

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Stryker

IT SEEMS TO ME that legislators hardly get home before some one starts to agitate about a special session. Whether it comes from the "third house" who thrive best when a legislative assembly is in progress, with its clerkships, lobby errands, etc., or from the hope of individuals or interests that in another session some special legislation may be obtained, I don't know. But the talk always "bobs up," even when political skies are almost entirely clear.

Just now the "wise guys" foresee a special session because of the throttling down of liquor sales to one-pint-per-week-per-person. That, it is predicted, will so reduce the profits of the liquor commission that the funds for old age pensions will run short. Hence a special session will be required to devise ways and means to dig up substitute revenues to take care of the old folks.

Saw one legislator Saturday who predicted a session and the cancellation of income tax reduction enacted by the session just closed. But Sen. C. McKenna would be on hand to argue for a special election to pass on his sales tax proposal. So there would be a battle from the time the gavel of presiding officers fell.

Maybe so; maybe so. But let's not jump to the special session idea immediately on announcement of the second halving of the liquor ration. The revenue drop has not yet been realized. For April, the last month for which reports are ready, the profit was up a hundred per cent over the preceding April. The catch appears to be in this: liquor permits issued jumped nearly twice the former number. Which means that in many cases two instead of one member of the family are permit holders, which insured legal purchases of at least two quarts per week. Now, to be sure, it will not be so easy to have four members of a family holding permits to protect "supplies."

The test is going to come on the commission's ability to get merchandise for resale. With production stopped and consumption soaring distillers are limiting their own sales, even though they started out with several years' supply on hand. There is still the possibility that WPB may permit the resumption of whisky-making after (Continued on Editorial page)

Roberts Dairy Barns Razed In Huge Blaze

With a loss estimated between \$50,000 and \$75,000, the big milking barn, horse barn and machine shops of John J. Roberts Sunshine dairy on the South River Road burned to their concrete foundations late Monday and early this morning.

The fire, believed to have started by a short circuit in cooling equipment, was first noted at 9:15 after the 70 cows had been milked and turned out again to pasture. No livestock was lost, but all the milk wagons and modern dairy equipment went up or melted down in the blaze as Salem city firemen and dairy employees fought until dawn to save the residence buildings.

Late Monday afternoon the residence on route four, across from Indian Hill farm, occupied by Mrs. E. L. Hamilton and owned by Mrs. Eva Hogan of Lyons burned to the ground with loss of everything except furnishings from downstairs rooms. City firemen went but found only a shell of the building standing and a shortage of water to fight the blaze.

OPA Advises 'No Pleasure Driving'

PORTLAND, June 7-(AP)—Oregon motorists were advised by the district OPA Monday to cease all pleasure driving. "No one has a moral right to do any pleasure driving at all," said McDannell Brown, chief enforcement attorney for the agency.

The family driving allowance of 90 miles a month was not intended for pleasure trips, he said, but for such necessary purposes as visiting the doctor and shopping. Brown said that ration boards will be notified when cars with B or C stickers are found at fishing stream or summer resorts.

Man Is Honored

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 7-(AP)—Aviation ordnance man V. N. Collins, from Central Point, Ore., was named honor man of a class of 35 bluejackets graduated Monday by the aerial free gunnery training school at the naval air station here. Collins topped the class with a high mark of 91.2.

Axis Fears Attack Through Spain

Italian Morale Shaky

Berlin Exhorts Ally To 'Stand Up Under Enemy Bombing'

LONDON, June 7-(AP)—The axis was at pains Monday to suggest that Spain might be the path of allied invasion of Europe, dispatches from both Berlin and Rome taking that line.

The allied leaders drew enemy nerves yet tauter by the bland mask thrown over their plans, and the best available information dedicated that confusion was spreading in Italy.

One of the most interesting circumstances was the fact that the Germans—who so far as could be seen here were doing nothing to reinforce their Italian partner—seemed to be doing nothing to discourage the belief that Italy was reeling.

