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JAP FLEET ROUTED IN MIDWAY BATTLE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, June 6.—The ardent liberal campaign to banish all so-called isolationists from public life in the midst of war was started by the New Republic magazine for reasons not clear at the time.

The implication was that they were unpatriotic. But an inspection of their voting records in congress since December 7 showed they generally supported every war measure and were not talking much. Actually they were no obstacle to the war effort.

When that reason thus fell down, the publications which took up the campaign, turned to the point that the isolationists should be exterminated because they opposed getting into the war before we got into the war. The liberals hammered that reason for a while, but it left matters just as much in the dark as ever, because Mr. Roosevelt opposed getting into the war before we got in.

His speeches and statements show this to have been his announced policy in his pre-election. If that is the measure of isolationism, then the president was an isolationist and so were most of the people of the country.

ANY real reason for the campaign continued to be unexplained until the New Republic's June 8 issue came out this week. Then it offered a good reason.

It said it was not so much isolationists because they were isolationists, but because most of them were against the New Deal, quote:

"The enemies of the New Deal are the very ones who could keep us from winning the peace. This is an issue which must be fought and won on the domestic front, and it must be won while the war is being waged."

That clarifies the matter. The attack, it now appears, was timed all along for the primaries and the congressional elections.

6 MIKADO SUBS SUNK PAST WEEK

Allied headquarters, Australia, June 6.—(AP)—A Japanese submarine was believed sunk off New South Wales by an Allied plane after the undersea raider had destroyed a small Australian freighter, raising the reported toll of the week to six submarines certainly sunk and two probably.

The latest exchange in Japan's stabs at the vital Australian lifelines was announced at about the same time that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique told of another fiery raid on the enemy's chief base in the outer islands. Rabbaul, New Britain, was attacked by Allied bombers which damaged warehouses, docks and a coaling jetty.

WILLKIE OPPOSES COALITION PLAN

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, said today that a suggestion that all three parties—Republican, Democrat and American labor join in the nomination of the same individual for various New York state offices obviously was "both impossible of accomplishment and would be unwise if it could be brought about."

Willkie's remarks were made in answer to questions by Newsweek magazine regarding a movement started by Sydney S. Baron, New York publicist, for a coalition slate headed by Willkie for governor.

13 to 15 Enemy Ships Sunk or Damaged in Sea Battle at Midway

Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, June 6.—(AP)—United States armed forces have sunk or damaged 13 to 15 warships and transports of the repulsed Japanese invasion fleet at Midway island and "a momentous victory is in the making."

These included the sinking of two, and possibly three, aircraft carriers.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, enumerated enemy losses tonight in his third communique on the great and continuing battle in the Pacific. "Pearl Harbor has now been partially avenged," Admiral Nimitz said.

Battle Not Over

"Through the skill and devotion to duty of their armed forces of all branches in the Midway area," the communique said, "our citizens can now rejoice that a momentous victory is in the making."

It was on a Sunday just six months ago that the Japanese made their peace-time attack on our fleet and army activities on Oahu. At that time they created heavy damage, it is true, but their act aroused grim determination of our citizenry to avenge such treachery and it raised, not lowered, the morale of our fighting men.

"Pearl Harbor has now been partially avenged. Vengeance will not be complete until Japanese sea power has been reduced to impotence. We have made substantial progress in that direction. Perhaps we will be forgiven if we claim we are about midway to our objective."

The battle is not over.

Carriers Destroyed

"All returns have not yet been received. It is with full confidence however, that for this phase of the action the following enemy losses are claimed:

"Two or three carriers and all their aircraft destroyed, in addition to one or two carriers badly damaged and most of their aircraft lost."

"Three battleships damaged, two heavily."

"Three transports damaged. It is possible some of these wounded ships will not be able to reach their bases."

"One of our carriers was hit and some planes were lost. Our personnel casualties were light."

This is the balance sheet that the army, navy and marine forces of this area offer their country this morning."

Major Disaster Near

In his communique Friday Admiral Nimitz said it was too early to claim a major Japanese disaster. His statement tonight that "substantial progress" had been made in the direction of reducing Japanese sea power to "impotence" indicated that the repulse of the powerful enemy task force was fast resolving itself into a disaster for the enemy.

The assault on Midway, regarded here as Japan's first major move to occupy the Hawaiian Islands, crumpled with greater damage and casualties to the troop convoy and battle fleet than the Japanese inflicted in their peace-talk cloaked attack on Pearl Harbor.

Vivid Picture Drawn

The first day Admiral Nimitz reported that "our attacks on the enemy are continuing." The next day: "The enemy appears to be withdrawing but we are continuing the battle." Then today the more triumphant, but still conservative, statement: "A momentous victory is in the making. . . . The battle is not over. . . . It is possible some of these wounded ships will not be able to reach their bases."

