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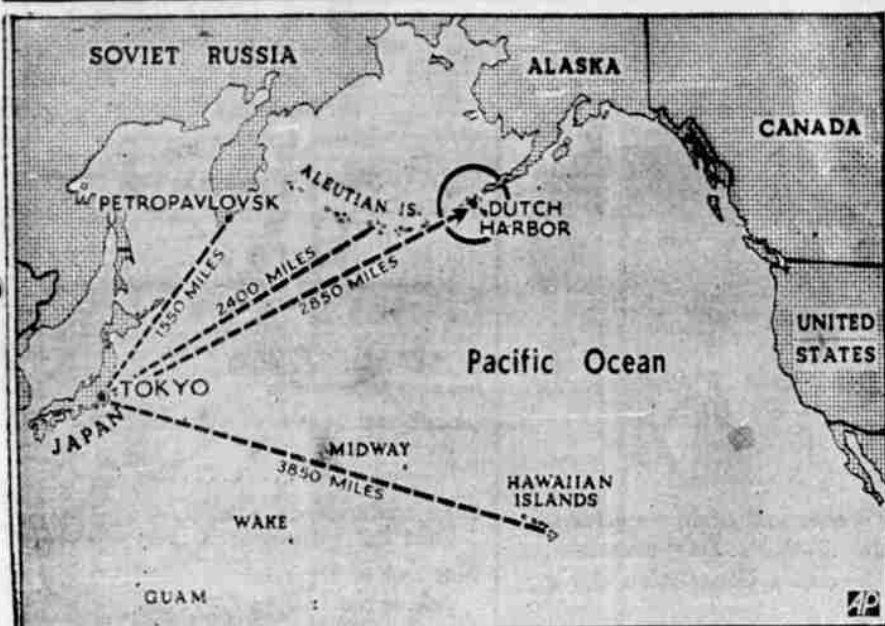
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## Where Japanese Launched Attacks



Dutch Harbor, Alaska (circled) was first attacked by four Jap bombers and 15 pursuit ships on Wednesday. Midway Island was next target for assault Thursday. Today a naval battle is believed still raging in the vicinity of Midway Island. This map locates Dutch Harbor and shows distances from Japan to various Pacific points.



Boatloads of sailors from the U. S. Scouting fleet go ashore at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, which was attacked for fifteen minutes by four Jap bombers and fifteen fighter planes.

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 5.—Do not overlook the import of dispatches from General MacArthur's front. He has been bombing the advance Jap bases of Dabaul and Lae, a day while all that the Japs have been able to present in the war of retaliation are twice a week air thrusts at northern Australian points.

Three times have the Japs struck out overland on the short journey to Moresby and Lae. (You will read this column better with a map.) First they were halted in the jungle by floods; the next two times by Australians, and perhaps some Americans.

They also tried to come around in great naval force to take it by sea. But they ran into Mac Arthur's bombers and a large American naval force and retired after the famous battle of the Coral Sea.

Lately they have been sending over planes in apparent preparation for a parachute attack next, but Mac Arthur is keeping plenty of interceptors around handy to receive them.

While his bases are in Australia, he flies fighters or interceptors over to do their missions against Jap aircraft. In New Guinea and then refuels them there before returning. Thus without strong bases around Port Moresby, he nevertheless has been able to maintain supremacy in the air there.

You can read the results of these tactics plainly in the public utterances of the Australian Prime Minister John Curtin. A month ago he was hollering his head off for help. Last Wednesday he dared the Japs to invade.

THE Japs probably never intended to invade Australia, but they have had their eyes on certain strategic northern

## Heavy Submarine Toll May Bring Questions for Navy

Announcement of the sinking of five more allied merchant vessels and a navy patrol boat may result in a public investigation of the navy's campaign against undersea raiders.

As the navy reported yesterday (Thurs.) the recent loss of the patrol boat and four merchantmen in the Atlantic and one merchantman in the far Pacific, Chairman Ellender (D-La.) of a senate naval affairs subcommittee said in Washington that naval officers might be called in a public hearing.