The organ of Reichsmarshal Goering, the Essener National Zeitung, proclaimed: "The Italian war department Monday night announced the return from overseas of Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff."

No details were given, but Marshall was reported to have accompanied Prime Minister Winston Churchill to North Africa for an on-the-spot review of plans to carry the war to the European continent.

lans must stand up under bombings; they have to do it to win the war or they can't exist."

From Stockholm, the Associated Press correspondent remarked that acknowledgement of Italy's shaky position was being accompanied by an apparent attempt to divert attention in the direction of Spain, and it was recalled that accusations that the allies were about to attack this or that country have often been used by the axis to cover up a planned attack of their own.

Neutral observers traveling recently in Germany said in Stockholm that responsible Germans had readily conceded their belief Italy was in a bad way and that some had even predicted the Italians would be unable to last another two months.

Here in London where Prime Minister Churchill's round of war conferences was continuing and the time and place of the next major allied moves remained shrouded in secrecy, the British seemed agreed on two points:

That detailed orders have now been given to the commanders who will carry them out, and that the nature of those orders will be known only when the guns open up.

Anti-Strike Bill Whetted

WASHINGTON, June 7-(AP)—A joint conference committee sharpens Monday the teeth of an anti-strike bill designed to prevent a recurrence of the walkout in the coal fields but postponed a final decision on some of its provisions until tomorrow.

Members said the conferees agreed to write into it a section which would provide a fine and imprisonment for any person inciting a strike in a government-operated war plant or mine additional language which would make such penalties apply to anyone who agreed with another person to aid a strike which interfered with production.

Ambassador To Russia Gets Riled Over Visiting Diplomatic 'Firemen'

By EDDY GILMORE
NEW YORK, June 7-(AP)—The United States ambassador to the Soviet Union—Admiral William H. Standley—was planning no immediate resignation when I told him goodbye on a Russian airport a few days ago, but he probably will not go through another winter. This is not because of the chilling blasts of Moscow and Kuzbyshev but because of a little frigid diplomatic air which breezes in from time to time from his own country. As the admiral (for most of those who know this distinguished man of the navy call him that) said recently: "You know, I don't feel that I'm trying to make my career, I

Illinois Mines Okeh \$1.50 Pay Boost

Reds Smash New Nazi Feeler Thrusts

Axis Base Raided

Heavy Air Action Marks Resumption Of Soviet Battle

LONDON, Tuesday, June 8 (AP)—Strong German feeler thrusts into Soviet lines were smashed back Monday on three main sectors, the Russians reported early today, but the main action on the long front still appeared to be in the air, with red army and German aircraft trading especially heavy blows Sunday night.

Soviet bombers smashed at the nazi-held railway junction of Uniecha in the Orel district, pounding ammunition, fuel and arms dumps and concentrations of enemy trains moving troops up to the front, a Moscow broadcast declared.

"Many fires broke out and heavy explosions were observed," said the broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press. It reported only one Russian plane lost.

The radio declared 12 German planes were shot down out of a force of about 100 that struck at Gorki, industrial center on the Volga some 250 miles east of Moscow.

The Germans declared the raid was the third successive night attack on Gorki, and that their planes set huge fires with 500 tons of explosives and 100,000 incendiaries. The Russians said bombs hit in residential areas, causing damage and casualties, while the Germans reported widespread (Turn to Page 2—Story 1)

Wonder How He Got the Idea??

LONDON, June 7-(AP)—An American soldier—presumably the son of the man who bought the Brooklyn bridge—purchased a London barrage balloon for \$180, Scotland Yard reported Monday night.

The soldier told police that a man came up while he was walking through Hyde Park and said "Would you like to take a barrage balloon home as a souvenir of war?"

"How much," asked the soldier, thinking of the folks back home.

"One hundred and eighty dollars, cash."

"How soon can it be packed and ready?"

"Call back in an hour."

The soldier is trying to identify the salesman from Scotland Yard photograph files.

