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## Cripps Assures; Britain Readies Jumpoff Area

Hard and Successful West Attack Planned; War News Dims British Enthusiasm

By NOLAND NORGAARD

LONDON, June 20—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, parliamentary deputy for Prime Minister Churchill, promised Britain Saturday that this country and the United States will "launch a great and successful attack upon Hitler in the west" but gave no hint as to when or where.

He said nazi measures to meet it might influence its timing.

Simultaneously, the nation received what appeared to be evidence that Britain is making steady preparations to east the fateful die. The army announced it was taking over

as a training area a 36 square-mile zone in East Anglia, an obvious possible jumping off place for a drive across the channel.

Ordinarily these developments would have produced a wild frenzy of expectation in Britain, coming as they did just when Churchill is conferring with President Roosevelt in the United States, when there have been recent arrivals of strong United States army and naval forces, and when the war in Russia is nearing its first anniversary.

Speculation would have been heightened by these other developments:

1. The disclosure that just before Cripps spoke, Churchill was in consultation by transatlantic telephone with at least one of his aides, Maj. Clement R. Atlee, dominions secretary.

2. An announcement by the German radio, which just gained notice Saturday, that German authorities, apparently in a defensive mood, had widened to the east and west the already extensive mine fields in the Skagerrak between Norway and Denmark.

But British reaction was conditioned by growing uneasiness over the German attack on Sevastopol and deterioration of the British position in North Africa, coupled with indications that Hitler may be preparing to seize the initiative in an even more decided manner in the Mediterranean.

The cause for disquiet over the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Three Killed In Tornado

Three Indiana Cities Struck; Two-Mile Swath Made

KOKOMO, Ind., June 20—(AP)—A tornado dipping into three sections of Indiana late Saturday killed three persons here and injured approximately 150 others, 12 of them seriously, as it struck Kokomo, Frankfort and Indianapolis at about 6 o'clock Saturday night. Police estimated the damage here at \$500,000.

Nine persons were in a hospital here. The storm cut a swath two city blocks wide and two miles long through the city, damaging about 400 houses.

The storm struck Kokomo after sweeping across the northern part of Clinton county. It also struck in Indianapolis, ripping roofs off several houses.

Five hundred members of the American Legion here were called out by Police Chief Jackson to aid in rescue work and to prevent looting.

## Ally Bombers Strike Rabaul

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, June 21—(AP) Allied bombing planes have fought their way through Japanese fighter defenses and bombed the enemy-held air bases at Rabaul and Lae, General MacArthur's headquarters announced Sunday.

At Rabaul, New Britain, the allied bombers hit wharf installations in what was termed a successful night attack.

At Lae, an important base in New Guinea, the raiders directed their fire on the airfield, destroying two enemy bombers on the ground.

The Japanese defense, in which Zero fighter planes took to the air, was described in the daily headquarters communique as ineffective.

# Mines Sink US Ship in Atlantic

## Germans Batt Rec'ity

Eg. Defenders Firm as Rommel Nears Border

MOSCOW, Sunday, June 21 (AP)—The Germans continued Saturday night to batter Sevastopol with some 150,000 men and hundreds of planes and tanks and at the same time registered a new advance in a revival of fighting on the Kharkov front, the Russians announced early Sunday.

With the nazis recklessly charging the north and south sides of the fortress, the Soviet communique reported one defending battery wiped out an entire enemy infantry battalion while an anti-tank unit of the Black sea fleet in three days knocked out 23 nazis tanks and killed three hundred Germans.

In a one-line reference to the new fighting on the Kharkov front, the Soviet announcement said: "In one sector our troops fought advancing enemy troops."

Launching a secondary drive of their own, red army tanks and infantry forces killed 600 Germans and captured a number of weapons and equipment, including six tanks, on the Bryansk front southwest of Moscow. This drive started after Russian sappers cleared a gap in a German mine-field, opening the way for the onrushing Soviet attackers.

BERLIN (From German broadcasts), Sunday, June 21—(AP)—The thunder of guns in the battle of Sevastopol is so great that it is shaking houses along the Turkish coast, 200 miles away across the Black Sea, and has been mistaken by inhabitants there for an earthquake. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

## Chinese Stop Jap Column

Retake Town of Wutu As Heavy Fighting Is Continued

CHUNGKING, June 20—(AP) Chinese shock troops intercepted a strongly armed Japanese column near Hsaiyi in East Honan province and killed 500 in a spirited battle Wednesday, the official Chinese Central News agency reported Saturday night.