"If we are not entirely satisfied that everything possible is being done to halt these sinkings," Ellender declared, "we are going into the whole matter in public."

The sinkings announced yesterday brought United Nations or neutral shipping losses in the Atlantic to 18 reported so far this week, and boosted the total since Pearl Harbor to 245 merchantmen sunk in Atlantic waters.

## 14 ARMY FLIERS KILLED IN CRASH

San Rafael, Calif., June 5.—Fourteen army fliers died in the crash of a heavy bomber near here last night, the army said today.

Flames consumed the wreckage when the plane hit a hilltop as the pilot circled for an emergency landing.

The plane developed trouble soon after a takeoff and radioed nearby Hamilton Field to clear a runway. The pilot circled toward the field.

The big ship lost altitude and then dove into a hillside on the Herzog ranch, three miles northwest of Hamilton Field.

As it crashed great flames swept through the wreckage and not a man escaped.

All records were destroyed with the ship, delaying identification of the men aboard. Publication of the list of victims was withheld until the next of kin were notified.

## Klamath River Road Improvement Funds Finally Given Ok

Sacramento, June 5.—(P)—Siskiyou county's long fight to obtain help in the improvement of the scenic Klamath river highway reached a successful conclusion today when state officials added their approval to that of federal authorities.

State Director of Public Works Frank W. Clark approved allocation of \$66,000 of state road funds to the project, to which \$150,000 has already been allocated from federal funds.

Work contemplated includes the widening and realigning of the highway to remove dangerous curves between Thompson creek and the Klamath river at Walker, and the construction of three bridges at Irving, Stanshaw and Sandy Bar creeks, where present structures are reported beyond repair.

## HOUSE REFUSES FUNDS FOR CCC CAMP WORKMEN GET PAY BOOST

Washington, June 5.—(P)—Supporting a recommendation from its appropriations committee, the house refused today to vote funds to keep the depression-born civilian conservation corps going on a reduced basis during the war.

By teller vote of 158 to 121 the house rejected an amendment by Representative Tarver (D-Ga.) to add a \$75,818,000 allotment for the CCC to the \$1,058,451,669 supply bill for the labor department, social security board, and kindred federal agencies.

Tarver, fighting for the continuance of the CCC, told the house that an executive order to consolidate it with the national youth administration was in the offing.

# MAJOR NAVAL BATTLE IS BELIEVED RAGING IN WATERS NEAR MIDWAY

## Japanese Raid on Mid-Pacific Base Touches Off Fray

Washington, June 5.—(P)—American and Japanese fleet units apparently were engaged today in one of the greatest battles of the Pacific as a result of the enemy's attempt yesterday to raid the strongly-garrisoned United States outpost on Midway Island.

Commenting on the communique issued at Pearl Harbor early today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, naval experts here emphasized that Nimitz had said "attacks on the enemy are continuing."

This seemed to indicate, it was said, that the fight which started at Midway yesterday morning had continued for many hours with both American and enemy units maneuvering for advantage in what may be a crucial engagement determining the enemy's ability to strike at more vital points, including Pearl Harbor, the United States west coast, Alaska, and even the Panama canal.

Heavy Ships Involved The action off Midway involved not only Japanese aircraft carriers but battleships and heavy cruisers. As great as this force appeared to be, however, there remained a possibility that it was more of a diversionary operation and that a main force was developing an attack elsewhere.

It was the first time that Japanese battleships have been reported east of home waters. There was no immediate indication here whether a major port of the enemy fleet was involved, but observers agreed that the presence of so large a force more than 2,000 miles from Yokohama indicated the Japanese were bent on reducing America's growing offensive power in the Pacific and possibly bringing the war within threatening distance of the west coast.

The Jap's grand strategy was still to be disclosed. The relation of Midway and Dutch Harbor to any projected attacks anywhere on the North American continent arises from the fact that they flank the vast expanse of ocean over which an assaulting fleet would almost certainly move. Planes operating south of Dutch Harbor and north of Midway should be able to keep a fairly good watch over the 1,653-mile stretch of water between those two points.

