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Reds Advance in North, Slow in South

British Stave Axis

US, RAF Bomb Supply Bases; Prisoners Many

By EDWARD KENNEDY

CAIRO, July 20—(AP)—Heavy US bombers teamed up with the RAF and British fleet to batter axis supply bases over the weekend while the revitalized army of the Nile staunchly repulsed every German attack upon its new gains on the El Alamein front, the British announced Monday.

Since July 14, the British have captured 4000 more prisoners, making their total bag 6000 since they ended their retreat and struck back, they asserted.

Big four-motored bombers of the US army air force raided Tobruk in daylight Sunday, setting three fires in the dock area. Other heavy and light bombers had struck there the night before, damaging the port and setting a supply ship ablaze.

Warships of the Mediterranean fleet bombarded the advanced axis base of Matruh Friday and Saturday night, the second and third sea attacks on that Egyptian port. Results of the attack were not announced but the British warships—probably destroyers—sailed away unscathed. South African warships sank an enemy submarine in the eastern Mediterranean, it was also announced.

The preoccupation of the allies with Marshal Erwin Rommel's extended and tenuous supply lines showed the determination of Gen. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Albany Hunts For Rumored Parachutist

ALBANY, Ore., July 20—(AP)—Albany set its men on a sabbath hunt Monday night for an apparently false report of a parachutist landing gained hence here.

The rumor was that two parachutists landed between Albany and Corvallis.

Army officials, after an investigation, said there was "nothing to the report."

It was suggested a falling weather balloon might have started the rumor. Despite the army's finding, Albany stayed mobilized and many continued to believe the report. The home guard and police reserves were called up. Police Chief Perry Stellmacher said more than 500 men continued the search in the Albany-Corvallis area. Linn and Benton county sheriff's officers also participated.

US to Build RAF Planes

1000-a-Month Rate Revealed in Jane's New Year Book

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, July 20—(AP)—The United States is planning to build 1000 four-motored bombers each month for the RAF, Sir Charles Bruce-Gardner said in the 1942 edition of "Jane's All the World's Aircraft," authoritative year book on fighting and civilian planes, published Monday.

Many of the big bombers will be Liberators (Consolidated B-24s) and flying fortresses (Boeing B-17s), said Sir Charles. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Eagles Attack France

Daylight Raids Encounter but Few Defenders

LONDON, July 20—(AP)—The American Eagle squadron took part in a mass, low-level attack late Monday on numerous French military targets between Le Havre and Le Treport after a night in which the RAF rained tons of explosives and fire bombs on the German submarine yards at Vegesack.

The air ministry said Monday night nearly 200 Spitfire fighters attacked occupied French objectives along the channel.

The Eagles "shot up radio masts at Fecamp and saw an explosion and a lot of smoke after an attack on a factory," the air ministry said. The Eagles are US volunteers in the RAF.

"Very few enemy aircraft" were seen during the offensive sweep, the ministry added.

Gunposts, Germany army billets, motor transports, railways and trawlers in the Somme estuary also were bombed.

One plane was lost. A force of Wellington bombers attacked objectives in northwest Germany early Monday night, the air ministry said. All returned.

The daylight raiders also attacked a power station in the Mazingarde area in extreme northeastern France.

The attack on the Vegesack shipyards was the first in a year although the nearby big port of Bremen has been bombed repeatedly.

Three of the big four-motored bombers were lost Sunday night. The RAF said only the biggest bombers were used, indicating hundreds of tons of explosives were loosed.

Yards at Bremen, Emden, Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Danzig, Luebeck and Flensburg, engine works at Cologne and Augsburg, and coastal bases at St. Nazaire and Le Havre have been targets in the RAF's intensified effort to check the submarine menace.

The German-high command did not mention Vegesack in its account of the British raids, which it said were directed principally against Bremen and Oldenburg. The German announcement said the attacks caused civilian casualties.