The Japanese had 170 trucks, seven tanks and more than ten teard pieces. Chinese losses were not stated.

Parrying the main Japanese effort in eastern China to dominate completely the Chekiang railway where 100,000 east and west bound Japanese are less than 50 miles apart, the Chinese said officially that street fighting was continuing in the suburbs of Kwangfeng which is 20 miles inside Kiangsi from neighboring Chekiang province.

One Japanese column broke through a Chinese cordon at Sanchi, five miles southeast of Kwangfeng, early Friday and retreated north, a communique said. Another force forced a crossing on the Sia river and captured Wutu, but the Chinese retook the town in the afternoon.

In the southeast province of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Senators Ask Fund Caution

WASHINGTON, June 20—(AP) With nearly \$94,000,000 appropriated since the start of the present congressional session on January 5, many legislators are beginning to talk of a necessity to hold down further financial commitments.

Two veteran senators—Norris (Ind-Neb) and McKellar (D-Tenn)—gave public notice this week of their belief that congress must proceed with more caution when voting money. They teamed to oppose a broad program of government payments to civilians suffering injury, disability, death or detention as a result of enemy attack.

The financial resources of our government are not unlimited," Norris warned. "The imagination is staggered by the colossal debt we are piling up."

## Head for Women's Army



On the way today to Salt Lake City and the women's army auxiliary corps officers training school in Iowa are two Salem women, first called from here, Mrs. Gwendolyn Loomis Taylor (left above) and Mrs. VeNora Vera Thompson.

## Chipmunks Bought With Scrap Tire

REDMOND, June 20—(AP) Central Oregon's scrap rubber drive Saturday had yielded 250,000 pounds of rubber and a nest of chipmunks.

H. R. Edwards, regional drive coordinator, knew what to do with the rubber but puzzled over disposition of the penny-a-pound chipmunks which were discovered inside an old tire casing.

## Conflicts Daze Fair Officials

Eastman Asks All Be Cancelled; Wickard Holds for Morale

PORTLAND, June 20—(AP)—Officials of the few Oregon fairs still on this year's calendar were caught Saturday between conflicting government viewpoints, and most exhibitions allowed any of the farmers' prized products probably will be on pantry shelves and in the fields.

Latest upsetting news came from Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation chief, who suggested that all fairs be called off for the duration.

His statement came after Secretary Claude Wickard urged fairs be continued as a morale booster.

WASHINGTON, June 20—(AP) Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is in complete accord, aides said Saturday, with the action of the office of defense transportation in asking that county fairs be cancelled for the duration to save tires and other transportation facilities.

Another consideration was the army's earlier order banning large crowds.

In the midst of these conflicting views, many Oregon fairs and traditional summer events have been cancelled. Others, still hopeful, are uncertain whether to go ahead with plans or not.

Oregon's No. 1 event—the state fair—already had been streamlined to a state 4H club show and a regional Willamette valley fair. Now, even that is doubtful. Manager Leo Spitzbart said he is awaiting the return of Agriculture Director John D. Mickle before going ahead with plans. Multnomah and Columbia county fairs still are on the schedule.

Also in the balance is the fate of Pendleton's famed roundup which has asked the army for a go-ahead but as yet has received no reply.

Cancelled are the Astoria regatta and salmon derby by navy request, the Molalla buckeroo and Klamath Fall's buckeroo days.

However, both the Baker rodeo and the St. Paul rodeo have announced army approval. Klamath Falls scheduled an amateur horse show as a reduced substitute for the regular event but reports Saturday were to the effect that the horse show's size may approach that of the cancelled buckeroo days.

## Swedish Captains Refuse Dutch Trip

LONDON, June 20—(AP)—Sixteen Swedish ship captains have signed a joint declaration refusing to sail their vessels to The Netherlands port of Rotterdam because of the "continual" RAF bombing of "ill-protected German convoys passing along the North Sea coast." The Netherlands News Agency Aneta reported Saturday night.

