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Faith!

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—James M. Landis, civilian defense director, believes United States coastal areas may be bombed, but the people will "stand up" under attack.

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US Bombs Level All on Surface Of Wake Island

All Planes Return, One Hit, From Saturday Raid; Enemy Base Crippled for Long

By WALTER CLAUSEN

HEADQUARTERS, HAWAIIAN AIR FORCE, TH. June 29.—(AP)—Striking in the brilliant light of a full moon, US army bombers loosed a devastating raid last Saturday night on Japanese-held Wake island that "leveled everything on the surface."

Announcement of the raid was made Monday by headquarters of the Hawaiian air force after all the planes had safely returned to their base. The number of bombers that participated was not disclosed. There were no casualties and only one plane received any damage, that being minor and resulting from a shell fragment.

Bombing crews are "raring" to carry on the offensive against Japan's installations in the western Pacific as a result of this successful blasting of Wake island. It was the second raid on the island since the Japanese seized it at high cost last December 23. The first raid was made by a naval plane from an American task force last February 24, which pounded shore installations to bits, damaged the landing area and wrecked several small boats.

(In announcing last Saturday's raid, the navy department in Washington explained the army bombers operated under the general direction of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as supreme commander in the mid-Pacific area.)

"We leveled everything on the surface and crippled this Japanese stepping stone in the Pacific at least until the Japs can repair the damage and fly in new planes," said Col. Art W. Meehan, who piloted one of the bombers last Saturday.

"We gave them everything we took over and all our planes returned without casualties," continued Meehan, who acted as spokesman for the planes' personnel. "Only one plane was hit by a fragment of anti-aircraft."

"Credit was shared by all who went on the mission but we can not disclose all the names. I would give the most credit to the navigators who made a perfect flight like picking up a handkerchief in the ocean."

"In fact, it probably was the longest range over-water bombing flight ever achieved. The navigation was so excellent it amazed me, and I would have said it couldn't be done when they hit the corner of the tiny island as they said they would. (Wake is 2000 nautical miles due west of Hawaii.)"

"We were one minute out when the first burst of anti-aircraft fire just beneath us rocked the squadron, this being the nearest shot the Japs got at us. I was over the targets for five minutes. It was a beautiful sight, like the Fourth of July on Coney island, only not so peaceful. They had plenty of fortifications but couldn't see us and missed their mark."

"When we came over the island it was the most beautiful sight I ever saw. There was perfect moonlight and it was clear, after being overcast all the way over. We hit all our targets, set the main building afire, leveled everything on the surface. One plane started to take off from Wake but didn't get far. Two others got into the air and one tailed us but didn't attempt to attack."

"I don't think they'll get any more planes off from there for some time, and I don't think we left any for them to take off with. I never saw such enthusiastic crews, all 'raring' to go and ready to carry this offensive to all the Jap islands. We dropped our bombs from a medium level. There were no lights showing and the Japs seemed slow to go into anti-aircraft action after the first burst, but when they did, everything lit up."

Our Senators

Won 10-1



Busline North Opens Today

Oregon Stages Slate Two Roundtrips to Dayton Daily

Ordered by Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner, Monday, bus service from Salem to Portland via Wallace road and Dayton will be started at 7:30 a. m. today, Vernon D. Leek, local manager for Oregon Motor Stages, announced Monday night.

The commissioner's order, requiring this firm to institute a Salem-Dayton service today with a minimum of two roundtrips daily, followed a hearing here Saturday at which residents of Grand Island and other farms down the river declared the new service was badly needed. Their testimony indicated that many farm workers may utilize the new bus route to get to and from work.

Oregon Motor Stages, which already has been operating between Portland and Dayton, will make the Salem-Portland run temporarily on the following schedules, Leek said:

Leaving Salem, 7:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Leaving Portland, 9:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

The utilities commissioner's order said it had been determined that "the territory between Salem and Dayton . . . is growing and heavily populated, without adequate service to meet the needs of the people residing therein, and the needs of the workmen desiring transportation from and to the area . . . that due to the national emergency, travel by private conveyance is being of necessity curtailed . . ."

Rubber Drive Is Extended

FDR Declares Total Scrap Collected Disappointing

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—With a disappointing total of only 219,000 tons collected thus far, President Roosevelt Monday extended for ten days the drive to round up all available scrap rubber.

The chief executive's action was taken on recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, and William R. Boyd, jr., in charge of the campaign.

The scrap collection campaign originally was scheduled to end at midnight Tuesday, but by the extension will continue through July 10.

While Ickes and Boyd called the total collected "disappointing," no campaign goal ever was set because no one had any definite idea of how much might be available. Pre-campaign estimates ranged all the way from 25,000 to 800,000 tons.

Ickes, in a belligerent mood, told reporters at the White House: "We suspect there are people hoarding rubber, and there may even be people in official life who are doing a little hoarding."