This draws a vivid picture of the destruction of the enemy's air arm and relentless pursuit of the routed assault force.

Apparently American forces quickly took command of the air when the enemy appeared. This was indicated by Admiral Nimitz' heartening statement that "our personnel casualties were light."

Hawaii jubilantly received the news of the great battle. One of the most frequently heard comments tonight was: "The Japs must really have believed their own reports that they had annihilated the American fleet."

Judging from official reports made public from various quarters, the Japanese force that attacked Midway appears to have been the most powerful ever sent into action against the allied nations. And, by the same token, the defeat suffered may have been the most serious setback the Japanese navy ever received.

The full effect of the battle in relation to the Pacific war cannot be estimated until final reports come in, however. Admiral Nimitz indicated as much when he said: "The battle is not over. All returns have not yet been received."

Portland, Ore., June 6.—(AP)—Produce prices steady, unchanged.

CHINESE REPORT NIPS BEATEN IN CHUHSIEN DRIVE

Tokyo Claims Walled City Taken Is Denied—High Toll Exact.

Chungking, China, June 6.—(AP)—Forcing the Japanese to pay a heavy and bitter price for their Chekiang-Kiangsi offensive, the Chinese announced officially tonight that they had thrown back repeated Japanese attacks against the walled city of Chuhsien yesterday.

(The Japanese news agency Domei reported from the Chekiang front that Japanese soldiers had occupied Chuhsien at 6 p. m. today (Saturday) after a three-day campaign.)

As the 59th month of the Chinese-Japanese war ended, the Japanese were driving hard against determined Chinese defenses in the eastern seaboard provinces; the Chinese reported the recapture of several points in Anhwei province and the Flying Tigers of the American volunteer group announced their planes had killed more than 200 Japanese in attacks along the west bank of the Salween river in Yunnan province and along the Burma road.

The main theater of the war now is in the Chekiang-Kiangsi sector, the war reports indicated.

The Chinese said the defenders of Chuhsien were in "exceedingly high spirits" and their determined infantry and artillery attacks crushed Japanese thrusts on Chinese positions.

A Japanese column driving southward tried in vain to cross the Chu river and join the fight on Chuhsien, the Chinese communique said. It announced the column lost 1,000 men killed and wounded, making a total of 11,000 enemy casualties in the last three days.

ED HANLEY LOSES SUIT TO CANCEL MOST AGREEMENT

Seattle, June 6.—(AP)—Joseph E. Most emerged victorious today from the long-drawn litigation in which his business associate for 20 years, E. B. Hanley, Sr., tried to cancel his action in giving most control of the \$1,000,000 Copper River Packing Company in which both were interested.

Several years ago Hanley put Most in charge of the cannery by giving him the right to vote Hanley's stock and later sold him enough of his stock to give Most a bare controlling interest.

Three years ago Mrs. Hanley tried to set aside these actions but her husband sided with Most and the courts held against her. In the present litigation Hanley sided with his wife, asking that the voting trust agreement and his sale of the stock be set aside.

Superior Judge Hugh C. Todd in a memorandum opinion held that Hanley had competent legal advice when he made the agreements and that they contained his own ideas.

The Hanleys, members of a pioneer Jackson family, formerly resided here and are well-known.

11 DIE IN LONDON MYSTERY BLASTS

London, June 6.—(AP)—At least eleven persons were believed killed and many injured in an explosion tonight in the Elephant and Castle district of southeast London.

The blast wrecked a number of buildings and destroyed windows over a wide area. The scene reminded residents of some of the worst air raids.

War Bulletins

New York, June 6.—(AP)—The British radio said tonight the United States navy's defeat of the Japanese off Midway "obviously adds up to one of the greatest sea victories of the war."

"The highlights of the story show that the American forces engaged have earned the gratitude of the world," said the BBC commentator, heard here by CBS. "We send them congratulations from London."

San Jose, Costa Rica, June 6.—(AP)—The newspaper La Tribuna said today the United Fruit ship Atenas sank one submarine and eluded another when they attacked her in the Gulf of Mexico while she was en route to Puerto Limon.

Allied Headquarters, Australia, Sunday, June 7.—(AP)—An allied plane has destroyed another Japanese submarine, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

COMMITTEE EYES DRAFT DEFERMENT OF YOUNG MALES

Case of 'Mr. X', 21, Boy Expert Cited as One of Capital Bureau Abuses.

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—Chairman Tydings, (D-Md.), of a special Senate committee recommended today that the Selective Service system check up on draft deferments given 1,000 young male employees of the government.