The Germans said their own planes scored direct bomb hits in a daylight attack Sunday on a British war plane northeast of London. The Rome radio broadcast a Berlin dispatch identifying the target of this attack as Chemsford, small manufacturing center 30 miles northeast of the British capital.

US Bombers Strike Japs

Two Enemy Air Bases Attacked in China; Troops Hold Firm

CHUNGKING, July 20—(AP)—The United States air force in China announced Monday two more attacks on Japanese-used airfields and invasion bases, and a Chinese spokesman said the American operations already had lessened considerably the threat of raids on Chungking.

A communique from the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell said large fires were started in an attack Saturday on a Japanese airfield at Canton where 50 to 60 planes were caught around.

The Japanese advanced base at Linshwan in Kiangsi province was bombed Sunday. Neither raid cost the United States force a plane.

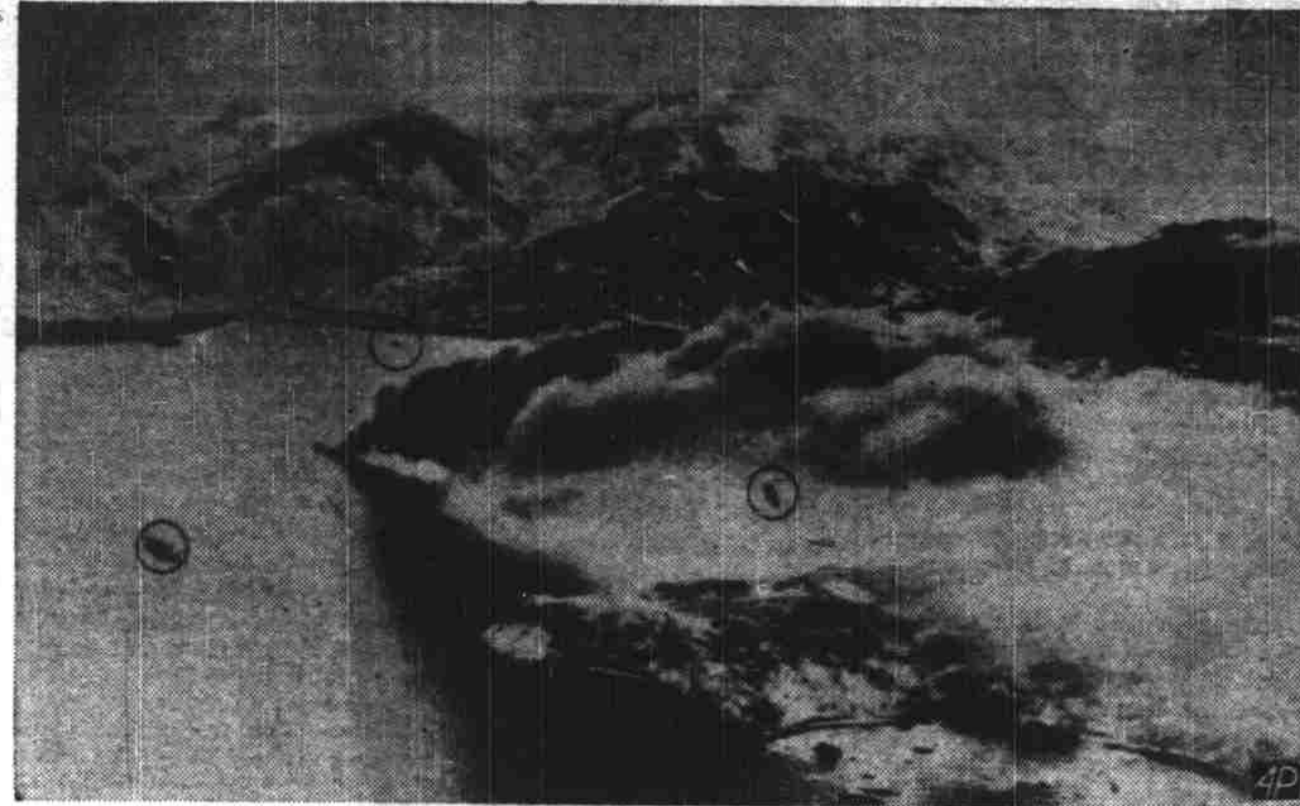
A Central news dispatch from the Chekiang-Kiangsi front said (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Our Senators

Won 10-6



Army Bomber Hits Jap Transport



Caught in the harbor at Kiska, Alaska, by a US army bomber, a Japanese transport burns furiously after receiving a bomb hit. Note circled ships of Jap force which landed on the island. A navy plane made this picture soon after the attack. (Associated Press Teletext.)