By his reference to people in official life, he explained, he meant he thought a great deal of rubber could be found in public buildings.

Ickes tried last week to donate rubber mats in the interior department building to the scrap pile, but the public buildings administration locked them up. PBA explained the mats were needed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Fighting Fierce East of Matruh Reds Smash Nazi Tank Attack

Ground Lost in Crimea

Serious Advance Seen Possible, Kursk Sector

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Tuesday, June 30

(AP)—The red army smashed wave after wave of German tank attacks in the Kursk sector, north of Kharkov, Monday but was forced to yield some ground to reinforced German forces in the battle for besieged Sevastopol, the Russian midnight communique said Tuesday.

The high command indicated the German offensive in both these sectors was increasing in violence, especially around the Crimean naval stronghold where the communique disclosed new German reserves were being used.

"On the Sevastopol sector," the communique said, "our troops repulsed frequent attacks of superior forces of the enemy. The enemy put new reserves into the battle. With heavy losses, the enemy succeeded in advancing somewhat. The battles are extremely fierce."

There was no indication how extensive the German advance was or whether the penetration was on the northern or southern side of Sevastopol, but the word "somewhat" in the communique might mean the advance was serious.

The high command said: "The German command, trying to break down Sevastopol's resistance" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

RAF Again Hits Bremen

Berlin Reports Raid; Nazi Flights Over England Small

LONDON, Tuesday, June 30.—(AP)—Bremen again was bombed by the RAF—the third time in five nights that Britain's big bombers have struck at the Nazi port and submarine base—the Berlin radio broadcast Tuesday.

The British disclosed their air raiders had struck anew at Germany during the night but there was no mention of where their blow was centered or in what force.

The German broadcast asserted there were fires in residential sections of the port, Germany's second largest and a center of ship and submarine building, oil refineries and plane and other factories.

Ten raiders were shot down, it added. Last Thursday night Bremen was the main objective of a force of more than 1000 bombers, the third four-figure raid by the RAF in less than a month, and Saturday night a smaller force attacked the port.

On the home front a small number of German aircraft raided the East Midlands and East Anglia during the night. Bombs were dropped in scattered places but at no place was there a concentrated attack, the British reported.

