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ITALY CLAIMS SEA-AIR BATTLE EDGE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 15.—To understand just what the Russian agreements mean—and particularly what they do not mean—you must read beyond the Washington and London texts back into the mutual aims and the differences which brought them about.

Mr. Roosevelt started with the war aim of the four freedoms — of speech, of religion, from want, from fear. He worked out the Atlantic charter with Mr. Churchill implementing the first two by pledges for self determination of peoples and against seizures of territory, etc.

But the Atlantic charter did not specifically mention speech and religion. It did mention want and fear, and suggested economic methods of avoiding them by free access to raw materials, dropping trade barriers, etc.

In this new Washington-Moscow agreement, there is no specific mention of any of the freedoms. Three references are made to the Atlantic charter.

The preamble notes that the Russian government accepted "the basic principles of the Atlantic charter" (it adhered in London in September 1941). But the official announcement and the text of the agreement both mention a new phrase—just "the attainment of the economic objectives" of that charter.

LANGUAGE of diplomacy is generally as significant as the wording of a law. Unofficial interpretations are uncertain, but you will find enlightenment explanation in this instance in the column published June 8.

The Russians had been politely pressing Britain and the United States for a post-war promise of her 1941 boundaries, including half of Poland, the Baltic states, parts of Rumania. This was an untimely request in the midst of war, because it raised,

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TWO DIE AS PLANE CRASHES HANGAR

San Francisco, June 15.—(AP)—Two army men were killed today as a military plane crashed into a hangar at Mills Field, south of here.

Flames destroyed the hangar and the wrecked plane. An adjoining hangar was damaged by fire.

The dead were the pilot and an enlisted man who was in the hangar into which the plane crashed.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
More on "The Rubber Problem" is to be discussed in the national radio forum on the BLU at 9 tonight, with Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri as speaker.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Joe and Elizabeth Rindard having a hard time naming their livestock, acquired when friends had an animal shower for them at their new home in the country.

Mary Lou Guenther indulging in a swim at Twin Plunges.

Bill Robinson and Elmer Knight having a good discussion on "war and politics."

Fishermen at Dodge bridge quitting in disgust when Mrs. Irl Groves landed a big salmon Sunday afternoon after her husband had landed two big ones at the same place Sunday morning.

BRITISH CONVOYS BADLY BATTERED IN MEDITERRANEAN

Two Cruisers, One Destroyer, Four Steamers Sunk; Nine Heavily Damaged.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth
Associated Press War Editor
A great running sea-air battle, which on the face of axis reports—the only information available thus far—seems to have stemmed from a major strategic move of the allies, was being fought today at Italy's Mediterranean doorstep in the sea between Tunis and Sardinia.

The location of the battle, the strength and composition given by Rome for the allied naval force and the reckless expenditure of planes in the attack on it suggested either that Italian territory itself might be under attack or that the allies were engaged in a great transfer of strength between Gibraltar and Suez.

The Italian high command, in a special communique, claimed that two cruisers, one destroyer and four steamers were sunk out of one of two British convoys, and a battleship, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, one destroyer and four steamers heavily damaged.

Spotted Saturday
The Italians said the convoy attacked was protected by "numerous units of the line and by two aircraft carriers." Spotting the convoy early Saturday, Italians said their scout planes later lost sight of it and the first attack was not delivered until Sunday.

"Numerous formations" of torpedo planes, bombers and fighters then struck the flotilla, the Italians related. They acknowledged 20 planes lost themselves and reported shooting 15 carrier-borne planes down in flames.

"The operations were resumed in the early hours of this morning against the remaining units," the communique concluded.

Naval warfare broke out meanwhile in the Black sea where the red fleet, thundering into action to bolster Sevastopol against land assault, laid a curtain of shellfire on the encroaching Crimean line of the Germans.

Reports reaching Moscow said the naval bombardment took a heavy toll among the Germans with their scattering of Rumanian allies. The warships were not identified.

This turn in the battle of Sevastopol after seven months of German siege or active assault, and the veiled Mediterranean movement which provoked the assault followed closely upon the forced landing of four United States army bombers in Turkey after some mysterious mission of destruction.

One report from Turkey over the week-end was that the Americans had bombed Rumanian oil refineries but there also were various German reports that the bombers had participated in the defense of Sevastopol and had attacked German bases in Russia.

At any rate, considering official secrecy on the affair, there was a general belief in London and elsewhere that the United States had opened a new air front in the eastern Mediterranean.

If the British actually were moving convoys eastward from the Atlantic into the Mediterranean, as the Italians reported, they might have been carrying sizeable reinforcements for the battle of Libya.