Postmaster's Office Sought

Democrat Committee Stays Endorsement; List Closes Today

A dozen applicants for the Salem postmastership may be found to have asked for the job when the list, closing tonight in Washington, DC, is released.

Understood to have submitted applications for the \$4200 a year job which H. R. Crawford, postmaster for two terms, is not seeking to retain, are T. J. Brabec, Marion county deputy sheriff in charge of tax collection; Paul Lynch, deputy collector of internal revenue; Gordon Thompson, postal clerk in the Salem office and secretary of the clerk's union; Dr. Estil L. Brunk, dentist, and Ira L. Darby, auditor for the Salem water commission.

J. F. Ullrich, who retired last month as chairman of the county democratic central committee, was once interested in the position but is not now an applicant "because my business is taking all my time," he says. He is also over the 63-year age limit applying to all applicants other than war veterans and civil service postal employees.

J. N. "Sam" Chambers, retired Salem business man and member of the state liquor commission, who has been mentioned as a postmaster applicant but never seriously considered it, he says, is busy now at another job, that of senior price officer for Oregon under the office of price administration.

There are other applicants, including several business and professional men who are seeking to keep their interest in the position quiet, according to Carl T. Pope, new chairman of the county democratic committee.

Pope said Monday that the county executive committee had discussed the postmastership and gone so far as to take a straw ballot on an endorsement. It has been decided, however, to take no stand until the list of applicants has been rated by the civil service commission and the top three, from among whom selection will be made, have been identified, Pope explained. Brabec and Lynch in particular are understood to have sought the committee's stamp of approval.

No written examination is given for the position of first class postmaster. According to civil service commission announcements, applicants are to be rated, from their own statements and from investigations made concerning them, on (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Washington Has Blackout

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—The nation's capital and its suburban area in Virginia and Maryland had a 30-minute surprise test blackout Monday night.

William J. Mileham, chief air raid warden for the area, said scores of stores remained lighted, owners and employees having gone to their homes before the sirens sounded at 11:13 p.m.

Traffic was stopped. Street lights were turned out and pedestrians sought shelter.

Defense officials notified the public last Thursday there would be a test blackout sometime before July 23.

Douglas Sharp Battles Away 23 Jap Craft

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—The war department told Monday how an army flying fortress bomber, piloted by Capt. Frank Douglas Sharp, Salem, Ore., fought off 23 Japanese fighters, shooting down four of the enemy planes, during a two-hour battle over Burma.

Enemy fighters attacked the four-engined Boeing B-17 after it bombed Rangoon. One gunner was killed and four other members of the crew were wounded. All the bomber's guns were put out of action, the rudder controls were shot away and two engines knocked out of commission.

Nevertheless, the department said, after six members of the crew, including two wounded, had bailed out, Sharp and his co-pilot, both wounded, managed to land the plane and make their way back to their command.

The announcement did not identify any of the crew except Sharp and did not disclose when the battle occurred.

Women Begin Army School

Cornelia Hulst First Salem Enlistee; Tasks Ready Soon

Cornelia Hulst, graduate of Willamette university in 1938, Monday became Salem's first woman to enlist in the women's army auxiliary corps.

Miss Hulst has been teaching the last four years at Ashland high school and for the last three years has been dean of girls. In Salem, she lives at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hulst, 175 Sunnyview avenue.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., July 20—(AP)—There was a deputy sheriff from California, an Arizona rancher's daughter who looked something like Mrs. Roosevelt, a polo player, and stenographers and school teachers galore.