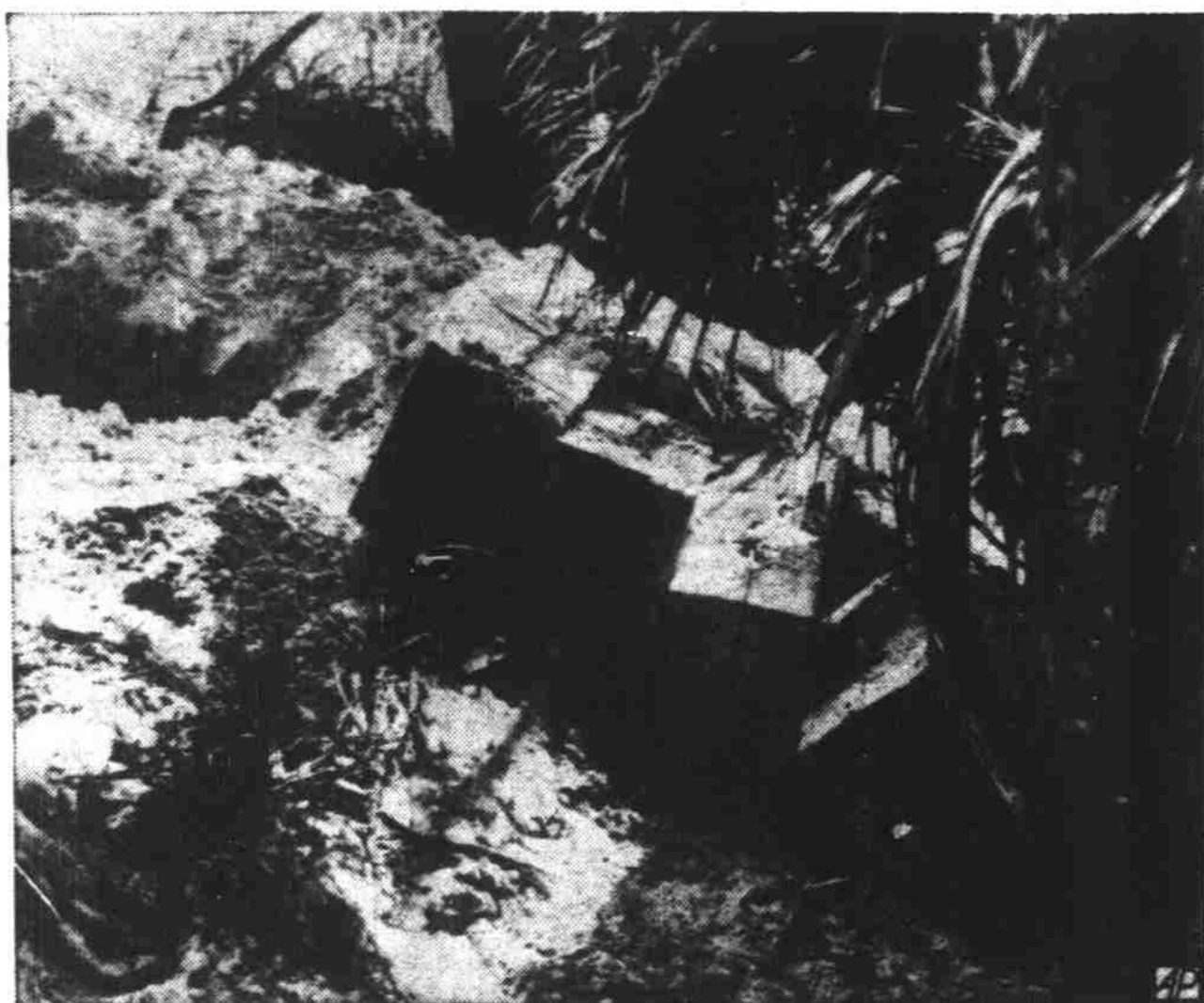
Fifth Draft Signup Today

Prepared to register more if they should come, Salem selective service board's office staff Monday estimated that today's registration would bring no more than 500 young men to army headquarters. Mrs. Marcella Miller, chief clerk, said:

Open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., the army registration, fifth selective service signup, calls for recording purposes men who have reached their 20th birthday this year and all who by today are 18 or 19 years of age.

Other registration points in the county are at Stayton and Woodburn

Explosives Unearthed From Nazi Sub



The four boxes in upper photo, all contain explosives and other materials, were removed from the hole at left on a beach near Jacksonville, Fla., where they were buried by Nazi agents, landed from a submarine, announced J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation. Explosive devices pictured below were buried near Jacksonville also. The FBI photo shows the contents of one of the boxes in top picture, including electric blasting caps, pen and pencil delay mechanisms, detonators, ampoules of acid and other time delay devices. (AP Texts.)

Winnie Faces Test Today

Africa Front to Be Principal Debate In Opposition

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, June 29.—(AP)—Winston Churchill confidently prepared Monday night to defend his government and his dual role as prime minister and defense minister against parliamentary opposition strengthened by the axis capture of Matruh, the Egyptian strong point.

A two-day debate is imminent. Political experts said only a catastrophe in Egypt would produce more than 20 or so votes for conservative Sir John Wardlaw-Milne's motion of "no confidence."

Churchill's oratory frequently has overwhelmed his parliamentary foes and he will make the final speech. It was hinted he could make a startling announcement of one of the fundamental reasons for the defeats in Libya and Egypt.

The political situation was complicated by the British and American promise to divert German strength from Russia, presumably by opening a second front. The joint statement by Churchill and President Roosevelt took some of the sting from the African defeat. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Flight Story Of Christman Told by Army

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)

The navy revealed Monday the story of the "hard-to-kill Patwing 10" with which Lieut. (JG) Elwyn L. Christman, 26, route one, Mount Angel, Ore., served in the south Pacific so valiantly that he won a navy cross.

Patwing 10, navy jargon for patrol wing 10, started with 42 planes in the Philippines and disbanded with only two in Australia but lost only a handful of its men in action that included sinking Japanese warships and supply vessels and shooting down many enemy planes.

Christman was decorated for his role in a six-plane formation that successfully bombed Japanese warships and transports at Jolo, Sulu, P.I. December 27 despite heavy resistance by Japanese Zero fighters and anti-aircraft.

Sunday's Weather

Sunday's max. temp. 80, min. 52. River Monday, 1.1 ft. By army request, weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed.

Military May Try Saboteurs

Decision Not Final; Charge Problems Complicated

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)

There were indications Monday night a military court might try the eight men accused of landing from German submarines on the east coast to sabotage the American war effort.

This raised the possibility the death penalty might be sought, but justice department officials declined to speculate along that line, on the grounds that final decisions had not been reached.

Attorney General Biddle issued a statement saying: "The attorney general and members of his staff have been in constant consultation throughout the day with the secretary of war, the judge advocate general, and other war department officials."

The two departments are in substantial agreement upon the steps to be taken in the prosecution of the eight German saboteurs who were apprehended by the FBI shortly after landing on our coasts from Nazi submarines.