Air Arm Lashes Italy

Island Outposts Take Severe Pounding

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 7-(AP)—Tearing apart the axis air opposition at the rate of 19 enemy planes destroyed to one allied craft lost, thundering squadrons of allied bombers and fighter-bombers held the Italian islands and Italy herself under almost unbroken attack over the weekend.

Communiques issued Monday here and in Cairo briefly told a story of shattering assaults all along the Italian Mediterranean island defenses, against both sides of the Messina Strait of Mussolini's homeland.

Allied planes sweeping out from North Africa and the middle east threw their greatest raids against the long-punished island of Pantelleria, but Sicily and the mainland supply ports of Messina, San Giovanni and Reggio Calabria also were hard hit.

The allies threw in virtually every sort of plane in the great force built up along the shores of Africa—Wellingtons, Fortresses, Liberators, Baltimores, Bostons, Marauders, Mitchells, P-40s, Spitfires.

They again met considerable German fighter strength, particularly over Pantelleria, but they smashed through every enemy formation downing an aggregate of 16 fighters, two bombers and one transport at the cost of a single allied plane lost over Pantelleria.

The biggest single blow dealt the enemy's fighter strength was struck by 50 Liberators of the middle east command which went over to pound Messina, Reggio Calabria and San Giovanni. They destroyed at least eight axis planes, and in all probability three more, of an enemy force of about 30.

None of the 80 American raiders was lost. Pantelleria was hit first by heavy bombers and then by medium and fighter-bombers, eight enemy fighters being shot down.

At Messina, the railroad yards were sprayed with bombs, and explosives fell also in the vicinity of the power station, naval barracks and oil tanks. Bomb bursts lighted up Reggio Calabria's harbor area. The ferry terminal at San Giovanni was squarely hit.

Free French Name Cabinet

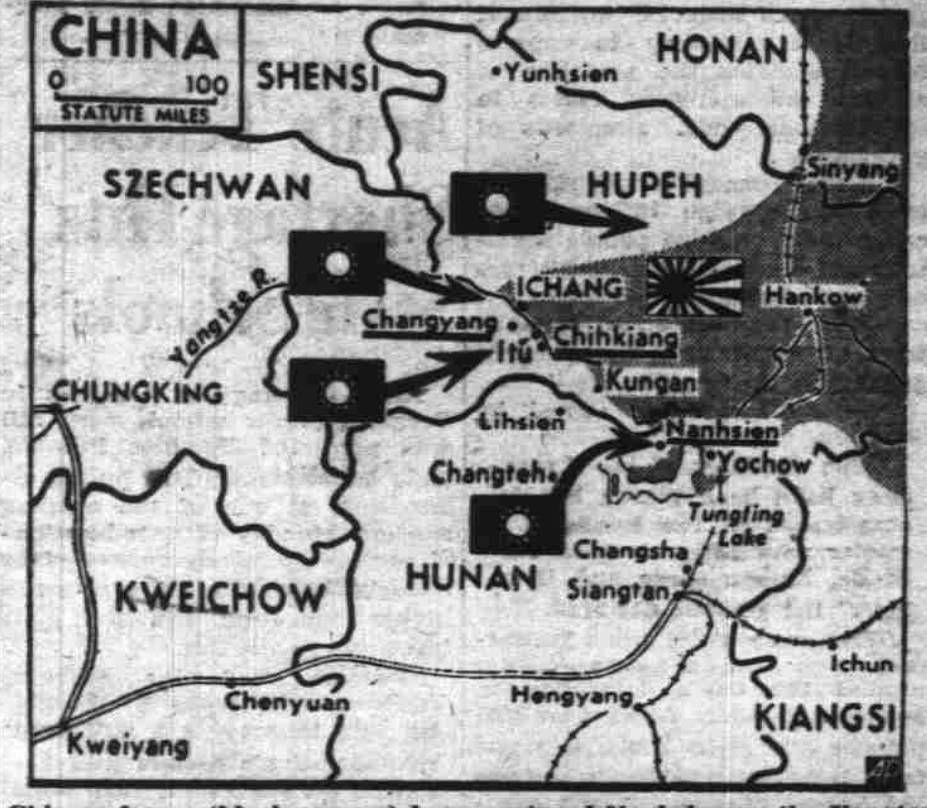
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Chinese Continue Gains