Blondes, redheads and brunettes, and some whose hair was streaked with gray. Many had husbands in the army or navy.

They were the first contingent of the women's army auxiliary corps whose school opened here Monday.

They laughed and played and climbed a fire escape to take pictures. They peeped out of windows at Director Oreta Culp Hobby and swarmed to the soda fountain and wrote postcards home. It was a carnival day at old Fort Des Moines.

But they marched to mess with a military precision that belied their recent arrival. And when the proper time came, they went soberly through the routine of induction as though fully conscious each soon will relieve some desk-bound soldier so he may go to battle.

The first 800 arrived Monday—440 officer-candidates and 360 basic auxiliaries (privates). They (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Sunday's Weather

Sunday's max. temp. 83, min. 53. River Sun., -2.1 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Heltzel Named As Alderman

Candidate Appointed; Council Approves Sewer Proposal

Charles H. Heltzel, young Salem attorney who is to vie with R. O. Lewis, venetian blind manufacturer and former city fireman, for one of the fourth ward aldermanic seats at the November election, was elected 8 to 2 as councilman Monday night to fill the

vacancy created by the resignation of Alderman A. O. Davison. He will serve until January 4. Heltzel was nominated by Alderman Ross Goodman, fifth ward, and Lewis by Gertrude F. Lobell, the other fourth ward council member.

Following up its early action in leasing the city airport to the army "for the duration," the council Monday night passed a resolution authorizing a sewer connection between the city system and sewerage being built for the the air support command base at the field. The army agreed to pay any service fees that may be established for the city in general.

Other council actions included: Order to the treasurer to invest \$50,000 from the airport improvement fund in war bonds; transfer of \$620 from building inspection to engineering fund to pay restored salary of engineer's stenographer; postponement to next meeting of resolution for purchase of \$150,000 worth of war risk insurance to cover city buildings.

13 Killed In Planes

Army Pilot Parachutes To Safety Near Base In Washington

TACOMA, July 20—(AP)—Officers at nearby McChord field said Monday night a pursuit ship from the army air base at Olympia crashed and burned near the Thurston-Lewis county boundary, two miles south of Bucoda, late Monday afternoon.

The pilot, Second Lieut. H. C. Crim, Miami, Fla., parachuted to the ground and was unhurt.

TUCSON, Ariz., July 20—Eight men were killed Monday when a big army bomber from Davis-Monthan field here crashed and burned in the desert three and one half miles from the base.

The public relations office said the plane, a B-24, was one of several returning at daybreak from a night training flight.

The craft was piloted by First Lt. Blair K. Blacker, Corvallis, Ore.

FRESNO, July 20—(AP)—Two army air force lieutenants and three enlisted men perished Monday in the crash and explosion of a B-25 bomber from the Hammer field base here.

Nazi Infantry Cut In Voronezh; Line Of Defense Ready

Enemy Position on Steppes Menaced By Stand of Russians Along Don; Possible Counter Attack Seen

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT
Associated Press War Editor

The battle of the upper Don near Voronezh has turned in favor of the red army, the Russians declared early Tuesday with announcement they had seized the initiative, and it became evident the decisive battles for the Caucasus still remained to be fought.

The southern armies also were rallying along the Rostov-Stalingrad line which runs for many miles behind the lower Don.

In the fighting around Voronezh, late soviet dispatches said, the Russians had not only beaten off German attacks Sunday and Monday but had made advances themselves, their planes and tanks cutting infantry communications in a fierce flank attack to the northwest of the city.

Perhaps significantly, a Berlin radio commentator heard in London early Tuesday warned the German people they might expect a heavy Russian onslaught in the Don river area, and he cautioned them not to be misled by the nazis' geographical gains to date.

After an almost continuous ten-day retreat, Marshal Timoshenko was reported to have managed an orderly fusion of his main forces with the red armies which evacuated the rich Donets industrial and mineral region about Voroshilovgrad.