## CAMP WORKMEN GET PAY BOOST

L. B. DeWitt, project manager of contractors for the Medford cantonment, has announced a voluntary increase in pay from \$1.30 to \$1.35 cents an hour for carpenters and from 87½ cents to 93 cents an hour for laborers. The raises are retroactive to June 1, for all those on the payroll June 4, DeWitt explained. It was pointed out that the increases bring the rate of pay for carpenters and laborers at Camp White up to the scale for the community in general.

The first important commercial seafarers were the Phoenix

## SOLEMN WARNING GIVEN JAPANESE ON USE OF GAS

(By Associated Press) President Roosevelt today declared authoritative reports had been received that Japan was using poison gas in the war with China and promised that the United States would retaliate "in kind and in full measure" if Japan persisted in this form of "inhuman warfare."

Mr. Roosevelt read a statement making it "unmistakably clear" that the United States would consider the use of poison gas against China or any other United Nation as an action against the United States.

"Upon Japan will rest the responsibility," the statement said. Chinese dispatches have repeatedly charged that the Japanese were resorting to gas warfare.

The Japanese naval attack on Midway Island struck at 6:35 a. m. yesterday.

Only minor damage and no casualties were inflicted on defenders of the tiny U. S. outpost, 1,149 miles northwest of Hawaii and 2,600 miles southeast of Tokyo, a communique said.

Turning the surprise attack into a staggering defeat, American fighters including marines, sea and air forces were officially credited with damaging a Japanese battleship, an aircraft carrier and possibly other warships, as well as taking a heavy toll of planes.

Thousands of miles to the west, other naval actions marked the growing struggle for control of the seas.

Australia—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that Allied planes guarding the vital lines in which U. S. war supplies are flowing to Australia have sunk two more Japanese submarines and probably a third off the east coast of the "down under" continent.

The new successes made a total of six and probably seven Japanese undersea raiders destroyed in the Australian theater in the last five days. Four enemy midget submarines were sunk in an abortive raid on Sydney harbor on Sunday.

Madagascar—Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted that Japanese "special" two-man submarines had torpedoed and seriously damaged a 39,600-ton British battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class and a 5,220-ton British light cruiser of the Arethusa class in a surprise dawn attack on Diego Suarez naval base, Madagascar.

## GRADUATES GIVEN INSPIRING ADVICE BY DR. D. V. POLING

Medford High Seniors Urged to Make Conduct a Contribution to Democracy.

A challenge to face the world and make right decisions alone, was given the graduating class of Medford high school last evening at the school auditorium by Dr. D. V. Poling, contacts man for the state system of higher education from Corvallis. He stressed that high school education gives students an ability to evaluate themselves and their abilities and makes the graduate "worth more than he thinks."

He said one of the finest things young people can experience is to graduate after having completed 12 years of educational effort.

The graduating class, 194 seniors, were urged by the speaker to be good Americans. He said that in being good Americans the graduates could give their contribution to democracy and in doing this education will have been worth while.

He stressed that the country was based on a foundation of freedom of home, education and school and that the first Americans had come to this country for the purpose of endowing their children with these qualities.

Effort Not in Vain In making right decisions as to the future he said "bloodshed will not have been in vain. Given an even break and a chance the students will be able to make a place for themselves in this democracy."

He urged the boys to get speedily to work.

## San Francisco Has Weak Earthquake

San Francisco, June 5.—(P)—Weak earth tremors were felt here at about 5:35 a. m. today and other California points experienced earthquake shocks at about the same time. No damage was reported.

Watsonville reported a sharp shock and light sleepers were awakened at about the same time in Salinas by a window rattling quake which likewise did no damage.

## BASEBALL

(1st game) National Boston 2 7 1 Cincinnati 3 6 1 Javary and Lombardi; Vandermeer and Hemsley.

(1st game) R. H. E. Brooklyn 6 8 1 Chicago 3 8 1 Wyatt, Casey and Owen; Olsen, Bithorn, Erickson and McCullough.

American R. H. E. Chicago 2 8 1 Boston 4 11 3 Humphries and Tresh; Terry, Brown and Conroy.