Chinese forces (black arrows) have captured Nanchien on the Yangtze river front and are fighting in the streets of Itu, below the Japanese base at Ichang, the Chinese high command announced June 4. Underlined cities have been recaptured by the Chinese, while shading indicates Japanese salient.—Associated Press Teletext.

Yankee Warplanes Hammer China Japs

CHUNGKING, June 7-(AP)—United States warplanes lashed out at the Japanese all along the upper Yangtze battelfront Sunday in support of heartened Chinese troops who continued to hurl the enemy back in one of his biggest defeats in China.

The Chinese high command said more than 1000 Japanese fleeing in all directions from Itu, Yangtze port 18 miles below Ichang, were killed or wounded Sunday in a mopping operation at that place, and that a number of strategic points were seized in the area south of the Yangtze between Ichang and Shashi.

The Chinese continued toward the river all night along the line in southern Hupoh and northern Hunan provinces and reported more than 200 of the enemy killed; Japanese communications cut and garrisons raided.

The Chinese central news said the American air force was giving strong support to this drive, covering many key Japanese positions around the town with explosives Sunday.

Fighters of the 14th US air force of Major Gen. Claire L. Chennault swept the 70-mile stretch of the Yangtze between Ichang and Shashi on Sunday, strafing Japanese retreating in junks and other small craft.

Mitchell bombers and Warhawk fighters scored hits on runways and revetments in an attack on Paikou, a Japanese air force headquarters 140 miles down river from Ichang, and the Warhawks hit a second airdrome at Shashi, destroying a plane, a truck and an operations shack.

The Warhawks smashed more than 15 trucks and shot up barracks and shelters in a surprise attack on a motor pool at Tangyang, dive-bomber a bridge near Fuchi, and destroyed two locomotives between Fuchi and Yochow.

The United States communique said no American planes were lost.

Court Decides Mail Address Obeys Draft

WASHINGTON, June 7-(AP)—The supreme court ruled Monday that a draft registrant satisfies the requirement of keeping his draft board informed of his whereabouts when he provides a chain of forwarding addresses through which he can reasonably expect to receive an induction notice in time to report for service.

The 7-2 decision, delivered by Justice Reed, upped the conviction of Homer Lester Bartley, Houston, Tex., on a charge that he knowingly failed to keep his draft board advised of the address where mail would reach him.

Bartley, who joined the merchant marine while his induction was imminent, contended that he had told his draft board that an induction notice sent to the National Maritime union in Houston would reach him. He later went to New York, and, he said, told the union office there that he was expecting a letter from the board.

In another case affecting military service, the court held that legislation providing postponement of civil suits involving soldiers or sailors should be "liberally construed," but that it does not apply to a soldier stationed in Washington when the evidence indicates he has not sought a leave from service to defend himself in the court.

Kiska Hit By Heavy Bombing

Liberators, Venturas Brave Thick Fog to Blast Jap Base

WASHINGTON, June 7-(AP)—American pilots, flying through perpetual fogs of the Aleutians, have pounded the Japanese on Kiska again with their heavy bombers, the navy announced Monday.

Big army Liberators and the new and highly effective Ventura medium bombers joined in the attack. Not even anti-aircraft opposition was reported.

"Due to a heavy overcast results of the attack could not be observed," the navy's communique said. However, it could be assumed that a large portion of the heavy bombs found their marks, continuing the campaign to weaken the enemy positions on Kiska and ultimately to force the Japanese out of that major base.

Renewed aerial assaults in the South Pacific also were reported, including another raid on Munda which has been bombed countless times by American planes.