Hungarian Pantries Raided by Rumanians

Bern, Switzerland, June 15.—(AP)—Dispatches from Budapest said today that Rumanian authorities had suddenly confiscated all the food stocks of Hungarian families living in numerous villages in that part of Transylvania still remaining under Rumanian sovereignty.

Moreover, it was reported, the Hungarian minority had been notified that those deprived of food stocks would not be given food ration cards on July 10. Many of the Hungarians were said to have been forced from their land and homes.

Jap Cruiser Sunk, Carrier Damaged Off Aleutian Isles

Baltimore, June 15.—(AP)—United States torpedo planes sank a Japanese cruiser and scored a direct hit on an aircraft carrier of the main Japanese task force off the Aleutian Islands, a telegram from Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air force, to Glenn L. Martin, aircraft manufacturer, disclosed today.

In Washington, the war department declined immediate comment, although its public relations department approved use of the telegram.

General Arnold's message, congratulating the Martins Company on successful use of Martin craft as torpedo planes, said three attacks had been made in the Aleutian Islands on the main Japanese force.

Washington, June 15.—(AP)—An effort by the Japanese to expand their landings in the Aleutian islands was expected by military authorities today, but whether they will try for knockout blows against important American bases was considered debatable.

Any large-scale operations well over into the waters of the western hemisphere, it was said, would certainly bring a swarm of United States army and navy bombers down upon invading ships. Short of desperation, the Japanese might well wish to avoid such attacks at this time, so soon after their bitter experiences with American airpower in the Coral sea and Midway battles.

This would not, however, preclude further action of the kind which last week put a small Jap force on remote Attu island, and the penetration of Jap ships in Kiska harbor in the Rat island group. Kiska is 560 miles west of Dutch Harbor and Attu is 770 miles west, locations which place them at the extreme end of the Aleutians and relatively close to Japan.

FIGHTER PAY BILL HAS SENATE OKEH; IS SENT TO HOUSE

Washington, June 15.—(AP)—The senate approved and sent to the house today a military pay allotment bill authorizing the selective service to consider family relationships in calling men for duty with the armed forces.

Under the basic section of the measure, details of which were revised last week by a joint conference committee, the government would help the four lowest ranks of soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen support their dependents.

Deductions taken from the men's pay would be supplemented by federal allowances which in some cases would be considerably larger than the fighting men's contributions.

The second section of the bill revises the selective service act by requiring local draft boards to first exhaust supplies of single men, or those without bona fide family ties, before calling up husbands and fathers.

SCHOOL ELECTION POLLS CLOSE AT 7

Polls for the election of a school director will be open at Medford high school until 7 o'clock tonight. Only name appearing on the ballot will be that of Dr. R. E. Green who has been named a candidate to succeed himself.

Those who have resided in the school district for 30 days, the state of Oregon for six months and who are of voting age may cast a ballot. Other members of the school board are N. H. Franklin, Marc Jarnain, Eugene Thorndike and John Moffat.

25,000 Jews Slain In Latvia, Charge

London, June 15.—(AP)—The Federation of Jewish Relief organizations said today that refugee reports showed 25,000 Latvian Jews were slain by local fascists in a four-day interval between the evacuation of that Baltic country by the Russians and the occupation by the Germans last year.

NO GAS IN OREGON, MOTORISTS TOLD BY CALIFORNIANS

Klamath Falls, June 15.—(AP)—Southern Oregon motor camp operators report that north-bound motorists, fearing a gasoline shortage in Oregon, are carrying extra fuel in their cars, it was learned here today. Many of these motorists report they have been advised by California pump attendants that gasoline is rationed in Oregon and is obtainable only in small quantities if at all.

Camp owners said this situation created a problem for them as gasoline thus stored violated city storage ordinances, and also probably invalidated insurance policies carried by the camp owners.

It creates a special hazard for car owners they point out, as the summer heat builds up gas pressure inside the cans and if there is any leakage it escapes into the car and may be ignited by a spark from the exhaust.

Medford auto camp operators today confirmed that many motorists from California, told by northern California service station men that gasoline was almost unobtainable in southern Oregon, were carrying five-gallon cans of extra fuel in their cars.

One auto camp owner quoted a customer as saying he was told that there was absolutely no gasoline available in Medford, and was urged to fill his tank and carry an extra five gallons in a can before leaving California.

The local office of the Oregon State Motor association reported a number of recent tourists from California carried cans of gasoline in their cars. They pointed out that this was entirely unnecessary as the fuel situation in Medford and vicinity is excellent at the present time, with gasoline enough for everybody.

