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# ESSEN TARGET FOR 1,036 BOMBERS

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 2—Inside congress a demand is arising for a single-headed handling of gas rationing and rubber, just as strong as the movement which forced consolidation of war production under Donald Nelson with such excellent results.



Threatened all through the Truman committee report are statements attributing our tire, and hence our gas, rationing confusion to the division of authority among many government bureaus. Other mistakes are mentioned in connection with failures in every phase of the problem (stock pile, synthetic rubber, etc.).

Bickering has resulted between Jesse Jones, the war production board, Henderson, war department, Ickes and everyone else who has had anything to do with our prime civilian problem. But in every case, the committee goes back to division of authority as the root cause.

OF our failure to accumulate rubber stock pile, the committee says there was division of authority between OFM, Rubber Reserve Corp., the RFC subsidiary, and others, adding: "It is possible that had complete authority and responsibility been centered in the hands of a single agency, the failure might have been avoided."

Concerning the inadequacy of our synthetic rubber planning, it mentions the conflict between the old Stettinius advisory committee and the Reconstruction Finance corporation as causing "great difficulty in obtaining a decision."

Of the whole mess today, it concludes: "At the present time it appears the principal difficulties probably result from a lack of centralized and sole responsibility."

WHILE the more spectacular clash of personalities involved in the committee's generous distribution of blame has been drawing most of the popular attention, this correctable cause of the whole existing

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### TO SIGN LEND-LEASE

Washington, June 2—(AP)—The White House announced that a lend-lease agreement with China will be signed today at the state department.

### Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)  
Tonight: CBS—6:30, Report to the Nation, Paul V. McNutt; 7:30, Clare Booth on China relief.  
Blu—6:30, This Nation at War.

### SIDE GLANCES

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A. Z. "Tubby" Dean in conference on a busy thoroughfare.

Wait Reinking of the city police trying to help out on a percentage problem and offering to get the right answer at the bank.

J. Ralph Woodford pointing with pride to the new table top in the city's office.

George Davis liking the fire-hall food so well he kept busy long after everyone else was through eating.

George Hunt, Jr., reversing the old saying about dog bite man, when he bit his Pekingese pup, Puggy.

## ARSENAL CITY IS SECOND TO TAKE HEAVY BLASTING

British Report Loss of 35 Planes in Mass Attack—Widespread Fires Visible.

Folkstone, England, June 2—(AP)—Great forces of RAF planes roared across the channel today in forays which southeast coast observers called one of the biggest daylight operations of the war.

Hour after hour many squadrons headed for various targets in northern France. Planes returning early in the evening created a great din.

(By the Associated Press)  
London, June 2.—The RAF turned the lethal, devastating might of 1,036 RAF planes loose on Germany last night, almost all of them on the region of the Nazi arsenal city of Essen, Prime Minister Churchill announced today.

The second of the crushing raids which the RAF has made against the sources of Adolf Hitler's military strength in three days struck at the home of the huge Krupp munitions works and Churchill promised that more of even greater severity would follow "when we are joined, as we soon shall be, by the air force of the United States."

The Essen raid came after a pause of but one night, when bad weather held the RAF's great bomb-carrying air armada grounded, after the mammoth attack by considerably more than 1,000 British bombers on Cologne.

35 Planes Lost  
Again, British losses were relatively slight for an air offensive of such magnitude. Churchill said 35 bombers had failed to return.

He told the house of commons that the raiders had sown numerous and widespread fires last night and that the two raids introduced "a new phase in the British air offensive against Germany" which will put the enemy to "an ordeal the like of which never has been experienced in any country in continuity, severity or magnitude."

He cautioned the British, however, not to expect all future raids to be "above the four-figure scale" in number of planes adding that "methods of attack will be continually varied according to circumstances."

Path Cleared  
The air ministry's disclosure that aircraft of the bomber, fighter, coastal and army cooperation commands attacked enemy bases in Germany, France and low countries to guard the route of the Essen raiders indicated that the night's operations may have been of a magnitude possibly equalling the startling strength of the Cologne assault.

On a basis of comparison with the Cologne attack, Essen probably was deluged under about 6,000,000 pounds of incendiary and explosive bombs poured down from planes manned by 6,000 fliers.

Canadian fliers, it was announced officially, again were at the controls of some of the giant four-engined Stirlings, Lancasters, Halifaxes and lighter Wellingtons and Hampdens.