## \$46 Pay Basis Agreed for Soldiers, Sailors Retroactive to June 1

Washington, June 5.—(P)—A Senate-House conference committee today compromised and agreed upon a basic minimum pay of \$46 a month for men in the armed services.

The Senate had approved a \$42 figure and the House \$50. Present pay is \$21 for four months, then it raised to \$30.

The \$46 would apply to buck privates and apprentice seamen and corresponding ratings in the marines and coast guard.

For the first class privates the conferees agreed on \$52 compared with \$48 voted by the Senate and \$54 approved by the House.

The pay increase would be retroactive to June 1.

## BRITISH REPULSE LIBYA ATTACKERS

Cairo, Egypt, June 5.—(AP)—British imperial columns and air squadrons drove off a tank-supported axis force attacking Bir Hachem, desert anchor of the eastern Libyan defense line, for the second time in two days yesterday, a communique announced today.

British and Indian troops struck from the rear to relieve the Free French and Indian garrison at the southern outpost of a 50-mile line from the Mediterranean at Ain El Gazala, a line broken by a wedge of Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's army at the center.

"Our air forces were also very active in this area," British headquarters announced, "destroying dive-bombers and bombing and shooting up enemy concentrations."

There was nothing to report from other sections of the front, it said.

## NAZI BATTLESHIPS DAMAGED BY RAF

London, June 5.—(AP)—The German battle Tirpitz and the German heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper received "several direct hits" during the last RAF bombing raid on the Trondheim area, Norwegian sources reported here today, quoting advices from Trondheim.

One of the ships, not specified, developed a definite list, these sources said.

Olympia, Wash., June 5.—(P)—The lower part of Yakima and all of Benton county was declared a hog quarantine area by director agriculture Arthur E. Cox today, because of the spread of cholera among that livestock.

## 57 FEARED KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT ORDNANCE PLANT

Many Victims Blown to Bits When One Building in Joliet Mill Is Destroyed.

Joliet, Ill., June 5.—(AP)—Fifty-seven persons were killed or missing today in a terrific explosion which destroyed one building of the huge Elwood ordnance plant south of here. The casualties appeared to have been greater than in any other munitions plant accident.

Capt. David P. Tunstall, army public relations officer, said there were 21 known dead, of whom four were identified, and 36 missing. In addition 60 persons were injured.

Many of the victims were blown to bits and authorities attempted the tragically slow process of identification by finger prints.

Coroner E. A. Kingston of Will County said parts of 24 bodies were in an undertaking establishment in Joliet, with more bodies at the ordnance plant grounds in southern Will county. The blast was heard for a radius of 50 miles.

Captain Tunstall said there was no hint of sabotage, but that its possibility would be investigated by a board of inquiry.

JAPS REACH CENTER Portland, Ore., June 5.—(P)—Manager Emil Sandquist of the Portland assembly center announced today the arrival of 524 Japanese evacuees from the Yakima valley of Washington. An additional 629 from the same area will arrive here tomorrow, he said, bringing the center's population to more than 4,000.

## Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time) Raymond Gram Swing, commentator for MBS since 1936, has just signed a contract which will put him on NBC after September 28.

Summer replacement for Jack Benny is to be a new war-effort series, "Victory Parade," starting Sunday at 4 on NBC. It will be a general variety show.

Tonight: MBS—5:15 Fight against inflation; 7 Treasure "Hour" of Song.

Saturday: NBC—12:30 p. m. Campus Capers variety. CBS—3:15 Calling Pan America, Buenos Aires. BLU—9:30 a. m. 4-H club; 11 Variety Show by Congressional Children. MBS—7:45 a. m. Red Cross Nutrition Series; 12:45 p. m. Talk, Wendell Lund of war production board.

## SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Peggy Gardner back from her first year at U. of O., watching seniors at the high school graduate.

Mildred Hornecker getting volunteers lined up for sale of war bonds and stamps in the city Sat.

Friends congratulating R. B. Webber on his scholarship to Yale.

Ditto for Harris Jones to "Havahd."