

Allies Pound Europe Coast Night & Day

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Include mass dive-bombing at low level with little interference, were of a significance that could not be mistaken.

Since May day dawn American and allied airmen have blasted more than 35 rail junctions and other key targets supplying the German Atlantic wall barricades just across the channel, and roared inland past the old Maginot fortifications along the German border.

During the night the RAF in Britain arose in eight sections, attacking as many targets which were:

Enemy vehicle plant at Lyon, France; an airplane repair plant at Tours; an airplane factory and explosive works at Toulouse; signal equipment depot at Chambly near Paris; the Belgian rail centers of Stamsghisla and Mechelen (Machines); and installations at the German chemical center of Ludwigshafen in the upper Rhineland.

Mediterranean command bombers hurled loads of bursting steel on Livorno, Alessandria, La Spezia and Genoa in Italy.

Then by daylight 500 American Liberators and fighters from Britain flew across a foggy channel and unloaded a powerful freight of explosives on the Pas-de-Calais area nearest Britain's shores, and all returned safely.

Thunderbolt fighter-bombers and fighters—the terrible twins of the tactical air force—hit the French rail junctions of Le Mans, 120 miles southwest of Paris, and Tergnier, between St. Quentin and Soissons in northern France. They and their supporting Mustangs, which bombed an airdrome

near the Belgian-Dutch border, also struck at the rail center of Aulnoye near the Belgian-French frontier.

Namur in Belgium, Busigny, Valenciennes and the industrial village of Blanc-Misseron in northern France also were attacked in this remorseless campaign, and British Mitchell bombers and Spitfires hit other rail targets in the spiderweb serving the Nazi anti-invasion defenses on the coast.

All afternoon big American formations still were crossing the channel. Marauder bombers among them. The air was filled with the throb of their motors and occasional shafts of sunlight glistened on their bomb-filled stomachs.

Church Argues Heatedly Over War Support

KANSAS CITY, May 2—(P)—Methodists argued hotly today over whether the church should change its position of 1940 when it voted that it would "not officially endorse, support or participate in war."

The arguments, which are not expected to end until the 762 delegates of the general conference vote on the subject Thursday or Friday started in a committee meeting after Dr. Albert E. Day, Pasadena, Calif., brought in a majority report of a sub-committee that the church should reaffirm its 1940 stand.

Dr. Day insisted that the church should be used strictly in the "promulgation of peace," while granting the rights of individuals to act as they see fit.

This statement set off the debate: "Many Methodists in loyalty to conscience are in the armed and auxiliary services; others in equal loyalty to conscience are in civilian public service camps or in prisons. . . . this church should honor conscientious decision whether it leads to participation in or abstention from war, we send our greetings and love to them all."

Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N.J., lawyer, came forward with a minority report which called for a determined stand to support the war. It held that "God himself has a stake in this struggle," and that the church must "assert the necessity of the use of military forces to resist an aggression which would overthrow every right which is held sacred by civilized men."

Preparations Made For Census Takers

PORTLAND, May 2—(P)—Preparations were made today by sample census takers of the Portland-Vancouver area, to interview occupants of every 23rd house as they finished counting homes. Trailer houses, institutions and military installations are still uncounted.

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Japs Attack In Palel Area Near Imphal

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three-day attack on an allied road block 65 miles southwest of Meikong.

It was the enemy's fourth costly try at wiping out the "Chindit" force that cut the Mandalay-Meikong railroad—a main Japanese supply line between northern and southern Burma—at a point near Mawla. Col. Philip Cochran's air force again played a big part in repelling the enemy's headlong charges against allied entanglements.

A British officer compared the block to Japanese communications in Burma as "an irritating hair shirt which the Japanese are trying hard to remove." Thus far, he said, casualties had been at least 10 to 1 in favor of the allies, who have been strongly reinforced since their original landings over two months ago.

Red Bombers Pound Lwow

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tug, and in addition a direct hit severely damaged an 800-ton transport, Moscow said.

On the land front minor engagements were fought south of Tiraspol along the lower Dniestr river where the Russians have established bridgeheads on the west bank. Four hundred axis troops were slain in that area, and a German counter-attack south-east of Stanislavov in former Poland was declared beaten off.

