

Rommel Faced By Bottleneck

Hard Stand Expected; US Air Forces Take Big Battle Role

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The milling masses of tanks, men and artillery ranged over hundreds of square miles of hard, brown desert sand during the day and fought on tonight under the refreshing cool of a desert moon.

The paramount object of both the British and Germans was to destroy the opposing army. Earlier in the bitter combat Tuesday, the allied army had thrown back the advancing Germans from Fuks, a coastal point on the rim of the desert 45 miles southeast of Matruh. But the west-axis commander, Marshal Erwin Rommel, struck again with his two German and a third Italian armored divisions. Apparently the British dropped back before the superior forces in good order.

(Axis communiqués claimed Rommel's advance forces had reached and passed Fuks, but did not claim its capture.) General Auchinleck's battle groups were in the fore of this supreme defense of the Alexandria naval base, the Nile delta and Suez itself.

They are small, swift units of infantry, supported by anti-tank guns and quick to use the bayonet. Since Saturday they have been taking on the axis tanks, destroying a number of them and—at night—rushing the crews caught outside their tanks and wiping them out with cold steel and hand grenades.

New Zealanders, brought into action from the east, have played an important part in these assaults. More Free French, grizzled foreign legionnaires of the kind who held out 16 days after terrible assault at Bir Hacheim in Libya, motorized Spahis and Senegalese riflemen, were in the fight.

In the forward areas the US army air corps, also reinforced, was in heavy bombing action along with the RAF. For the last two nights these strengthened squadrons have fired axis tanks, armored vehicles and grounded aircraft just west of Matruh and have flown on to dump explosives on the ruined harbor of Tobruk, hitting at least one 5000-ton enemy supply vessel directly amidships.

With the axis air force still moving up, Alexandria was under air attack Monday night for the second time in 24 hours.

Twelve persons were killed and 14 wounded.

One raider which ventured into the Nile delta was shot down by a British night fighter.

Enemy planes known to have been destroyed in the desert during June now total more than 90, more than a third of them dive-bombers.

The area where the battle is raging is dotted with desert airfields which the British have had to abandon, but there has been no letup in the allied air activity as a result.

Ship Losses Mount to 327

By The Associated Press

Western Atlantic ship losses by the united and neutral nations since Pearl Harbor amounted to 327 in the unofficial Associated Press tabulation with the announcement by the navy department Tuesday that three more merchantmen had been sunk with a presumed loss of 87 lives.

All three ships were torpedoed, rescued crewmen reported. Survivors of a Canadian merchantman sunk in the Caribbean area said the vessel sank so rapidly after two torpedoes struck her that only six men out of a crew of 30 survived.

Survivors from another ship said their medium-sized vessel was sunk more than 500 miles from land. Those rescued from a third ship sinking said the undersea boat surfaced and made inquiries as to the cargo and destination after torpedoing her.

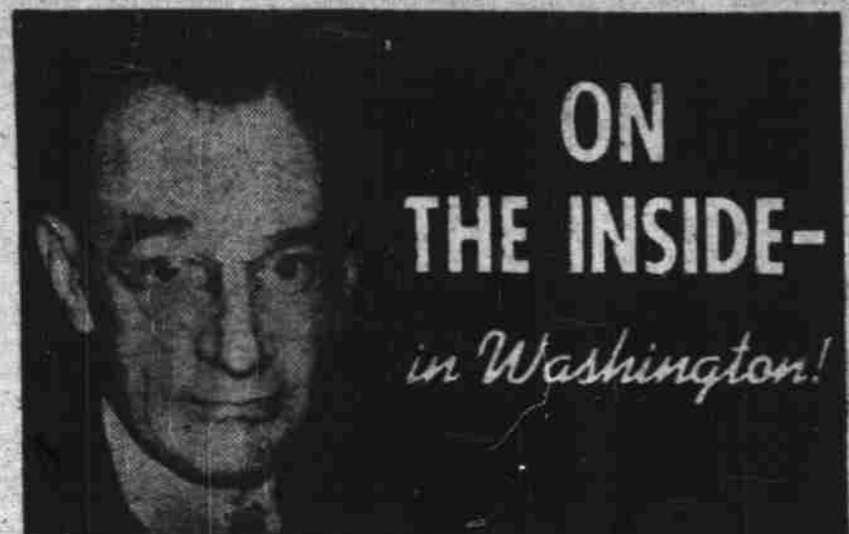
Only six members of a crew of 38 were saved from the second ship reported sunk, and 24 of the 35 seamen aboard the third craft were picked up alive.