Commenting on the results of preliminary investigations, Senator Tydings said:

"On the whole the deferment privilege has been judiciously used by most agencies of the national government but the abuses we have found stick out like a sore thumb."

To illustrate his contention he cited the case of "Mr. X," 21 years old when he was appointed a year ago to a \$1,620 a year job in an unidentified department.

"Nine months later," Tydings said, "He had become such an expert in the field of 'personnel procedure surveys' that he was promoted and his salary raised \$1,000 a year. Further, four months after his appointment he had become such an indispensable cog in the administration of his department that it was necessary to have him deferred, and six months later, not being able to replace this highly indispensable 21-year-old expert, it was necessary to obtain a further deferment. This was the claim of the department for which he worked."

"This seemed to us clearly an abuse of the deferment privilege. . . . He is not even a college graduate, which is unusual; he has never been employed other than a student before entering the government service."

Tydings said "Mr. X" was only one of 12 personnel officers

SOLDIERS' RETURN NIGHTLY PRAYER

Beginnings Monday Dighton residents will bow their heads a few moments each evening to pray for the safety of the country and the safe return of the town's soldiers.

By proclamation Mayor S. D. Martin asked the populace to observe one minute of prayer each night at 7:30 when the town sirens sound the signal. He asked that all business and recreation cease for that minute.

HEADS DEFENSE COUNCIL

Seattle, June 6.—(AP)—The Washington State Defense Council today elected Irving Smith, Seattle, as its executive director at a meeting to reshape its activities to meet any emergencies the war may create in the Pacific Northwest.

PLANES AND BIG COASTAL GUNS IN FRENCH ASSAULT

Great Daylight Sweep Over Nazi Positions Climaxes Week of Raids.

London, Sunday, June 7.—(AP)—The mighty RAF offensive thundered into its eighth day with a raid early this morning upon the German-held French coast and British coastal guns joined the assault, sending a series of earth-shaking, two-gun salvos across the channel.

Nazi big gun positions in the Boulogne and Cap Gris Nez areas appeared to be the targets of the post-midnight attack, which followed a third powerful night assault Friday on Germany's industrialized Ruhr and a Saturday daylight sweep perhaps outdoing all others over northern France.

The Germans struck back early today, making an hour's attack on the southeast coast with high explosive and fire bombs.

The opposing night raiders plunged through stormy weather over the channel and the flashes from British bombs on the French coast were intermingled with lightning dancing across thunder clouds.

The daylight raids yesterday over northern France brought to a smashing week-end climax the war's greatest aerial offensive in which the RAF hurled between 6,000 and 7,000 planes at the continent.

BRITISH CONTROL LIBYA AIR, SAND, END SUEZ THREAT

Cairo, Egypt, June 6.—(AP)—The British eighth army has wrested armored superiority from the Germans in the Libyan desert and with their sky ruling air force is hammering ceaselessly at the foe in a supreme effort to erase the threat to Suez.

Already 340 German and Italian tanks had been destroyed and captured, and the veterans of Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck appeared determined to shatter as many of the residue as possible before Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered army could escape through a gap in the British mine fields between Ain El Gasala and Bir Hacheim.

The British, catching their second wind in the furious 12-day battle in the furnace-like heat of the swirling sands, have opened a new drive in the triangular trap west of Knightsbridge, the cross trail 15 miles southwest of Tobruk. Indeed, a military commentator said the British were battering at the axis forces from three sides in a might stroke of attrition which had placed Rommel on the defensive.

Tamar, six miles west of Knightsbridge, was said to have fallen to the driving British, who firmly held the initiative.

LOCAL MAN DIES IN DAM ACCIDENT

Redding, Calif., June 6.—(AP)—Eugene Edwin Buck, 21-year-old Shasta Dam worker, was struck on the head and killed today by a muck skip, a carriage in which dirt is transported, which was being propelled over the Shasta Dam from a high line.

Buck came here from Medford, Ore., only last week and had worked on the dam but five days. He apparently did not see the carriage nor hear the warning shouts of other workmen.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Charlotte Buck, who lives here.

Interpreting The War News By Kirke L. Simpson (Wide World War Analyst)

Among other cheering notes on the war for the United Nations as the first week of June passes without evidence that the Axis in Europe has anywhere regained the initiative is the drastic change that has come over German high command statements.

Throughout the whole course of the war those progress bulletins always have dealt somewhat in exaggeration, but never before to the extent they are now consistently overstating Nazi military successes and understating Nazi reverses.

Just why this official German appeal to hyperbole is deemed necessary now can only be conjectured. Just when it started, is easier to calculate.

It began to be a definite aspect of German high command statements last winter, when Hitler took over supreme army command in Russia and purged, one way or another, highest ranking German professional soldiers. There is now ample evidence from American press observers who were stationed in Berlin before the United States entered the war, that this report to Hitlerian fiction was at least one bone of contention between the Nazi egotist and his generals. It violated their professional pride and conscience.

