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## AUSTRALIA IN PERIL WAPNS CURTIN

### Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Navy Mum On Neah Bay Sub  
Witnesses Vary On Power Link  
Need Many Medics In Armed Forces

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 17.—Homer T. Bone, senator for Washington, announced that an American merchant ship had been destroyed by a submarine in Neah bay, at the entrance to the straits of Juan de Fuca. The next day Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox received a wiggling from the Truman senate committee for not taking more aggressive action against the submarine menace. Secretary Knox stated that the submarines had been kept 50 miles off American shores lately.

The Pacific northwest is so far away from the national capital that it is virtually ignored. Senator Bone said his announcement was made with the full approval of navy, but there came no communique from the navy department giving an account of the torpedoing. Instead, the navy put out press releases of additional merchant ships being destroyed and American sailors being killed by German (presumably) submarines on the Atlantic coast.

Senator Bone's press release was important because of the attack upon Dutch Harbor and the conjecture that the Japanese might strike at southwestern Alaska, Washington or Oregon. None of these matters were mentioned officially nor in comments on the Japanese browsing around the Aleutians. The affair of the straits of Juan de Fuca could not rate a paragraph. The only official in the capital who recognizes the west coast is Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who predicted the Alaska attack and warns there will be more; also Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, who has given a similar prediction.

NO mention of the sinking at Neah bay was made by Secretary Knox in the executive hearings of the Truman committee, but the committee gave him an uncomfortable two hours. Knox was asked why more airplanes were not used against the subs and he replied that no airplane had ever sunk an undersea craft. This statement was challenged and Knox was reminded that he decorated a flier who "Sighted sub; sank same." The secretary

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### Kiwanians Elect Canadian Chief

Cleveland, June 17.—(P)—Fred G. McAllister, London (Ont.) attorney, was elected president of Kiwanis International today, defeating E. B. Stahlman Jr., Nashville (Tenn.) newspaper executive.

### Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)

Tonight: Talks: 8:15, Archibald McLeish on "Mobilization of American Spirit and People." Thursday: NBC, 1:30, Lorenzo Jones; 6:30, Campfire Girls award. MBS, 7 a. m., Thurman Arnold on "Independent Enterprise." 8:45 a. m., discussion, Nursing In Wartime; 1 horse race.

### SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Tod Porter practical-joking Charlie Clay, much to the latter's good-natured pleasure.

Mose Alford enlisting the aid of Edith Nichols in reading his own handwriting.

Little Jo Carolyn Boshears all dressed in a pink dress and enjoying an outing in company with her aunt.

Policeman Clyde Fitchner giving a lesson in the workings of handcuffs.

### SOMBER PICTURE IS PRESENTED BY PRIME MINISTER

Loss of Continent Would Lay Hawaii and Whole of N. America Open to Attack

(By Associated Press)

Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin, gravely warning that "Australia can be lost," declared today that the war news was not good and that the fall of the down-under continent would lay Hawaii and the whole North American coast open to Japanese attack.

Curtin, who recently challenged Japan to attempt an invasion of Australia, said the axis was engaged in three major thrusts against the united nations and that each was of vital importance to Australia.

**Rommel Gains**  
1. North Africa—"The news from Libya is not good. Rommel has made gain at great cost, but nevertheless gains which are clearly reverses for our forces. It is clear that the struggle in this theater has reached the critical stage."

2. Russia—"Australia is irrevocably linked with Russia's defense against the current German onslaught."

3. Blockade—"Submarine warfare against the allies has reached a high intensity, and shipping losses, I tell you bluntly, are beyond our present annual replacement capacity."

A complete setback for the allies in the middle east would gravely affect Australia, he said, because it would give the axis command of the Suez and the gateway to India, leaving the Indian ocean open for enemy approach to Australia.

**Airmen Hit Japs**  
While Curtin drew this somber picture for the allies, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's airmen continued the business of beating off Japanese aerial attacks.

Gen. MacArthur said Japanese bombers tried for the fourth successive day yesterday to soften the defenses of the far north Australian port of Darwin, but failed to inflict major damage as allied fliers drove them off.

Altogether, Gen. MacArthur said, the Japanese have lost 13 bombers and fighters in the forays, against a loss of six allied fighter planes.

On the China war front, Chinese dispatches said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies had recaptured the Yangtze river port of Hsueh. Hopeh province shipping center, and had driven the Japanese invaders into full retreat.

**TWO HURT WHEN MACHINE SKIDS**  
C. F. Brooks and Keith Hurlbert of 418 Marie street were injured yesterday about 4:30 p. m. when the car in which they were riding skidded on the highway at Sticky lane near the 401 ranch and jumped the ditch.

The men were brought to Community hospital by Port's ambulance for medical attention. Brooks suffered from bruises and was released later in the day. The attending physician reported today that Hurlbert's right arm was severely injured, being denuded of skin from wrist to shoulder.

The car evidently skidded on the highway, state police reported, as the men were en route to Medford from Camp White, where they were employed.

**Oil Truck Driver Dies in Smashup**  
Myrtle Point, Ore., June 17.—(P)—Clifford Morris, 28, an oil truck driver, was killed last night when his truck dropped 150 feet into a canyon near Powers. He formerly was employed in Marshfield, Reedsport, Medford and Roseburg.

His widow and a two-month-old child survive.

### Greatest AEF Convoy Reaches Ireland



Unconcerned as their convoy arrived in Northern Ireland, American soldiers—members of an armored unit—gathered on top of a pile of life rafts where a game of Chinese checkers was in progress. Their convoy—the greatest ever to carry American soldiers overseas—disembarked June 13. Photo cabled from London to New York.

### Fighters' Pay Boost Now Law; At Least \$20 More for Most

Washington, June 17.—(P)—A measure boosting the minimum base pay of the nation's fighting forces to \$50 a month was signed today by President Roosevelt.

For most of the men, it means at least \$20 more each month for necessities and entertainment on time-off, or to send back home to dependents. The bill makes the increase retroactive to June 1.

The measure covers ranks up to and including that of second lieutenant in the army and the comparable grade of ensign in the navy, whose base pay would be increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year.

The bill also will boost rental allowances for officers. Under existing law, enlisted men abroad or on sea duty receive an extra 20 per cent and officers 10 per cent of their monthly pay.

Meanwhile, legislation to provide financial assistance for dependents of soldiers and sailors and stating a congressional policy that the selective service should "not break up the institution of the home" was temporarily held-up on Capitol Hill for an editorial correction to be made by a concurrent resolution.

The following tables show the old and new monthly base pay and allowance schedules:

| Grade                                                       | Old   | New   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Privates and apprentice seamen                              | \$ 30 | \$ 50 |
| First-class privates and second-class seamen                | 36    | 54    |
| Corporals and first-class seamen                            | 54    | 66    |
| