

By Charles A. Sprague

John L. Lewis with a flourish of invective has withdrawn his application for readmission of the United Mine Workers to the American Federation of Labor.

The ostensible stumbling blocks were district 50, the free lance union of UMW, which seeks to organize most everything loose from dairy farmers to makers of cosmetics and chemicals, and the objections of the AFL miners union.

Lewis and daughter Katherine wanted no hobbles put on it. Then the AFL Progressive Miners union which has some membership in Illinois and which has carried on a bloody feud with UMW for years, holds an exclusive "franchise" for organizing coal miners.

Lewis was correct in complaining over the non-action of the executive council which held his application for a year. The council, he said, "constantly muttered and mumbled and indulged in fearsome incantations (continue on editorial page)

Nazis Launch Strong Assault Against Soviets

LONDON, May 11.—(AP)—The Germans launched a strong assault today against the soviet bridgehead northward of Tiraspol on the long-quiet lower Dnepr river front in Bessarabia, both Moscow and Berlin announced, but the Russians said the attack was repulsed with heavy losses while the German command claimed the soviet holdings were wiped out.

Elsewhere on the long Russian front the full continued. "During May 11 on the bridgehead on the right bank of the Dnepr river northwest of Tiraspol, our troops repulsed attacks by large forces of enemy infantry and tanks and inflicted on them heavy losses in men and materials," said the soviet midnight communique, broadcast from Moscow.

The German high command, placing the action in the same area, about 65 miles northwest of Odessa, said: "At the lower Dnepr our divisions, effectively supported by German and Romanian battle planes, broke through the enemy bridgehead position on the western bank of the river; they penetrated deeply into the enemy artillery positions and mopped up the entire bridgehead. The soviets suffered heavy casualties and lost more than 500 prisoners, 163 guns and trench mortars as well as other weapons."

Civil Affairs Rulers Ready For Invasion

SOMEWHERE IN BRITAIN, May 11.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower unveiled today an organization all set to march into Germany beside the conquering troops and rule villages, cities and the whole reich with a military iron hand.

Correspondents were given a look at the training center of these military rulers, while across the channel the Germans disposed their forces and continued their endless guessing of when and where the allied commander would strike.

Japs Gain Control Of Chinese Railway

Situation Becoming Serious As Invaders Advance Fast; Only 6 Miles From Loyang

CHUNGKING, Friday, May 12.—(AP)—The Japanese invaders of Honan province have won control of the entire length of the important Peiping-Hankow railway and, in swift gains over a wide area, have trapped several groups of Chinese troops, the Chinese command acknowledged today.

Strong Japanese forces fighting up the Peiping-Hankow railway from the enemy base at Sinyang joined forces at Chumation with a column striking down the railway from the vicinity of Chengshien. The two forces met on May 9, just 21 days after the opening of the big offensive, a Chinese communique announced.

A map accompanying the bulletin showed pockets of Chinese resistance behind the Japanese lines, and it was indicated the defenders had little hope of fighting their way out.

Chinese airmen supporting ground operations caused considerable damage to the Japanese in a series of bombing raids, however, the high command said. The fliers destroyed more than 30 vehicles and left six afire in strafing convoys; destroyed three armored cars northeast of Iyang and blew up Japanese artillery near Kwan-tsin. It was announced in a supplementary communique.

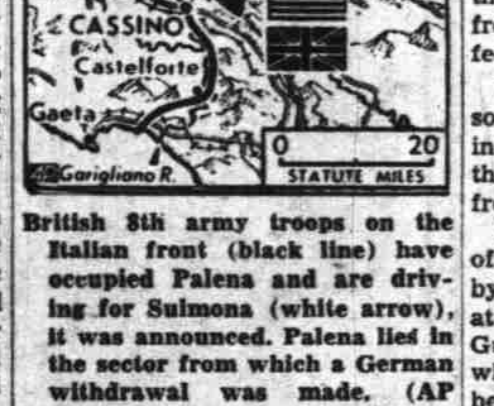
Many Japanese cavalrymen were killed by strafing west of Tengfeng and losses among advance Japanese units near Hsieh-shikwan were heavy, the bulletin said. Seven enemy launches were declared bombed by the Chinese airmen, who shot down six and probably destroyed two other Japanese planes in a series of dog-fights. The high command reported that all Chinese planes returned.

The Japanese were rolling ahead rapidly on many sectors of the large front and appeared to be forcing the Chinese to fight at widespread points in order to prevent them from amassing sufficient strength to check the infinitely better-equipped invaders.

Japanese troops advancing northwestward on ancient Loyang (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Push On

ITALY



British 8th army troops on the Italian front (black line) have occupied Salerno and are driving for Salerno (white arrow). It was announced, Salerno lies in the sector from which a German withdrawal was made. (AP Wirephoto)

Big Guns Duel On Italy Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 11.—(AP)—Heavy mortar and artillery assault on allied positions in the Cassino area and an exceptionally concentrated artillery barrage against the central sector of the allied beachhead perimeter were announced today by allied headquarters.

The Germans sent single planes over the allied positions in the Cassino area to strafe forward positions, but they caused no damage, headquarters announced in its daily communique.

Von Rundstedt Inspects



The caption accompanying this German photo, supplied by a Swedish agency, says it shows German Field Marshal von Rundstedt (left) inspecting invasion defenses on the French Mediterranean coast. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Stockholm)

Maternity Wing Planned For General Hospital

A new maternity building, with 50-bed capacity, will be Salem General hospital's portion of the city's postwar construction projects, Manager William Gahlsdorf revealed Thursday on the eve of National Hospital day.