Thirteen German planes were shot down during the day. On all sectors during Monday's fighting Russian forces destroyed 20 German tanks and 36 planes, the communists said. Berlin reported Russian attacks at the extreme northern and southern ends of the long eastern front, in the Murmansk sector above the Arctic circle and around besieged Sevastopol in the Crimea. Other red army attacks were declared repulsed southwest of Kovel and between the Dniestr river and the Carpathian mountains in Poland, and north of Iasi in Romania.

OSC Coeds Gain All Publication Posts

CORVALLIS, May 2—(P)—For the first time, coeds will hold all key posts on Oregon State college student publications. Pat Glen, Roseburg, new editor of the Barometer, is the first woman selected to head the newspaper in its 49-year history. Georgia Gray, Seaside, will be business manager. Marion Keizer, Corvallis, will edit the Beaver, college yearbook, with Violet McKee, Amity, as business manager.

Aumville Seniors Have Frolic at Coast

AUMVILLE—The senior class of the high school went to Ocean Lake for the annual picnic leave Friday. The principal of the school, R. E. Hough, accompanied the class.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

To the distress of the Oregon Voter, Seattle municipally-owned utilities have done a teeter-totter rearrangement of rates. The cost of electricity has gone down as far as the consumer is concerned, while the price of water has risen. It's the big city complex, Mr. Chapman. If Seattle is going to be dirty it wants to be powerfully dirty.

Nazis Predict Three Prong Allied Drive

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Another commentator said that "Strong attacks in the south can also be reckoned with."

Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, a commentator for the Germans' trans-ocean agency, chimed in with "It won't be long now."

"Since Casablanca," he said, "it has been the plan of the Anglo-American general staffs to tackle the war in Europe first. On account of allied setbacks in the Pacific theater it can be assumed this Europe-first plan will now be pursued with even greater determination. For this reason the invasion of western Europe will not be long now."

LA Gen. Kurt Dittmar, another Nazi radio commentator, said tonight that the allies had certain advantages, "wide traffic lanes of the sea offering many chances to spring surprises, the firepower of a superior fleet and superior air forces."

However, he insisted that any of Eisenhower's plans for encircling operations were fraught with difficulties and hazards and added that "It is obvious that the opponent aiming at invasion is well aware of all these difficulties."

Dittmar said the allies "doubtless will also attempt to achieve encirclement by air, although three-dimensional operations depend on many uncontrollable factors," and asserted that "There is no substitute for encircling operations on land."

First Marines Locate At Corvallis Base

CORVALLIS, May 2—(P)—The first contingent of marines has been established at the Corvallis army air base field. Two trainloads of marines made up the first group, and it is expected about 1500 men will eventually occupy the field, formerly under control of the army air corps.

Allies Smash 20 Jap Boats

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of ground forces in the south Pacific. Some 200 Japanese were observed in three groups and reconnaissance showed the enemy had constructed many new bridges.

Eleven of the barges destroyed by the patrol torpedo boats near Wewak were "laden with troops and supplies." Six others were destroyed or damaged near there by planes. The other three were hit by the "Petties" in the Aitape area. Aitape, captured recently by invasion forces, is 150 miles south-east of Hollandia and 90 miles northwest of Wewak.

Senate to Call Avery, Biddle

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ence to the use of troops.

CHICAGO, May 2—(P)—President Roosevelt's legal authority to order seizure of Montgomery Ward and Company's Chicago plants came under direct attack in federal court today.

Harold Smith, counsel for the vast merchandising and mail order concern, challenged the constitutionality of the White House action, and pleaded for judicial determination of "just how far the executive can reach with this dreadful and terrible power."

He assailed—and Attorney General Francis Biddle defended—the procedure of the government in taking possession of the facilities last Wednesday after Sewell Avery, chief executive officer of the company, had refused to accede to directives of the president and the war labor board to extend an expired contract with a CIO union.

They concluded arguments be-

fore Judge William H. Holly, who announced he would hand down a decision Monday in a case watched throughout the nation as a test of the wartime power of the president.

Churchill Tells Victory Plans

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American strategic responsibility, and we are deeply grateful for the aid of the American people."

Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand said that "there are in the Pacific no problems that cannot be solved by goodwill and cooperation."

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada pictured the Canadian government as being "as anxious as the prime minister of Great Britain and his colleagues to display to the world the solidarity of the commonwealth and the loyalty to the cause for which we fight, and in seeking solution to its many problems."

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Hill, Pepper Gain Leads

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ferred an opportunity to send a Byrd-for-president delegation to the democratic national convention.