Orout Scans Salem USO

Without any information as to just what work of remodeling the former Raymond garage building into a city recreation center for service men will be expected to start, Don Orput, regional representative of the federal securities agency, is in Salem today.

The agency Orput represents is that set up federally to provide, among other services, property facilities for entertainment of service men. It has indicated that the garage building on North High street here is acceptable and will be altered and furnished as a center to be operated by the USO.

First large recreation center to be opened in any western Oregon city outside of Portland is to be dedicated Friday at Astoria, Orput said. That building represents a pooling of federal, state, city and county funds and at the close of the war is to revert to the state as an armory, it is understood.



By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman

The fate not of Egypt alone, but of British power in the middle east, never in grave jeopardy since Napoleon's day, is being decided in a grim grapple of men, tanks and planes on a battlefield shriveled to a bar 40-by-60 mile span of sun-scorched desert.

Sugar Ration Rules Told For Canada

American tourists who plan to do any housekeeping in Canada will be subject to the dominion's sugar rationing law which becomes effective July 1, reports the Oregon State Motor association, which has just received the information through the Canadian Pacific railway. This ruling will apply to those who keep house in summer cottages, tourist courts or trailer homes.

Prospective visitors are advised to apply for the rationing cards now through the ration division, wartime prices and trade board, Ottawa, Canada. However, cards may be secured from the local wartime price and trade board in any Canadian city after the tourist reaches the dominion.

Persons who will eat in cafes or restaurants and who do not intend to keep house will not be required to have cards. The amount of sugar available for each person is not announced, but is expected to be similar to the United States allowance.

The motor association also points out the following additional factors of importance governing tourist travel between the two countries. 1. When returning to the United States it is necessary that the American tourist be able to prove his citizenship. Birth certificate, passport or voting registration certificates are excellent evidence. It is well to secure these papers before crossing the border.

2. Gasoline rationing for tourists now is effective in British Columbia and the visitor is allowed a maximum of 16 imperial gallons of gasoline. This is equivalent to nearly 20 American gallons. No additional gas can be secured under any consideration and the tour should be planned within the driving limits of the available fuel. In other western Canadian provinces, the allowance is 20 imperial gallons.

3. Canada is anxious for American tourists to visit its recreational areas and has extended special invitations through dominion and provincial officials.

Bremen Raids Said Heavy

LONDON, June 30—(AP)—The German U-boat nest at Bremen was attacked heavily Monday night by the Royal Air Force and an informed source declared the cumulative destruction inflicted there has put the Nazis' second biggest port "in much the same state as Cologne, Emden, Lubek and Rostock."

Looking back to the 1000-plane raid on Bremen last Thursday night and the followup blows delivered Saturday and Monday nights, observers calculated the port had been hit by about 2000 tons of high explosives over a span of five nights.

In addition, it was reckoned that tens of thousands of fire bombs—probably 100,000—were dropped on the submarine building yards, railway installations, factories and warehouses, and it was estimated 1400 twin and four-engine bombers had been sent over Bremen in the last three raids.

The British announced the loss of only nine bombers in the night's work which spread over airfields in German-occupied territory and to railway objectives in France and shipping off the French coast.

Yaquina Workman Hurt by Cable

Robert Shermer, about 40, of Yaquina, was in a critical condition at the Salem General hospital after being struck in the face by a cable while working in a shipyard at Toledo. Details of the accident were unobtainable upon his being brought to the hospital late Tuesday.

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Oregon Forests Closed, Entry

Death of CCC Seen as Serious Blow to Fire Protection

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have to call on them. Of course, we have seen this coming and have made plans, but it does add to the difficulties in a year when the threat from natural causes and sabotage is great and when we must keep production going in the woods."

Watts pointed out that congress had cut a requested \$18,000,000 for forest fire protection to \$5,000,000 in a deficiency appropriation bill, but the senate later inserted \$5,500,000 for fire protection in the agriculture department appropriation bill, which still is being debated.

"We really need that \$5,500,000," Watts commented. T. S. Goodyear, supervisor of the Washington-state division of forestry, declared that the elimination of the CCC "will interfere seriously with the entire fire prevention program of all protective agencies."

"The CCC has carried the major part of the fire-fighting in Washington for the past eight years," Goodyear said. "And it has advanced the entire reforestation program at least 15 years ahead of where it would have been had there been no CCC."

Lynn F. Cronemiller, assistant Oregon state forester, sounded a different note. He said the decreased numbers of CCC enrollees since the United States entry into the war have minimized their contribution to forest protection anyhow.