Gaining precious time by the retarding effect of exhaustion and heavy rain on the German armored spearheads, he was consolidating a front running from just north of Rostov east to Novocheboksak, thence along the south bank of the lower Don to a point near Stalingrad.

The Germans obviously were doing their utmost to isolate the Rostov "corner" of the west Caucasus before Timoshenko can anchor his line to it; one report of the Paris radio, which frequently leaps ahead of the truth, said German tanks already were across the spur railway leading to Stalingrad and in Shakhki 40 miles above Rostov and only about 20 miles north of Novocheboksak.

The Russian midnight communique also disclosed the Germans who took Voroshilovgrad had pushed southeast that industrial city in a drive toward Rostov. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

77 Seamen Is Monday Toll

Five Ships Reported Sunk in Atlantic, Three American

By The Associated Press
Seventy seven seamen were reported killed or missing Monday in announcements of five more torpedo sinkings in the western Atlantic. A total of 130 crewmen were rescued from the five ships, three of which were American.

The sinkings boosted to 390 the unofficial Associated Press tabulation of United Nation and neutral merchant vessel losses in the zone since Pearl Harbor.

US losses included a medium-sized merchantman off the northern coast of South America June 26, a small cargo vessel several hundred miles off the east coast and another small cargo craft approximately 450 miles off the coast July 13.

The navy also announced a medium-sized Swedish merchantman was torpedoed 800 miles from the northern coast of South America without loss of any of its 42-man crew. The fifth sinking was reported in dispatches from a Yucatan port which told of the Panamanian freighter Tachira going to the bottom of the Caribbean July 20 with a loss of five from a 37-man crew.

Ward R. Davis, Salem, former member of the state division of audits staff, has been promoted to the grade of first lieutenant in the army, according to an announcement from the ninth corps area headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah.

For additional news about men from Salem and vicinity in the armed forces, turn to page five of today's Statesman.

House Passes Big Tax Bill

Committee Proposals Denied; Revenue For War Hugs

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—Overriding its tax committee's recommendations, the house made a last-minute boost in rates to add millions of dollars to the tax load of corporations Monday and then passed with only two dissenting votes a revenue bill the treasury said would raise more than \$6,271,200,000 a year.

The measure would increase this year's total federal revenues to \$23,000,000,000 largest in the nation's history.

One of the most unruly meetings in many months, with dozens of members clamoring simultaneously for recognition, preceded the final roll call of 392 to 2 for the bill. Reps. Moser (D-Pa) and Oliver (R-Me) cast the dissenting votes.

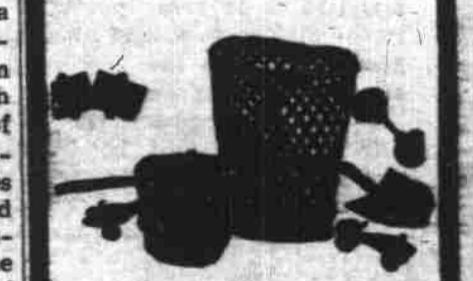
The legislation, which now goes to the senate for still more weeks of study, would increase individual income taxes by \$2,872,300,000 and corporation levies \$2,640,700,000, and would increase a host of excise taxes to produce \$753,200,000.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the senate finance committee has indicated the measure is in for extensive rewriting on that side of the Capitol with most of the changes aimed at increasing the total nearer the treasury's goal of \$8,700,000,000.

When the house met today, the ways and means committee recommended the excess profits tax rate be set at 90 per cent, instead of the bill's 87 1/2 per cent, and, as a corollary, the combined normal and surtaxes on corporation income be reduced from 45 to 40 per cent.

But on the floor, demands were made and granted that those two questions be divided. A teller vote of 180 to 160 defeated the proposed revision in the normal and surtax rate. But the 90 per cent excess profits rate was adopted with a boisterous chorus of "ayes."

AMERICA Needs Your JUNK



Turn to the Back Page and Read

"An emergency statement to the people of the United States!"

—By Donald M. Nelson, chairman, war production board.