Eighteen of the 49 delegate candidates in the primary were pledged to the Virginia senator, although without his authorization. Before the primary, some southern politicians said the success or failure of this group might determine whether vigorous efforts would be made to organize a southern "third party" opposed to a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

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Navy Pounds Truk in Three Day Attack

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were shot out of the skies in combat. Another 60 were caught on the ground and destroyed by bombing or strafing.

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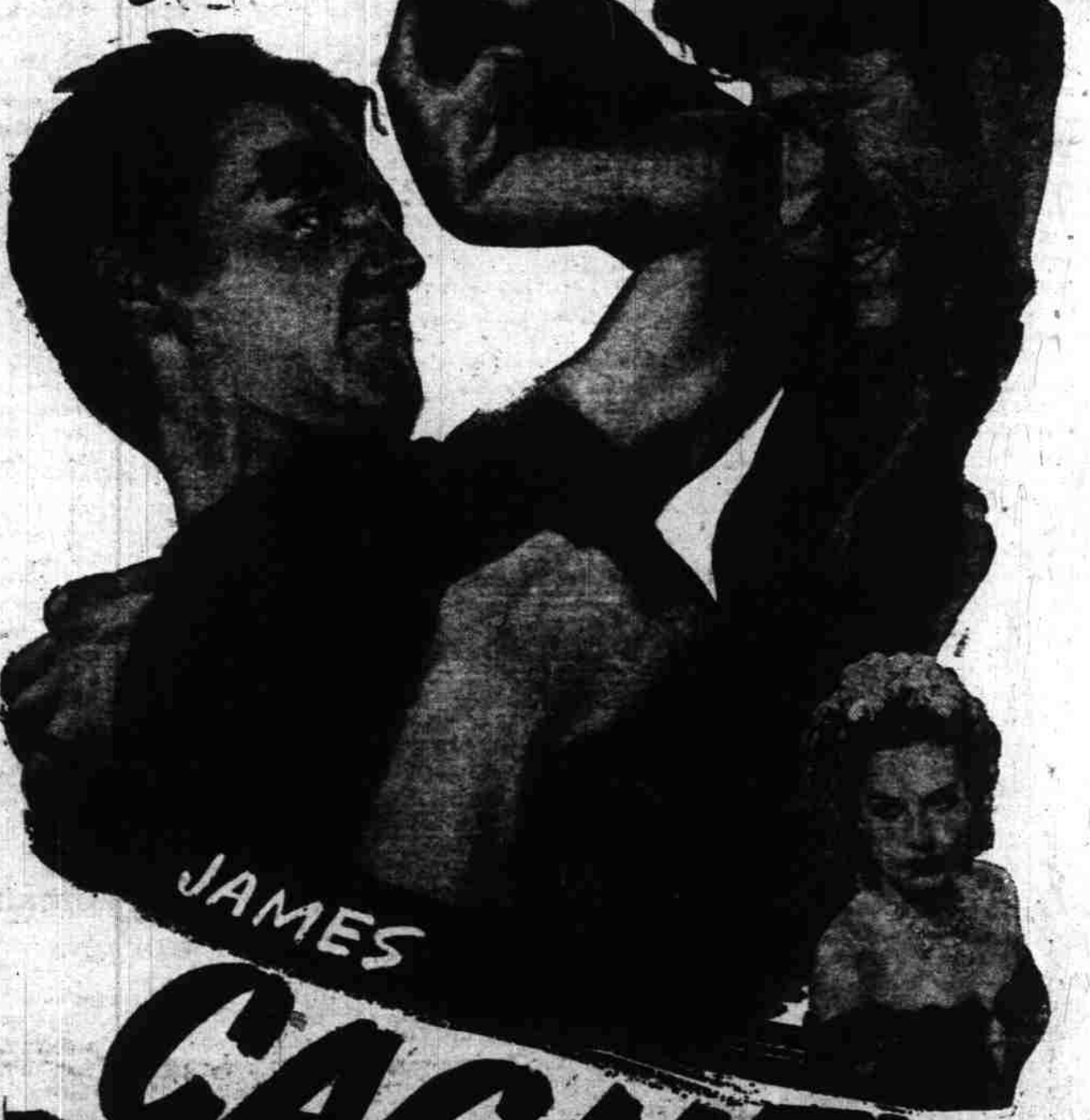
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