Lynn F. Cronemiller told The Statesman Tuesday night, "Because CCC enrollment has been down since the war began, we have gone ahead and made our summer protection plans without depending upon help from the corps. However, the many trained foremen will be greatly missed unless they are placed elsewhere."

He observed that if the camps were kept full of men they would be of great assistance but under the circumstances he did not feel that the effect of the program's elimination would be great upon Oregon's forest fire problems.

Teachers File Tax Petitions

Completed petitions for the Oregon State Teachers association initiative measure providing that all state income taxes in excess of \$7,750,000 annually shall be used for offset of school district taxes were filed in the state department here Tuesday.

The petitions contain the signatures of 26,545 qualified voters as against 25,385 required by law. In event the petitions are found to be regular the measure will go on the ballot at the November election.

E. F. Carleton, who retires Wednesday as executive secretary of the State Teachers association, brought the petitions to Salem.

This year's state income tax collections were estimated at approximately \$11,000,000.

Reds Hit When Needed, Down Cubs, 4 to 1

CINCINNATI, June 30—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds were held to five hits Tuesday night by Bill Lee of the Chicago Cubs, but got them in the pinches to down the Chicagoans, 4 to 1, in an Army-Navy relief game which netted the fund more than \$38,000.

Rubber-armed Ray Starr was touched for six hits by the Cubs, but kept them spaced and allowed the losers to score in the third inning only. It was Starr's eleventh victory of the season.

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Sank 'Rykuku'



Lieut. Henry Hunter Flitts, 25, of Macon, NC, one of the heroes of the battle between American air arms and a Jap invasion fleet off Midway Island in mid-Pacific, Lieut. Flitts, who was graduated from Ellington Field, Texas, dropped the closing bombs on the Japanese aircraft carrier Rykuku which sent her to the bottom. Pilot of the B-17 which carried Lieut. Flitts over his target was Capt. Charles K. Gregory of Houston, Texas.

Cherry Picker Calls Mount

Hundreds Needed as Weather Ripens Valley Fruits

The number of cherry pickers wanted in orchards of Polk and Marion counties mounted hourly Tuesday. It was predicted that by this morning from 800 to 1000 pickers would be on the growers' "want list" at the United States employment office, 710 Ferry street.

The recent warm weather has ripened the cherries rapidly and reduced the ardour of many pickers, W. H. Baillie, manager of the office, said Tuesday.

Additional school patrols were not organized Tuesday because it was found all the students to form them were picking cherries on their own account.

Many instant calls for pickers were received Tuesday from the Roberts community, one of the most productive cherry districts of the area. While pickers went to many other points they evidently by-passed Roberts.

The employment office will be open Saturday and Sunday to take care of the growers' needs. The Silverton Hills strawberry growers still have a lot of the pickers they need. Wages of from \$5 to \$7 a day have been reported in this district where the season is at its peak.

Repairs Halt Paper Mill

First complete shutdown of Oregon Pulp & Paper company's paper-making plant here in two years commenced Tuesday and is to continue until next Monday while equipment undergoes overhauling and plant repairs and alterations are made.

Principal repair jobs involve lowering of the office floor 30 inches to conform to the floor level of the new warehouse, according to Manager Karl W. Heinlein.

Sash and door operations of the company continue, while paper mill employees are off the job under a system which provides that the shutdown may be considered as vacation.

Tire Quota Told

PORTLAND, June 30—(AP)—The Oregon office of price administration announced July county

Series of Raids Launched, Reds

Attacks on Sevastopol Also Beat Off With 'Colossal Losses'

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said the Germans were suffering "colossal losses."

"In the Kursk direction, the stubborn battle continues," the communiqué said. "On one sector alone during the day we killed over 2000 Germans."

The communiqué said 150 tanks were destroyed in addition to 200 previously reported knocked out in the first two days of the Kursk battle.

Referring to the bitter fighting around besieged Sevastopol, where the Germans have thrown a quarter of a million men into the furious assault, the high command said tersely:

"On the Sevastopol sector our troops beat off attacks by big enemy forces."

This indicated the Russian lines were holding firm after the withdrawals mentioned in the previous day's communiqué.

The Kursk offensive, north of Kharkov, thundered into full fury Sunday in what looked like the prelude to Hitler's long-overdue general assault and the Russians said the Nazis registered some initial penetrations with infantry troops.

But before supporting tanks could be brought up, Marshal Timoshenko's men swarmed in behind the Nazis who perished in these tight pockets by the hundreds. More than 200 German tanks were declared knocked out in two days and, with the enemy thus weakened, the Russians said their forces were able to smash subsequent attacks on their positions.

