majority of cases.

Tugman said public ownership of utilities should "grow from the ground up and not be handed to you top down" and told of the operation of Eugene's municipal plant, to which he pointed with pride.

The editor charged the Bonneville power administration "mediated" in local politics, and said that should the Columbia authority be created, there might be a tendency toward control of municipally operated plants.

"I have no illusions about private power companies and the methods they have used at certain times," he added, "but methods employed by Bonneville to promote its ideas are (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Landis Calls Oregon Okeh

Owen Says Interest Shown in Civil Defense Plans

Keen interest in the plan of civilian defense control center operation adopted by the city of Portland, was displayed by James M. Landis, federal director of the office of civilian defense, at a meeting of state council executives in Washington recently. Jerrold Owen, Oregon civilian defense director, declared upon his return here Tuesday.

Landis unequivocally said that the criticism of civilian defense activity on the Pacific coast, which he made on a recent trip here, did not apply to Oregon. Owen said Landis displayed a desire to cooperate with state civilian defense organizations and agreed to revise regulations and forms to which objections have been made by the states.

Regional and sectional directors of the office of civilian defense who attempt to dictate state programs and operations were mildly criticized by Landis, Owen declared.

Prohibition Asked

PHILADELPHIA, June 16—(AP)—A resolution asking President Roosevelt to impose national prohibition by executive order during the war was adopted Tuesday by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Philadelphia.

Great Nazi Losses Suffered in Karkov Sectors

Counter-Attack Surprises Germans; Nazi Stormers at Sevastopol Pay Heavily; Many Tanks Destroyed

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Wednesday, June 17—(AP)—Soviet forces counter-attacked in one sector of the Karkov front Tuesday and in the battle for Sevastopol inflicted frightful losses among 125,000 nazis storming furiously and futilely at the Black sea naval base, the government announced early Wednesday.

Surprising the Germans, Marshal Timoshenko's forces wiped out an entire enemy column in a sharp counterthrust in the Karkov area, the midnight communiqué reported, while in other sectors about the big Ukraine industrial center repeated German charges were smashed.

With these two fronts blazing with fierce but still indecisive fighting, the Russians launched a minor drive of their own in the long quiescent Bryansk sector, southwest of Moscow, and in a spurt of activity on the Leningrad front ejected the nazis from a strongly fortified position.

More than 400 Germans were reported killed in this engagement, one of many which flared up and down the front Tuesday as local sparring continued on a widening scale.

Another 200 of the enemy were slain in the red army's counter-attack on the Karkov front, and 30 armored vehicles and four tanks were destroyed.

In red air force attacks Friday, presumably in the Sevastopol battle, the Russians reported a 3000-ton transport and two motor boats sunk, four transports and two patrol boats damaged. The Soviet airmen also were credited with destroying 12 tanks, 100 heavily laden trucks and an entire railroad train.

In one small corner of the siege lines at Sevastopol, red navy marines broke into German trenches and killed 250, the high command said. Tass, the official news agency, said three infantry regiments of perhaps 7500 men "were exterminated" in beating back heavy German attacks. Fifty tanks (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

No Reports On Aleutians

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—The army and navy were silent Tuesday night on the progress of fighting in the Aleutian area, where American planes are reported to have sunk a Japanese cruiser and damaged a carrier and six other vessels of the enemy invasion fleet.

It was pointed out that foggy weather and poor flying conditions frequently have interrupted the American attacks on Japanese landing parties at Attu, most remote of the Aleutian chain.

The latest navy communiqué issued last night, said air attacks on enemy landing parties and their supporting naval contingents were continuing.

Dies at Tillamook

TILLAMOOK, June 16—(AP)—Franz L. Mills, 43, prominent Tillamook merchant, died here Monday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Camp Makes Salem 'Payroll Metropolis'

Salem, city of salaries, took stock this week and reclassified herself as a payroll metropolis, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in checks to be cashed often after banking hours by men and women employed at nearby Camp Adair.