"A further and more detailed announcement concerning this matter may be expected within 48 hours." (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

British Tanks Lash Out to Slow Rommel After Fortress Lost

Auchinleck Backs Slowly, Waiting For Reinforcements; Garrison in Captured City Reported Skeleton

By EDWIN SHANKE

LONDON, June 29.—(AP)—The Egyptian coastal fortress of Matruh, 175 miles from Alexandria, fell Monday to the armored axis columns in a fierce, continuing battle of great fluidity and the British eighth army, while retiring to new defense positions, lashed out with its mobile forces in a supreme effort to reduce the enemy's striking power.

The use of the term "evacuated" in a British announcement indicated the defenders withdrew in good order in the third day of the great tank and artillery combat.

It appeared to informed observers that Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck was playing for all it was worth his best chance of saving Alexandria and the Nile—a gradual retirement of his main forces, using limited mobile groups to spar furiously with Nazi Marshal Rommel's advance columns until reinforcements can arrive.

OPA Requests Pared to Third

Sees Wrecking of Rent Control; McNary Flays Rushing

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—Congressional critics of Leon Henderson scored a major victory Monday when the house appropriations committee sent to the floor a \$1,810,487,615 supplemental defense bill carrying only \$75,000,000 for the office of price administration, or little more than one-third of what Henderson had requested.

A last-minute committee vote cut \$20,000,000 off the \$95,000,000 recommended for Henderson's agency by a sub-committee. The \$95,000,000 was \$66,000,000 under budget bureau estimates of OPA's needs, and \$105,000,000 under Henderson's original request.

Henderson's only direct comment on the committee's action (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Cherries Need 500 Pickers

Response Said Good Sunday; Immediacy Is Important

Five hundred cherry pickers are wanted by growers in the vicinity of Salem this morning. The condition of the cherry crop is such that it is declared important to get the fruit off the trees right away. Pickers will be taken to the orchards from the United States employment office, 710 Ferry street.

Dozens of pickers responded to the call for Sunday pickers through the employment office alone, and it is known that many workers went directly to the orchards. The groups included whole families, father, mother, children and grandchildren.

Children's platoons are being organized by teacher leaders in groups of from 30 to 55. Three of these groups were in the field Monday and two additional groups are scheduled to go out this morning. School buses are used to transport pickers and some growers are using trucks.

Airport Crew Hiring Begun

First members of a crew eventually to include approximately 150 men for air base construction work at the Salem airport were hired Monday by A. T. Fox, Tri-State Construction company's superintendent in charge here.

By the end of the week, Fox said he expected to have 25 to 30 men on the job. Tri-State, with head office in Portland, was awarded the contract recently to build barracks and shop buildings for military use at the municipal airport here. The port, since that time, has been placed under federal lease at \$1 a year for the duration of the war.

Possibly he can pull his strength together for a stand on the shortened line from El Daba to the Oattara depression 40 miles inland. From El Daba to Alexandria it is some 100 miles around the Arabs' gulf.

Axis communiques announced the capture of Matruh, with 6000 troops, 36 tanks and "numerous" guns and trucks. There was no disposition to deny this here, a military commenorator saying "this is not the last bastion between Tobruk and Alexandria." For some hours it had been realized that Matruh, despite its fortifications and supplies, was not readily defendable, and the fact the axis felt able to claim the capture of but 6000 prisoners indicated to London observers it was defended only by a rear-guard garrison.

South of Matruh the British and Germans fought beneath the full Egyptian moon as well as in the terrible heat of the day in a battle unlike any other yet joined.

It has been going on without a break since 5 p.m. Saturday, Rommel's favorite hour for attack. Then the axis commander, taking advantage of the glare of the sun in the defenders' eyes, struck at the British positions.

Swiftly the combat developed into fast moving fights between tanks and mobile artillery, the latter being shifted from position to position, the better to strike at the opposing tanks.

Mobile infantry has been used in the race to occupy points after rounding up prisoners.

The full moon permitted the battle to go on throughout the night with scarcely any diminution in intensity. This bright, fat moon made it light enough to read a battle dispatch.

But it produced curious shadow effects which offered baffling new problems to gunners and tank crews.

One of the major encounters was a moonlight tank battle in the refreshing cool of the desert night, giving the exhausted combatants greater spirit and energy to carry on.

Intense air activity continued day and night. The Germans appeared to have drawn a great part of their air strength from Europe for the attack. The allied air corps threw in many newly-arrived planes, including US army air force units.

Both Saturday and Sunday nights the allied bombers pounded at axis transport and tanks, and between Matruh and Salum Rommel's gasoline dumps were set afire.

Alexandria was bombed by the axis air force this morning, but with no decisive result.

The Luftwaffe has desert bases within 200 miles of Alexandria, but there is another more ominous threat—the German parachute corps training grounds in Crete. A spokesman for the Greek government here said Monday thousands of air infantrymen had been moved into Crete this month and aircraft stationed on the island had been considerably reinforced. The Crete air bases are within 400 miles of Alexandria.