A three-story structure, well-equipped, separate from the main hospital building but connected with it by a covered passageway, actual architectural plans for the building have not been completed, Gahlsdorf said.

Financing will be handled by the hospital's trustees and opportunity also will be given to the public to create memorial by furnishing and equipping rooms, in this latter project working with the women's auxiliary. Some of the equipment have already been promised.

The well-equipped maternity department has been on the agenda of "things hoped for" since the organization of the hospital and the board 10 years ago, Gahlsdorf told the auxiliary at its Thursday morning meeting.

There has been a regular increase in the number of births at Salem General hospital over the past 12-year period, a report presented Thursday shows. There were 132 births in 1932. In 1943 there were 508, and during the 12 years a total of 3760.

The customary Hospital day open house has been canceled this year because of crowded conditions, Gahlsdorf said.

Adair Inspected By Gen. Marshall

*Now it can be told. Since Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, has returned to Washington, D.C., following an inspection tour in the west, the fact that he was a visitor at Camp Adair late last week may be made public, Adair was only one of many military and industrial centers inspected by Marshall on the 10-day tour.

Nazi Rail Lines Absorb Heaviest Assault of War

4000 Allied Warplanes Drop 7000 Bomb Tons; RAF Roars Out Last Night in Follow-up

LONDON, Friday, May 12.—(AP)—The nazis' anti-invasion transportation network was given its most devastating pounding of the war yesterday by 4000 allied warplanes which dropped 7000 tons of bombs, and early today RAF night raiders carried the offensive into its 28th consecutive day with a new attack on the coast of northern France.

The seaside town of Folkestone, on England's channel shore, reverberated from the shock of the high explosives blasting targets in the darkness across the strait of Dover.

The raid lasted only a short time, starting soon after a great force of heavy bombers roared across to the continent, and appeared to be concentrated in the vicinity of the port of Boulogne. But while it lasted the ground around Folkestone trembled and windows and dishes rattled.

The daylight raids by American and British formations made up of all types of bombers and fighters mauled 19 different nazi rail centers as well as other targets. The attackers encountered little fighter opposition and varying degrees of anti-aircraft fire.

The US strategic air forces, announcing the results of assaults on 11 German-used railway yards in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and western Germany by the Eighth air force, (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Dewey Voices His Opposition To Poll Taxes

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York voiced his opposition to poll taxes today but Walter White, secretary of the National association for the advancement of colored people, promptly declared the republican governor's statement "is not enough."

Replying to a telegram from White, who asked Dewey to help break a threatened senate filibuster against a long-pending anti-poll tax bill, the New York governor said in part: "I have always fought against the poll tax and every other device to deprive free people of their votes."

White quickly telegraphed in reply: "To say that one is against the poll tax but refrain from advocating specific steps to abolish it is not enough."

White, in asking Dewey's aid, had spoken of the governor's "strategic position" in republican party affairs, an obvious reference to the fact that the New Yorker has a long lead in pledged delegates for the GOP presidential nomination. In his reply to Dewey's wife White said the statement "leaves unanswered the two most important questions connected with the issue: "Do you favor the federal bill now before the senate to abolish the poll tax?" "Do you favor cloture?"

He asked Dewey to "urge upon the 23 republican senators who virtually hold the fate of the bill in their hands that they vote next Monday for cloture."

US Casualties Pass 200,000 In Total Mark

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—American war casualties passed the 200,000-mark this week as the addition of 3613 names brought the total since the war began to 201,454.

The additions compared with 5005 casualties recorded in the previous week. The new figures added 722 to the army's list of dead, raising it to 27,297, and 229 to the navy's bringing it to 19,221.

Slavs Defeat Nazi Offense

LONDON, May 11.—(AP)—A strong German general offensive that developed throughout Yugoslavia in recent weeks has been defeated in most sectors by the partisan armies of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito), a Yugoslav war bulletin said today, declaring 40,000 Bulgarian troops had joined the axis in fierce fighting at the Yugoslav-Bulgarian border.

With the failure of their widespread assaults, the nazis now "are applying on all sectors a strategy of surprise attacks with the intention of plundering and wiping out the population," said the communique broadcast from Tito's headquarters. It asserted that Mihailovic Chetniks, dressed in German uniforms and "serving the occupiers as lackeys," are participating.

Only One Local Point Up For Lebanon Vote

LEBANON, May 11.—(Special)—The only local question to be voted on in Lebanon at the primary election, May 19, is one that has twice been rejected—the question of "whether city employees shall continue to be elected or whether they shall be appointed by the council."

Positions now filled by election are, besides the six members of the council, recorder, marshal, night police officer, treasurer, street commissioner, engineer and health officer.

All Men Over 30 Get Blanket Draft Deferment For Present

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—A blanket draft deferment for "an indefinite period" was ordered tonight for all men 30 and over in essential industry, and "necessary" men of 26 through 29 were promised civilian status "for the time being."

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, told a news conference he hoped "for the time being" would mean six months. "Indefinitely," as applied to registrants 30 and over might mean six months or longer, he said.

Farmers Asked to Speed Data on Dairy Sales

CORVALLIS, May 11.—(AP)—County AAA committees asked farmers today to speed submission of evidence of dairy sales in March and April so payments for feed for milk and butterfat production can be made before the June 30 deadline.

From October, 1943 through March 1944, payments to Oregon dairy farmers totaled \$1,136,002, said R. B. Taylor, state AAA chairman. They covered production of 217,697,300 pounds of whole milk, 3,008,608 pounds of butterfat.