## Two on First Lap to WAAC

Teacher, Nurse Are Selected; Two More Expected Soon

Two Salem women left Saturday night for Portland on the first lap of their trip to the women's army auxiliary corps officers' training school at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. They will leave Portland by train this morning for Salt Lake City, their first stop.

So far notified by the war department to report at Salt Lake City, they are Gwendolyn Loomis Taylor, 864 North 16th, and VeNora Vera Thompson, 558 South 12th street.

Mrs. Taylor is the wife of Jack R. Taylor, now with the United States army officers' training school at Camp Lee, Virginia. Taylor was a staff sergeant with the Oregon national guard and has been in the army two years.

Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of Reed college and has been teaching at the Capital business college. They have no children.

Mrs. Thompson is a graduate nurse and has been working as a paper layer at the Oregon Pulp and Paper company. She has lived in Salem for 12 years. Her oldest son, Neil Thompson, is with the US navy and stationed in Alaska.

A 16-year old daughter, Katherine, and an eight-year-old son, Donald, are in Salem now but are to go to live, for the duration, with friends in Lewiston, Ida.

Jean Richmond of Woodburn left Friday night for Salt Lake City. Transportation for two other women was sent to the local recruiting officer but until the women get their telegraphed orders from the war department, it will not be known who they are.

The Salem district includes many Willamette valley points south and it is possible the others may be from out of the city.

## Three Youths Escape State Prison Annex

State police spread their net Saturday night for three youths who had escaped during the afternoon from the state penitentiary annex south of Salem in a prison truck.

James Ogden White, 22, four-timer, committed last winter from Salem on a car larceny charge, with Roy Lawrence Bogg, 26, four-timer, of Multnomah county and Jack Groves, 25, twice a loser, of Lane county, all trustees at the annex, left fellow workmen there with a load of ashes about 2 p.m. and evidently kept on going, officers said.

The trio wore regulation black and white striped shirts and denim trousers.

White was serving a three-year term. Bogg, committed March 12 of this year on a larceny charge, was serving a two-year term, and Groves, also in for larceny, had served almost 20 months of his five-year term.

Friday's Weather  
Friday's max. temp. 67, min. 52. Saturday river, 1 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

## Merchant Ships Arming Set for Completion Soon

## Nazis Realize Increase in Sea Defense

Torpedoes Sink Two More in Atlantic; Navy Mans Guns

By The Associated Press

The maritime commission asserted Saturday that arming of America's merchant ships would be completed in "a few months," at the same time the nazis acknowledged that the allies had "strongly increased" their defenses along United States gulf and Atlantic coasts.

Meanwhile, however, torpedoes from enemy submarines sank two more small merchant vessels—a US ship in the Caribbean and a Nicaraguan ship—a each sinking bringing loss of life, the navy announced.

This increased the announced loss of cargo carriers of the United Nations and neutral countries since Pearl Harbor to 288.

On the comforting side was a state department announcement that an agreement had been reached by which Cuba "offered facilities to the United States war department for training aviation personnel and for operations against enemy undersea craft . . . work on these installations will begin at once."

The Berlin radio in a German-language broadcast for European consumption and recorded here by CBS said "the fight against enemy supply shipping and patrol, and escort vessels of the enemy assumed particular fierceness in the past week," but added:

"The enemy has strongly increased his submarine defense and convoy protection, and is using for the battle against the ever-

## Bond Sales Fail Goal

700 Million May Be June Total; July To Be Big Month

WASHINGTON, June 20—(AP) Indications are that the treasury will fail to reach its goal of \$800,000,000 war bond sales in June.

One unofficial estimate Saturday, based on the first three weeks' results, was that the month's sales would be \$700,000,000. June 15 income tax payments and unavoidable delays in installing payroll deduction plans in business establishments were given as reasons for the possible quota failure.

However, all officials agreed that June sales figures were not of primary importance, since the bond sales campaign is geared to work up to a climax in July. They recalled that sales were running about \$500,000,000 a month in March and April, and that quotas of \$600,000,000 for May and \$800,000,000 for June were established merely to show the setup needed to meet the real goal of \$1,000,000,000 a month beginning in July.

Treasury planners said they were confident of making the July quota, and hence would make no apologies for the smaller June sales.