## WAR DECLARATION ASKED ON THREE

Washington, June 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to declare war on Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

The chief executive, in a terse message to the house of representatives, said that these three countries had declared war on the United States as "the instruments of Hitler."

## To Avenge U.S.S. Houston



More than 1,000 young Texans, hands upraised, took the navy oath of induction at Houston, Texas, determined to avenge the loss of the cruiser Houston in the Java sea battle. A 60-foot miniature of the ship is in front of them. Most of the recruits were from Houston, the city for which the vessel was named.

## British Force Mops Up Trapped Panzer Corps

Cairo, Egypt, June 2.—(AP)—German armored forces, the cream of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps, which were trapped east of the Ain El Gazala-Bir Hacheim line are "being ceaselessly harried and destroyed" by British troops and planes and are being "mopped up," the British commander announced today.

"Latest reports show the enemy may have withdrawn some of his tanks through the gaps" in the line, a communique said.

(The communique was read in the house of commons today by Prime Minister Churchill, who made it a part of his war report. Churchill said it was clear the plans of Rommel had misfired badly.)

"It is still difficult to give a firm estimate of the number of vehicles and tanks knocked out or disabled," the communique said, but it was said the axis losses had been very great.

One of the most decisive phases, it was disclosed, was when the entire resources of the RAF were thrown into continuous low-level attacks on the Germans attempting to force an escape through the gaps.

## SELECTEES MEET AT ELKS TEMPLE

Medford Elks Lodge has donated use of their basement to the selective service boards for the final meeting of the selectees who have been called for induction, and instead of reporting to the selective service headquarters as they were previously instructed, the men who will leave tomorrow will meet at 3 p. m. in the basement of the Elks temple for their final instructions.

It has been suggested that the boys may bring their parents or members of their family to this meeting if they so desire. That arrangement will make a much better reception center for Medford than the headquarters office, which has been entirely too small.

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## MUNITION CONVOY DOGGED BY NAZIS MAKES RED PORT

Ships Arrive in North Russia After Running Battle of Five Days—Few Lost.

London, June 2.—(AP)—A large united nations convoy carrying American and British war supplies to Russia has reached a north Russian port after a running battle of five days and nights against German U-boats and well over 100 Nazi planes, the British announced today.

With almost constant daylight now in the far north waters, the admiralty said this was the most difficult time of the year to push convoys through that route.

But in spite of such conditions, the British indicated only six or seven allied ships were sunk, calling the German claim of bagging 18 ships an "exaggeration of over 175 per cent."

(The Germans announced last Friday that 17 ships totaling 114,000 tons had been sunk by attacks on the convoy during several days.)

"That our losses were not far higher than they were against this scale of air and underwater attack," the admiralty declared, "was due to the gallant defense and magnificent handling of the heavily laden ships in the convoy no less than to the efforts of the escort."

"The officers and crews of both the convoy and the escorts have the satisfaction of knowing that they have delivered large and important reinforcements to Russia's equipment in her present struggle."

## IDAHO OFFICIALS TRY HAND AT BEET HOEING

Boise, Idaho, June 2.—(AP)—Gov. Chase A. Clark, his staff, other state officials and businessmen hoed sugar beets in southern Idaho today.

They joined farmers and hundreds of white-collar workers already in the fields in efforts to alleviate an emergency farm labor shortage.

## FIERCE FIGHTING RAGES AS NIPPON START NEW DRIVE

Defenders' Rear in Western Chekiang Dangered by Reinforced Invaders.

Chungking, June 2 (AP)—Fierce fighting is raging south of Nanchang in Kiangsi province where reinforced Japanese columns numbering 6,000 men have started a new drive threatening the rear of the Chinese defending western Chekiang province, a battle zone 200 miles to the east, the Chinese command announced today.

This new thrust southward along the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway appeared to be an effort to form a pincer with the forces in Chekiang, which were admitted to have made further progress, driving down the railway to within ten miles of the vital city of Chusien.

Vigorously attacking the flanks of the Chekiang invaders, the Chinese claimed the recapture of four towns in that province, however. Five hundred Japanese were reported killed in one clash in that theater, and 200 drowned at a crossing of the Fu River in Kiangsi province.

Continued fighting also was reported west of the Salween River along the Burma road, where 200 casualties were inflicted upon the Japanese, the communique said.