The change bespeaks growing uneasiness in Hitler's inner circle, perhaps in Hitler himself, over German public reception of war news that truthfully presented, even within the limits of military requirements, no longer could show smashing Nazi victories in every engagement reported.

Turning back to the German official bulletins from Scandinavia, the low countries, France and the Balkans as the victory tide swept onward, the striking thing about them was that they rarely proved inaccurate. The strategic battle keys reported taken invariably were already captured or so cut off that they soon fell to German armies.

They were always specific, not general. They mentioned cities, forts, important river lines. While the comment that enemy resistance on a given front had been broken frequently proved premature, all too often even that prediction was promptly verified.

By contrast, since Hitler took personal command in Russia none of the flamboyant claims that Russian resistance was wholly shattered have ever been realized. While his armies still were on the march eastward last year, the geographical data included in his bulletins later usually proved well founded, but not the claimed morale of the victory on Russian fronts.

Now even the pretense of documenting a sweeping victory claim with names of cities or towns taken or river defense lines breached has been abandoned. It is such generalities in German official claims of a smashing victory over the Russians on the Kharkov front that, considered with Russian reports, warrant suspicion that Hitler wanted a jarring body blow at Kharkov which he dares not reveal to his people.

MYRNA LOY WEDS ADVERTISING MAN

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Myrna Loy, film star, and John D. Hertz Jr., advertising executive, were married here tonight.

The recently divorced wife of Arthur Hornblow Jr., film producer, and Hertz, were married at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Robert Leylan, by Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora with only members of the immediate family present.

Following a reception the couple left on a honeymoon to an unannounced destination.

Miss Loy was granted her divorce from Hornblow on June 1 in Reno, Nev. She charged extreme mental cruelty. They were married in 1936 and for several years were considered one of Hollywood's most ideally married couples. The bride has been in the movies since 1925.

GREAT AMERICAN SEA WIN CHEERS ALLIED NATIONS

Pearl Harbor Treachery Avenged on Anniversary—Tokyo Silent on Crushing Victory.

(By The Associated Press)

The smashing United States victory in the continuing Pacific naval battle with the Japanese provided a triumphant note today (Sunday) for the American people entering their second six months at war.

The word flashed by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz that 13 to 15 Japanese warships and transports already had been sunk or damaged off Midway was a thrilling six-months anniversary present for a people just swinging into their war stride.

In the farward's own words it went far toward settling accounts for the treachery of Pearl Harbor, exactly six months ago today. On that dark Dec. 7 the Bikado's men got in their stab in the back; today they were reaping the whirlwind of their own making.

The news was good indeed this Sunday for all the Allied world.

New York, Sunday, June 7.—(AP)—Japanese broadcasts heard in New York up to midnight (11 p. m. Sunday, Tokyo time) had made no mention of the battle for Midway island or the Dutch Harbor raid.

Instead, the Tokyo radio continued to pour forth glossy accounts of what Japanese submarines had done to Sydney harbor and the Diego Suarez naval base on Madagascar.

But all these words—apparently beamed around the globe to cover up the five-day silence on the Midway and Dutch harbor operations—failed to square with the facts.

Whereas the Japanese told of enormous destruction at Sydney, they torpedoed only one worn out ferry boat at a cost of four of their midjet submarines, while the British Admiralty has put the lie to Tokyo's claim that a battleship and cruiser were hit at Diego Suarez.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—A half-year of war was closing for the United States tonight much as it began, with a major battle in the mid-Pacific. There was, however, one striking and important difference which in a measure expresses what six months of fighting have done for America's services and its morale as well.

The attack on Pearl Harbor caught American forces with their guard down. The result was disaster. An Admiral and a General were set down because they had failed to coordinate their efforts, because they had not ordered their forces to be on the alert.

But when the Japanese struck at Midway Island the other day they met a hot reception. The alert garrison there beat them off.

Between Pearl Harbor and the battle off Midway lay nearly six months of disheartening defeats, illuminated occasionally by brilliant victories, and everywhere made notable by proof of the man-for-man fighting superiority of American soldiers and sailors over the Japanese.

DODSON JR. SIGNS
Portland, June 6.—(AP)—Navy enlistments announced here today included: Alfred E. Dodson Jr., Medford.

BULLETIN	
Sacramento, Calif., June 6.—(AP)—Hal Turpin turned in his ninth victory of the season here tonight when he defeated Sacramento 5 to 1 for the third Seattle win of the series. The Solons lead the ten game series 5 to 3.	Seattle 5 11771
Turpin and Collins; Kempe, Pintar and Mueller.	