Heart of the campaign for July and following months is the payroll savings plan. In nearly every business office or factory, "minutemen" are going around asking people to authorize the deduction of "at least 10 per cent" of their paychecks to be used to buy war bonds.

With totals climbing daily, these written commitments assure sales of about \$200,000,000 a month, at last reports.

## Our Senators



Won 32 Lost 42

## Bad Weather Ends; Surge Of RAF On

LONDON, June 20—(AP)—The RAF, after a lull enforced by bad weather, made a big-scale attack on Le Havre Saturday, sending over "many squadrons" of fighters and American-made Boston bombers against the big French seaport just across the channel.

More than 300 British planes were hurled into afternoon attacks alone, the air ministry announced, and they ranged up and down the continental coast and as far inland as St. Omer, in France. Furnes, on the Belgian coast, came in for one heavy attack.

An air ministry communique said objectives at Boulogne, Calais and Dunkerque also were attacked. Four enemy fighters were destroyed while six British fighters failed to return to their bases.

The offensive against the German-held port followed a night bombardment on Germany.

The air ministry said a bomber force, which it described only as "strong," dealt major damage to the German naval base of Emden and also attacked the rail junction of Isenbruck overnight.

The raid was the heaviest in two weeks, British sources said, noting that use of the word "strong" usually indicates a force of 250 to 300 planes.

## Japs Smacked Between Fogs

Navy Spokesmen Says Weather Hinders Both Sides

SEATTLE, June 20—(AP)—Japanese invaders of isolated Aleutian island points are "getting smacked" whenever there is a rift in the fog banks," a 13th naval district spokesman said Saturday. He declared the "so-called mystery of the Aleutian battle is merely a mystery of weather, of fog and snow, coupled with a desire to keep the enemy in the dark."

He said: "If the public is confused about the situation in western Alaska, then so is the enemy—and that is all to the good. You can't make a statement about a battle until the battle is decided. As Admiral King has told the American people, the battle for the Aleutians is continuing. As already announced, the attack was no surprise and the initial attacks at Dutch Harbor were met."

The statement continued: "It's a weird, wild country up there. There are great patches of fog and rain in which the enemy can hide, as a band of guerrillas may hide in the bush. There are literally thousands of small bays and inlets. The Japs know the country, but so does the navy."

"Why haven't the army and navy already driven the Japs out of the Aleutians? The weather explains that, in part. It's one thing to get at them in clear skies and another to get at them when the weather is foul and thick and snow is in the air and quick-forming ice burdens the wings of planes. You can depend on it, they are getting smacked whenever there is a rift in the fog banks. Some of the greatest stories of the war, some of the finest contributions to naval tradition, will come out of this strange struggle of give and take in the Aleutians."

## Canned Fruit Price Ceilings Too Low

WASHINGTON, June 20—(AP) The agriculture department advised Price Administrator Leon Henderson Saturday that price ceilings on many canned fruits and berries were too low to permit canners to pay growers prices to which they are entitled under the price control law.

The ceilings were set at the highest prices canners, distributors and retailers charged in March.

## First Reports Made by Navy Long Expected

Nazi Subs Equipped For Mine-Laying; Ship Damaged

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—The first official report of enemy mine laying operations along the United States coast in this war came Saturday in a navy announcement that mines had caused the recent sinking of one merchant ship and damage to another off the Virginia shore.

The navy said careful investigation had convinced it that the two ship casualties were not "as previously believed," the results of submarine attacks but were caused by the "vessels striking enemy mines."

"Undoubtedly these mines were laid by an enemy submarine under the cover of darkness, when detection is extremely difficult," the navy said.

That was the only official navy comment regarding the minelaying, but the development had not been unexpected in naval circles.

Germany is known to have a number of long range submarines equipped for mine laying. Available records show several ocean-going U-boats of more than 1000 tons displacement are fitted for minelaying and naval experts believe Germany has been busy building more. These are in addition to many coastal type U-boats used for laying mines in the waters around England and in shipping lanes leading from that country.

Moreover, the Germans recently announced what they called an intensive submarine campaign against all shipping along the coast of North America and extending east to the shores of Europe.

While the announcement set June 26 as the deadline for action in that area, it was possible the enemy had started off his campaign early with minelayers supplementing the already extensive operations of the torpedo-firing submarines.

After the United States entered the first world war, German mines were laid along the American coast.



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