At Sevastopol the situation was clearly one of the utmost gravity for the soviet garrison as the unequal struggle raged through its 26th day apparently to an imminent decision.

Dispatches from the Crimean battlefield said the Germans had inched forward slowly during the day with their more important gains in the northeastern fortifications of the once-great but now ruined naval base.

In a supreme effort to force a decision in this long and costly siege, the Germans were reported to have increased their attacking force from 10 to 15 divisions—about 225,000 men.

"No matter what the outcome of the unequal struggle for the ruins of the city," commented the army newspaper Red Star in reporting this development, "this is a victory for soviet arms."

"History will always remember the duel of one lone garrison with 15 German divisions."

Tacoma Stabbing Results in Death

TACOMA, June 30—(AP)—Lester Monterey Vaden, 38, died in a Tacoma hospital Tuesday night soon after falling victim to a large knife wielded by an angered Italian identified by Police Detective Peter S. Modahl as Luigi Yaconetti, 49.

Yaconetti was immediately taken into custody, Modahl said. The Italian's surprise attack upon Vaden, while the latter was walking along a sidewalk in a residential area, was the result of a quarrel over the affections of a woman, Modahl said. The woman, whose name was given by Modahl as Ethel Craig, was walking with Vaden at the time of the attack, is said by the officers to have barely escaped the wild thrashings of Yaconetti's knife. She ran into a nearby house.

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Miss Lee explained that this was a war measure, designed to conserve silk and other essential materials used in the manufacture of stockings.

She added that the "paint job" would last three days. Several shades of the cosmetic were said to be available.

DeWitt Cuts Alaska Trips

Fingerprints, Photos Of All Required For Army Permit

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30—(AP)—A drastic military order requiring the fingerprinting, photographing and detailed investigation of every civilian entering or leaving Alaska was issued Tuesday by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding the fourth army, western defense command and Alaskan defense command.

After July 10 army permits will be required to enter or leave the territory, which borders the normal sea routes to Japan.

The order, first of its kind in the Pacific war theatre, was issued to protect Alaskan defenses. Alaska is the closest part of continental America to Pacific fighting that has been carried to the territory's own Aleutian islands by Japanese raids.

All unnecessary travel to Alaska will be eliminated when the army establishes its air tight control over civilian movement. Only six grounds will be recognized as permitting a pass.

These are official business of the government, definitely arranged legitimate employment, business, return of bona fide Alaska residents, close domestic relationship and school interests.

620 Register Here, Draft

16-Year-Olds Essay War Job Action Underway

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ed for other types of service if they refused the war-industry jobs.

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—The nation completed Tuesday the vast task of registering its manpower, with approximately 43,000,000 on selective service rolls or already in uniform.

Registration of the 18 to 20-year-olds throughout the nation moved along smoothly, incomplete reports indicated.

Mercury Hits 90 Monday

Citizens of Salem sweltered Monday in 90-degree temperatures as summer at last appeared to have come to stay. Porch swings, sun suits and straw hats were gotten out and the city's swimming pools were crowded as thousands took steps to counteract Old Sol's rays.

Churchill Win Is Predicted

Receives Tumultuous Welcome; Debate Opens Today

By DREW MIDDLETON
LONDON, June 30—(AP)—A decisive victory for Prime Minister Churchill's national government was predicted Tuesday night by well-informed parliamentary sources despite the addition of two recruits to the list of 19 chronic critics whose "no-confidence" motion precipitated the impending two-day debate in commons.

The prime minister himself partly disarmed his critics by announcing in commons that Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, commander in chief of the British forces in the middle east, has assumed command of the British army in north Africa June 25, superseding Lieut.-Gen. Neil M. Ritchie. After Tuesday's house session Churchill conferred with King George.

It was Churchill's first appearance in the house since his return from the United States and he received a tumultuous welcome.

Nevertheless, the debate which opens Wednesday was expected to verge on the acrimonious and the probing and criticism were expected to wring from Churchill some concessions. These, the parliamentary sources said, would be most likely to take the form of the creation of a more effective body to direct the British military effort, such as a combined general staff.

The most significant development of the day, pointing to a strengthening of the government's position in commons, was the decision of the powerful conservative "1922 committee" not to support the motion of Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, conservative, for a "no-confidence" vote, calling it "ill advised."

This decision, in the opinion of conservative members, far outweighed the addition of Sir Henry Morris-Jones and Sir Murdoch MacDonald, liberal nationalists, to the list of critics backing the motion.

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