Dauntless dive bombers, Avenger torpedo planes and Wildcat fighter escorts took part in the raid on Munda, an enemy base on New Georgia island in the central Solomons. Results were not observed, but all American planes returned safely to their base.

Another group of fighter planes flew out to strafe Japanese on Choiseul island just north of the New Georgia group. Fire from the Lightning and Warhawk fighters silenced enemy gun emplacements on Choiseul, and all planes returned.

Olson Seen As New Head Of Legion

Unless other nominations are made at the next meeting, John Olson, who is first vice commander of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, will succeed Ira Pilcher as commander. Olson's name was the only one offered for this office at Monday night's meeting. The election will be held at the first July meeting.

Mem Pearce, adjutant for several years, declined to seek reelection. Ralph Campbell was the lone nominee for that office.

Nominees for first vice president were B. E. "Kelly" Owen and Stanley Krueger; for second vice-commander, Rex Kimmel and J. N. Bacon; for finance officer, Harry Caldwell; for chaplain, C. V. Richardson, incumbent; for sergeant-at-arms, Paul Gemmill; for historian, Irl S. McSherry, incumbent; for quartermaster, E. M. Phillips.

Nominees for places on the executive committee were E. J. Seel (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Committee Drafts Budget For Hearing On July 6

A city budget remade for the third time last night, goes to public hearing Tuesday night, July 6. Adopted, it would require the total possible levy of \$379,644.95 or \$20,000 more than this year.

By deleting the unusually large emergency fund left by the special tailoring committee, members of the citizens' budget committee Monday night managed to give an added \$10 boost to five groups of city employees, put back into the budget funds to retain a city building inspection department as such, but cut appropriations in the engineer's office by the amount of the salary proposed for his deputy.

Refuting the special committee's suggestion that the sanitary in-

Capital Group Fights

Southern Appalachian Operators Ask WLB To Take Deadlock

WASHINGTON, June 7-(AP)—The Illinois section of the soft coal industry agreed Monday to give John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers "an increase of \$1.50 a day. An Illinois union leader immediately hailed this as setting the pattern for the rest of the industry, but a representative of operators in Washington bargaining negotiations, conducted separately from those in Illinois, said any agreement there "certainly will not bind us."

At the same time Secretary Ickes estimated that last week's idleness in the mines cost 11,000,000 tons of coal, and called on Lewis to seek an end to scattered strikes which remained in effect today as most of the 500,000 miners went back to the pits under a two-week truce.

The Illinois operators offered to make the \$1.50 increase retroactive to April 1. While the miners originally demanded \$2 a day in-

crease in this and other fields, Lewis said last week that the mine workers had offered—and the Appalachian and southern operators rejected—a compromise on a temporary basis of \$1.50 while a commission considered the miners' demands for underground travel pay. The Illinois offer was accepted as the basis of negotiations by Ray Edmundson, state UMW president, who said at Chicago that the Illinois operators have coal interests in eight other states, covered by the Washington negotiations.

"These (Illinois) negotiations should serve as somewhat of a pattern for the rest of the industry," Edmundson observed.

But Harry Moses, an official of United States Steel corp. mining companies, said the Illinois bar-(Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Grange Urges Extension of Mail Ballots

EUGENE, June 7-(AP)—Extension of the absentee ballot system to permit all registered voters to cast their ballots by mail was advocated by Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State Grange, at the opening session of its 70th annual convention today.

The plan whereby each voter would receive his ballot through the mail some days prior to the election date would allow a greater percentage of the people to exercise their franchise, Tompkins asserted.

In line with the streamlined program, Tompkins read only a condensed version of his address. Copies of the full speech were distributed to the 217 voting delegates present.

The grange master also urged establishment of a world court and adoption of a party program adaptable to all agricultural commodities to insure producers 100 per cent parity of income including labor costs. He endorsed public power projects and condemned monopolies and pollution of the Willamette river.