HAMBURG DOCKS SCENE OF RIOTS

London, June 15.—(AP)—Reports from Stockholm, published in London today said that seven policemen were killed and 25 German dock workers later executed as a result of rioting over coffee in Hamburg.

The ministry of information said it had no confirmation of the report.

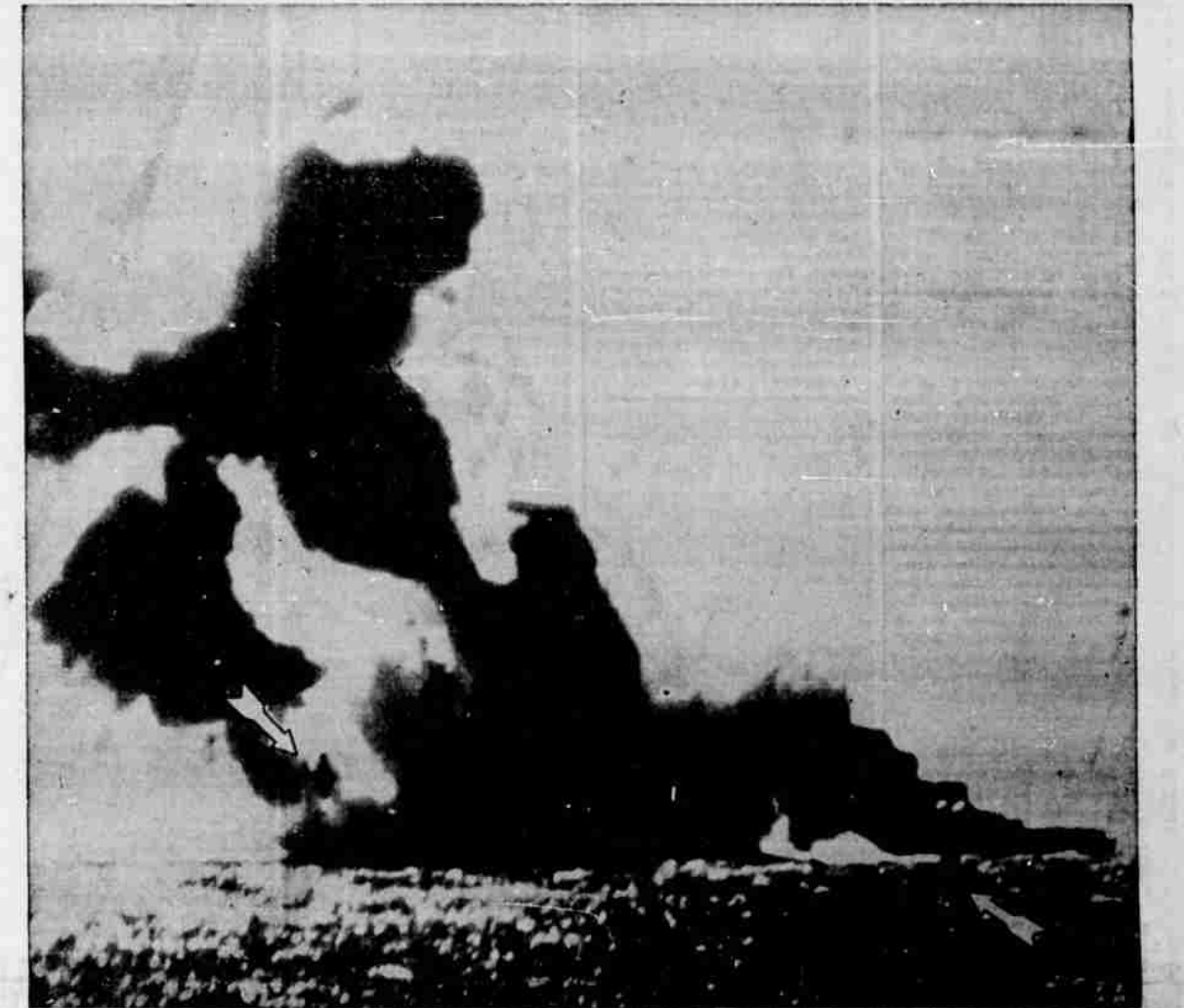
The published account said stevedores loading freight cars with coffee for the troops started the outbreak by tossing packages of coffee into the street where a crowd began fighting for them.

The Gestapo was said to have been stoned by the crowd when it attempted to break up the fight.

COL. PERRIN NOMINATED AS BRIGADIER GENERAL

Washington, June 15.—(AP)—Colonel Edwin S. Perrin was nominated today to be a brigadier general and will, at the age of 36, become the army's youngest general officer.