Somewhere between a half million and a million dollars monthly is flowing into the capital city from the cantonment construction, a rough check revealed Tuesday.

This, in addition to the seasonal increase in paychecks which begins in Salem with the strawberry harvest and the preparation of hopyards for the summer growing period and to the recently restored payroll at the Oregon Pulp & Paper company's sawmill, is reflected in purchases of merchandise as well as war bonds and in new bank accounts as well as payment of old debts, merchants and bankers declared.

At Salem chamber of com-

'Lexington' Will Sail Again

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—The navy announced Tuesday another "Lexington" will be launched shortly to replace the carrier destroyed in the battle of the Coral sea.

The new vessel, under construction at the Fore River plant of the Bethlehem Steel company at Quincy, Mass., had been scheduled for commissioning as the USS Cabot, the navy said. But the name was changed, spokesman explained, after 2,000 workers at the shipyard requested she be christened the Lexington to "thunder destruction on the enemies of the United States."

Dependent Aid Bill Is Passed

Amendment Designed To Prevent Breakup Of Home Life

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—A bill making financial provision for soldiers' and sailors' dependents and stating a congressional policy that the selective service should "not break up the institution of the home" was passed Tuesday by the house and sent to the White House. A measure raising the pay of the armed forces to a minimum of \$50 a month, to cover contributions to dependents, also awaits President Roosevelt's signature.

The dependents' allotment bill was intended primarily to provide assistance to the dependents of service men of the lower pay grades, up to line sergeants in the army and third class petty officers in the navy. It was amended in the senate to make a sweeping change in the draft status of family men.

This amendment, finally approved by both branches after conference, gives the president authority, through the selective service system, to defer men having wives or children with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes. Heretofore married men with dependents have been deferred on financial grounds.

The new legislation, while recognizing the financial aspects of dependency, permits deferment of family heads primarily because of their family status. A married man whose dependents have adequate income from other sources could be deferred because of his family relationship.

Chairman May (D-Ky) of the military committee told the house that the purpose of the amendment was to emphasize the congressional policy "not to break up the institution of the home." Men at the head of households, May said, will not be drafted until all other available manpower has been exhausted.

Some local boards, May said, have been drafting married men with self-supporting dependents; others likely would feel that financial dependency no longer constitutes a valid reason for deferment in view of the payments provided.

Monday's Weather
By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed. Monday's max. temp. 63, min. 52. Tuesday river, 3 ft.

First Participation By US in Mediterranean Told as Air Force Wins

Carriers Given Nod for New Naval Ships

Construction Bill Calls For No Battleships; Reliance Shifted

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—Legislators disclosed Tuesday the navy has charted a new and precedent-shattering course in warship construction, with a decision to concentrate on building of airplane carriers at the expense of new battleships—heretofore considered the backbone of sea power.

Emphasizing growing recognition of the vital role of air power in the world conflict, the house naval committee approved an \$8,500,000,000 measure calling for 500,000 tons of carriers and omitting any provision for new battleships. In its entirety, the measure contemplates construction of 1400 ships of all other types.

The plan to concentrate on carrier strength was considered especially significant in view of smashing American aerial blows at Japanese sea and air power in the Coral sea, Midway and Aleutian areas.

The decision was first disclosed by Sens. Ellender (D-La) and Brewster (R-Me), members of the senate naval affairs committee. In separate interviews, they told reporters top-ranking admirals had said the United States would start no new battleships and that some heavy cruisers, now under construction, would be converted to carriers.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the house naval committee, likewise said work has been deferred temporarily on "four or five battleships in order to concentrate on carriers." While the navy has far from abandoned battleships altogether, he said, events had proved conclusively the aircraft carrier "is the backbone of the fleet."

The navy appeared to sound at least a temporary death-knell for the contemplated, huge 60,000-ton battlewagons which it has under design more than a year. Brewster announced plans for these giants were being abandoned for the present, but both he and Vinson stressed the capital ships nearing completion would be launched and commissioned as planned.

