

Last Caucasus Bridgehead Is Smacked Hard

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Tuesday night—but the Italians were given no respite, American heavy bombers, medium bombers and fighters continued to pour it on Mussolini's island sentinels from their bases in North Africa.

Flying Fortresses again delivered the crusher when they fought their way through 50 German fighters to make a wreck of the big Sicilian airfield at Comiso, the base from which such bombers long battered little Malta. Three Messerschmitt-109s were shot down without loss to the Fortresses and other aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

The attack by other American formations raged at many other widely scattered points on Sicily, Sicily and Pantelleria, adding steadily to the destruction of previous days. Docks, shipping, airfields, power stations, trains and gun emplacements went up in flame and smoke. British light bombers sweeping the eastern Mediterranean sank an axis steamer off Greece and damaged three others.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle, on the eve of his departure from London for Algiers and an intramural peacemaking with Gen. Henri Giraud, told the French people by radio that "Union of the empire will be accomplished. We have paid heavily enough for our absurd division."

74 Shot Down In Single Day

LONDON, May 27—(P)—United States heavy bombers based in Britain were officially declared today to have established a record by smashing 74 Nazi planes out of the sky on a single day's bombing mission.

They made it May 21 during the shattering raids without escort on the submarine building yards at Emden and Wilhelmshaven.

The action cost one dozen American bombers.

The record tally of enemy aircraft, which boosted to 297 the number demolished in eight raids embracing 16 targets so far this month, was 10 higher than the previous top set May 14 in the attacks on Kiel, Antwerp, Courtrai, and Velsen. These raids, made by heavy and medium bombers, cost 11 heavy bombers.

Drivers Save License Fees

Drivers of automobiles in Oregon will save approximately \$625,000 as a result of the 1943 legislative law eliminating the renewal of automobile operators licenses for the period July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1945, Max Flannery, head of the state motor vehicle department here, announced Thursday.

Flannery also said there would be a substantial saving to motor vehicle drivers because of the law reducing the so-called hospital contribution from 50 to 25 cents. This hospital fee is collected when drivers' licenses are issued.

Funds derived from this source are used largely to reimburse hospitals for the care of indigent persons injured in motor vehicle accidents.

Tower Clock Won't Budge

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 27—(P)—Until peace comes the courthouse tower clock will watch time go by unmoved.

The hands on the timepiece stalled at 8:30 o'clock because of a broken cable. There they'll remain for the duration. It's impossible to get a cable replacement because of material restrictions.

Tulips Tasty, Soldier Finds

KANSAS CITY, May 27—(P)—Pvt. Douglas Elliott, visiting a girl at her Leavenworth, Kas., home, was asked if he would like some fried onions as part of a luncheon. He agreed and she prepared the luncheon.

The next day the girl's mother telephoned Elliott.

The couple had eaten the family's choice tulip bulbs.

Coffee Is Not All Declared so Cafe Draws Penalty

PORTLAND, May 27—(P)—The OPA, through its chief hearing commissioner, Everett C. McKeage, today ordered the Portland cafe to stop serving coffee until May 30. The order was for declaring only 15 pounds of coffee with the ration board when 35 pounds were in stock, McKeage said.

Age Limit Lowered

PORTLAND, May 27—(P)—The Portland school board today lowered the maximum age limit for taking new teachers from 44 to 39 years.

Jones Meets the Press, Food Conference



Marvin Jones (seated), temporary president of the United Nations food conference, meets members of the press at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., where the conference is being held. M. Koenigsberg, reporter who has been particularly active in protesting restrictions against the press, is talking with Judge Jones.

Raids Tougher Royalty Told By US Airmen

By ROBERT RICHARDS (Distributed by the Associated Press)

US BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, Friday, May 28—King George and Queen Elizabeth informally discussed the problems American Flying Fortresses face in blasting axis cities in daylight raids in talks with American flying officers at this bomber base and met America's new sky terror, the Thunderbolt fighter, in their first visit to a United States fighter station.

The royal couple heard the story of raids on Wilhelmshaven, Paris and Emden and studied photographs showing the results. Col. Stanley Wray of Birmingham, Ala., who personally led the first three raids of his group, told the king that the raids are "tougher" now than they used to be.

"The first time over Wilhelmshaven we took them by surprise, I think, because we didn't run in to much trouble, but from then on it has been much tougher," Wray said.

"I guess the best thing is to keep them guessing and not let them know where they will be hit next," the king suggested.

"Yes, Sir," Wray agreed. "That's the best idea."

Queen Elizabeth ventured that "of course, later on, you will have more weight and be able to split up your forces, won't you?" and Wray said, "Yes, that's true."

Earlier at a fighter base the

Oregon Road Fund Boosted By \$1,000,000

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock Thursday was advised that a bill has been reported out favorably by the house roads committee releasing approximately \$1,000,000 of federal funds to the Oregon highway commission for post war operations.

Against this amount the state highway commission would match \$250,000 of its funds.

Baldock said most of the federal money would be used for the purchase of rights-of-way.

Officials declared that purchase of rights-of-way during the next few months would make it possible for the highway commission to start road operations, including both new construction and heavy maintenance, immediately following the close of the war.

Women must be ready to replace men in the lighter jobs of commerce and industry so that the men, in turn, may work in the crops, but members of the fair sex, too, will have to go into the fields in larger numbers than ever before if the food the county is producing is to be saved, Baillie maintained. A federation, with representatives from every woman's organization in the county could mobilize an army of feminine agricultural workers capable of handling all but the heaviest portion of the work, he declared.