At the same time another Japanese offensive, in Kwangtung province some 600 miles to the south, was reported making bitterly contested progress while ominous concentrations at Hangchow and Nanchang, termini of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, pointed to a determination to seize all that vital route.

## RAISE AGE LIMIT

Washington, June 2.—(AP)—The coast guard, which has been expanding rapidly since it became a part of the navy for the duration of the war, has raised the age limit for enlistments from 35 to 55 years.

## BASEBALL

National  
Score: (10 innings) R. H. E.  
Philadelphia ..... 1 5 0  
Cincinnati ..... 0 5 1  
Johnson and Livingston; Riddle and Lammanno.

American  
Score: ..... R. H. E.  
Cleveland ..... 7 24 0  
Boston ..... 2 6 3  
Harder and Hegan; Wagner, Dobson and Conroy.

## 734 Japanese Enter Tululake Camp With 1,434 More On Way

San Francisco, June 2.—(AP)—An advance party of 734 Japanese has already moved into the Tululake relocation center in northern California and 1,434 more are on their way from Washington and Oregon, the wartime civilian control administration announced today.

Officers gave no indication of when the total population, at present set at 11,000, would be moved into the center, the third to be occupied.

The advance party came from the Puyallup, Wash., and Portland assembly centers. They consist of doctors, nurses, cooks and others necessary to get the camp ready.

Japanese on the way were split into three groups. The first originally lived in Lane, Douglas, Cook, Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties of Oregon.

## Emmens Bond Drive Brings Over \$75,000 Purchased in Week

Bonds sold during the Back Bob Emmens with a Bond week will exceed \$75,000, and W. A. Gates, county war bond chairman announced today that "this is a fine tribute to Bob," Lieut. Robert Emmens, youthful Medford flyer, participated in the May 18 air raid on Tokyo.

When the Emmens Bond drive was originated it was announced that Lieut. Emmens would be notified of the results and Mr. Gates said that news of the excellent Jackson county patriotic showing would be sent to the Medford flyer.

## MILITARY INFUX BOOSTS DEMAND FOR LODGMENTS

Coordinator Van Dyke Urges Registration of Facilities by Calling 5389 or 4012.

Because of the influx of military personnel for Camp White, the housing situation in Medford is becoming increasingly critical and the public was today urged by Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator, to immediately list all available facilities in order to relieve the condition.

Persons with rooms, apartments or houses available for military personnel were requested to telephone 5389 or list their facilities at the Homes Registration office, Fifth street and Riverside avenue, whose telephone number is 4012.

## Do Not Reregister

Mr. Van Dyke said that housing facilities already listed with the Homes Registration office need not be listed again. He explained that it was not the intention of the military or the H. R. O. to compete with local real estate agencies, but that it was felt there were many places that might be made available in view of the acute situation.

There appears little hope until after the completion of construction at Camp White, and the migration of thousands of workers and their families from Medford, it was pointed out.

## Many Handled

Up to May 18, the coordinator said, 3,886 applications for housing have been handled by the Homes Registration office, yet in spite of this the housing situation has again become serious. "It is gratifying to note that most of the landlords of the city have been cooperating in reducing or keeping their rents at fair levels," Mr. Van Dyke stated, "and it is hoped that the few who have not yet fallen in line with the recent government order will do so without the necessity of federal action."

## BARRYMORE RITES ATTRACT CURIOUS

Los Angeles, June 2.—(AP)—John Barrymore was buried with simple ceremonies this morning, in a small Catholic cemetery far from Hollywood and the scenes of his capricious life.

The Rev. John O'Donnell, pastor of Immaculate Heart Catholic church, said the requiem mass and later the usual graveside committal ritual before about 70 invited guests. There was no eulogy.

More than two hours before the services small crowds of curious began to collect near the mausoleum, despite halfhearted attempts to discourage them. A large section of the cemetery near the mausoleum was roped off, but many women and girls, some with cameras, managed to get under or around the barricade.

## War Bulletins

Washington, June 2.—(AP)—A medium sized British merchant vessel has been torpedoed in the Atlantic, the navy announced today, and survivors have been landed at an east coast port.

London, June 2.—(AP)—News from a Stockholm dispatch today quoted Swiss press reports as saying Marshal Semyon Timoshenko, Russian commander in the Ukraine, suffered minor wounds when a German dive bomber attacked the automobile in which he was inspecting the lines south of Kharkov in recent fighting.