U. S. Planes Work On Japanese Plane Carrier



The Japanese aircraft carrier Ryukaku is shown above burning furiously in the battle of the Coral sea as two U. S. navy torpedo planes (arrows) circled their prey, banking for another shot. The repeated hits scored on the big carrier sent up plumes of smoke and spray, lower picture. —(Official U. S. Navy photos).

PARIS CITY HALL SHAKEN BY BOMB

Vichy, Unoccupied France, June 15.—(AP)—The Paris city hall was shaken by the explosion of a small bomb in an underground passage yesterday in the latest violence aimed at occupying Germans and their French collaborators.

The explosion smashed through the floor of offices above, doing some damage, but no injuries were reported here.

Charles Magny, who was appointed governor of Paris and prefect of the Seine department in October, 1940, has his offices in the building. He is a former director of the Surete National, the French secret police.

10,800 JAPANESE GOING TO CAMPS

San Francisco, June 15.—(AP)—Removal of 10,800 Japanese evacuees from California assembly centers to relocation centers at Tule Lake, Calif., on the California-Oregon boundary, and Poston, Ariz., was started today.

The movement, ordered by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command, inaugurates on a large scale the resettlement phase of the evacuation program growing out of the removal of nearly 100,000 Japanese from their homes in west coast military zones.

Rose Show Marked By Big Bond Sales

Portland, June 15.—(AP)—The war-curtailed Rose festival closed yesterday, boasting war bond sales of \$750,000.

The annual parade was cancelled and the festival was limited to war bond sales promotions and indoor programs.

Film stars Mary Brian, Marjorie Weaver and Edmund Lowe helped boost sales Saturday to \$395,000.



Citizens Search Homes for Rubber To Aid Country's War Production

Medford service stations today were collecting scrap rubber of all varieties and descriptions as the nation-wide drive to accumulate worn-out rubber articles got under way.

One filling station operator said that up to noon citizens had brought in a total of 150 pounds of scrap rubber, including such articles as hot water bottles, rubber gloves and overshoes, balls, rubber horseshoes, rubber buttons, pieces of hose, rubber toys and other odds and ends. Two elderly ladies delivered two worn-out tires to this station.

Other stations reported varying amounts of scrap rubber being delivered, while a few said none had been received. The stations pay 1 cent a pound for the scrap.

Washington, June 15.—(AP)—With the results to be measured in more machines for victory, and possibly a delay or forestallment of nation-wide gasoline rationing, millions of Americans today began a search of attics, cellars, backyards and other places of discard for old rubber.

The campaign began by direction of President Roosevelt, who called upon every citizen to turn in "every bit of rubber you can possibly spare."

Each person was requested to take all discarded or spare rubber to the nearest of the 400,000

gasoline filling stations scattered throughout the country. The needed elastic may be donated or sold to the station operator for a penny a pound.

The oil industry announced its entire work force, numbering over 1,000,000 men and women, and its automotive equipment would handle the job of receiving the rubber and assembling it at central points for delivery to the government.

Although officials had made no flat statement that a decision on nation-wide gasoline rationing would hinge on the campaign, William R. Boyd, Jr., chairman of the petroleum industry war council, said that whether automobiles could be kept rolling "depends entirely on the total tonnage of rubber scrap there is." Country-wide gas rationing has been considered as a means of conserving tires.

Boyd emphasized that "any and all profit" accruing to the oil companies in the scrap transactions—between the cent-a-pound for scrap delivered at the service stations and the \$25 a ton the government will pay for it—would go to the United Service Organizations, the Army and Navy Relief and the Red Cross.

He listed acceptable scrap rubber as follows:
Tires, crepe rubber soles, tennis shoes, rubber sheeting,

rubber heels, plumbers suction cups, tubes, boots and overshoes, rubber belting, pads and matting, bathing caps, sample tire sections, hard rubber tires, hot water bottles, rubber gloves, raincoats, jar rings, rubber ash tray tires "and hundreds of other articles made of rubber."

However, he said, collectors should not accept hard rubber battery boxes and should see that metal, wood and leather was removed from articles containing rubber, when delivered at the filling stations.

Gas Ration Blanks Sent County Clerk To Wait Necessity

The county clerk's office now has gasoline rationing blanks and other material for gasoline rationing, when and if the restriction is ordered by Washington, D. C., agencies.

The authorities reported yesterday was the busiest day in many weeks on the highways and byways of Jackson county. The trips were short for the most part, though a number of motorists from distant points were in the city and valley. Traffic was particularly heavy on the Pacific highway in the late afternoon.