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Army 'Liberators' in Fight To Sink Cruiser, Others When Convoy Is Attacked

LONDON, June 16—(AP)—US army four-motored "Liberators," RAF torpedo planes and warships of the British fleet were disclosed Tuesday night to have sunk one of Italy's two remaining heavy cruisers, left two Italian battleships battered and burning, and destroyed or damaged at least six other enemy men-of-war in the battles which have churned the central and eastern Mediterranean since Saturday.

It was the first officially recorded participation of US air forces in the Mediterranean theatre, now blazing into full summer activity.

Special communiques from the command in Cairo and the air ministry in London piled up impressive reports of allied successes after two days of axis claims of the smashing of two great convoys, bound from both east and west for Malta and Tobruk. The Germans and Italians announced a total of 16 allied vessels, including eight cruisers or destroyers, had been sunk for sure and 38 other ships had been damaged, some of them being called total losses.

Replying to this, the admiralty-air ministry communique announced flatly the convoys had delivered the goods to both Malta and Tobruk in the face of the heaviest kind of attacks by superior enemy naval and air forces.

It was conceded there were British losses; they were not specified, but the communique said "the fantastic enemy claims to have sunk cruisers and to have damaged battleships and an aircraft carrier are without any foundation."

This communique listed a 10,000-ton eight inch cruiser of the Trento class and at least two destroyers sunk by "his majesty's ships' naval aircraft, the RAF and the United States army air corps," in addition to heavy losses inflicted on the axis air squadrons. It was the Cairo RAF headquarters, however, which told the more complete story of how the big Consolidated B-24's of the new US army air force establishment in the middle-east cracked the backbone of the Italian fleet just off Italian shores.

The total damage wrought by these American bombers and by the RAF and British fleet air arm torpedo planes was:

Rubber Hills Keep Growing

State Gives 200 Tons; Farm Senators See Rubber in Wheat

Foothills of discarded tires grew into mountains in service station yards of the mid-valley area Tuesday and more than 200 tons of scrap rubber had been sold in Oregon to roll into war production during the first 48 hours of the concentrated nationwide drive for the salvage material, state war production authorities estimated.

Service stations in the Salem district affiliated with one major oil company had gathered 20 tons by Monday night; others expected to tally their purchases today, and more than 100 tons of rubber had already moved into the Portland area, it was said. One dealer here Monday was reported to have sold five carloads of tires and inner tubes.

Not just tires and tubes, although they made the greatest showing in the first day's salvage, but all types of rubber goods past their days of usefulness are wanted, it was emphasized over the nation.

County employes in Los Angeles were urged to contribute discarded rubber stamps and chair seat pads. In Washington, DC, President Roosevelt said Tuesday he thought it was a grand idea for people to contribute rubber mats from their automobiles to the scrap rubber collection campaign, which he declared had got off to a big start. From the White House family, he disclosed to The Associated Press, there were contributions of a basket of rubber toys and even his Scottie dog. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

New Job



MRS. GEORGE R. K. MOORHEAD

County Health Worker Quits

Mrs. Moorhead Joins Staff of U of O Medical School

Mrs. George R. K. Moorhead has been appointed field secretary of the division of social hygiene at the University of Oregon Medical school, according to announcement Tuesday by Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the university.

Mrs. Moorhead will work with Dr. Adolph Weinzirl in the development of a social hygiene program for the state which is being established through funds from the Brown estate. Mrs. Moorhead will begin her duties on July 1 with headquarters in Portland.

Mrs. Moorhead has served as director of health education for the Marion county department of health and executive secretary of the Marion county public health association for the past six years. She has submitted her resignation to the board of directors, effective June 30.

Mrs. Moorhead has been responsible for the successful tuberculosis seal sales in Marion county and it was through her efforts that Marion county was awarded its first state honor this year. Tinkham Gilbert, president of the Marion county public health association, has appointed a committee to interview applicants for the position of executive secretary.

Mrs. Moorhead is chairman of department of public welfare of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

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