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Bearings Men Out as Rubber Strike at End

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would take over the plant. Four ballots were taken before the decision to go back to work today was made. Hugh Thompson, CIO regional director, said that on the first three ballots the workers refused to heed pleas from the union and government officials. The walkout was attributed by one union international representative to "delay of the war labor board" in considering a wage increase demand.

In Washington, the day's major labor development was announcement by the International association of Machinists that it is withdrawing, effective May 31, from the American Federation of Labor. It said the AFL executive council had failed to protect the union's jurisdictional rights. The machinists and the carpenters have been in frequent disputes over which union had the right to handle certain work.

Proof of Fish Story Scanty

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, May 27.—(P)—Frank Walters, as he fished in a mountain stream, was telling his companions of the big fish that just got away with his spinner and leader.

Suddenly Walters got a nother strike and pulled in a small trout. Hanging from its mouth were the lost spinner and leader.

The "big fish that got away" measured six inches.

Only AFL in Field at Time Morton Avers

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Queer, how some small thing will take one's mind off the subject at hand... such as, for instance, talking to shipyard workers who walk ahead of one down Salem streets almost every night.

These two were neither young nor old, but they walked with springy step, and the blond woman swung her metal helmet as we used to swing our lunch buckets en route home from school the day that marked the end of the spring semester and the beginning of long days of barefoot fun.

As she turned her face up toward that of the tall man at her side, there was a certain glamour cast by shaded streetlights on strong, laughing features and clear complexion unchanged by cosmetics.

Sure that they who set out to work the graveyard shift in this frame of mind would be interesting persons to know, I set out to meet them.

There is a place where shipyard workers gather, a rendezvous that week by week includes more older folk and less of the younger set of welders and sweepers. And there I halted a moment.

It was a brief stop, and all I heard was a portion of one sentence. But that phrase was uttered by a man who walked on a leg such as Long John Silver had—Oregon made from an Oregon tree. What he said—that portion I heard—was "—er squeak! Let's 'em know I'm comin'!" and he moved around briskly to prove the truth of his statement.

All I had seen was a group of men and women in overalls, with metal helmets and lunch containers, among them a slender chap on a wooden leg, whose face wore a grin. All I had heard was half a sentence and the squeak of the peg leg, but I forgot completely the man and woman I had followed. Don't know as it makes much difference: All three of them must have been endowed with the same "something," and I suppose they'll be there again, though I doubt if they, or I, can put into words what that "something" is.

FDR, Winston Close Parley

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needs," he said, "for both the ground forces and the air forces, it was assumed that the air-ground cooperation attained in North Africa would be necessary in all operations. There is no change at this time in our manpower requirements."

Except to say that all allied casualties in Tunisia totaled less than 70,000 the secretary made no reference to British and French losses. The Germans and Italians, however, were said to have lost 30,000 killed, 26,400 wounded and 266,600 taken prisoner in Tunisia alone, excluding other African campaigns.

Southwick Faces Disturbance Count

Rollie Southwick, Salem carpenter, charged by R. B. Miller, elderly downtown paper salesman with disturbing the peace, allegedly shouted "Hitler papers!" at the street corner where Miller was selling the Townsend National Weekly. Miller swore out a warrant and Southwick comes to trial on Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the court of Justice of the Peace Joseph Felton.

HOLLYWOOD

Tonight and Saturday

"THE TEN MAN"

"THE GLASS KEY"

"THE MYSTERY"

"THE UNLOCKED"

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Hawaii Forces Chief Leaving

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ences had arisen between General DeWitt and a faction in the war department over DeWitt's vigorous opposition to any relaxation of the rules against a return of excluded Japanese to the Western defense areas. Because of these differences, Welch asserted, General DeWitt was to be transferred to a new post with General Emmons replacing him. At Washington Secretary of War Stimson said at a press conference that such report of differences "is nonsense."

General Richardson was transferred recently from the Seventh training corps at Jacksonville, Fla. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific ocean areas, in pinning the medal on the general today, said Emmons took over his post while chaos still reigned but will leave the islands well defended.

General Emmons said he would leave with "most major defense projects completed or near completion."

"There's plenty to eat on the islands, they are well defended and our worries about attack are dormant for the moment," the general observed.

"It is foolish to think we are not on the front line or are not subject to attack. There's nothing between us and Japanese island bases."

Planners Get Further Funds

WASHINGTON, May 27—(P)—Administration forces in the senate won 44 to 31 today a bitterly-contested fight for a \$200,000 appropriation for the national resources planning board after opponents crushed, 43 to 31, an attempt to raise the amount to \$534,000.

A \$2,621,000,000 independent office appropriations bill, containing funds for the planners, was then passed, but only after another amendment was adopted directing the home owners loan corporation to submit final liquidation plans by July 1, 1945.

The planning agency, of which President Roosevelt's uncle, Frederick A. Delano, is chairman, was assumed by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) as a fountainhead of philosophers "partly socialism" and partly the product of "dangerous imagination."

Overcharge Draws Penalty for Packer

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27—(P)—The OPA district office said today that it collected \$414 in treble damage settlement from the Klein Bros. Packing company, Goldendale, Wash.

The OPA charged that the firm overcharged seven retailers between January and March of this year.

EL SINORE

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Farmer Improving

AMITY—George Fuller, prominent farmer living west of Amity who has been seriously ill in a McMinnville hospital for several days, is much better.

John M. Umphrette is able to be out again after a two weeks' illness with the flu and bronchitis.

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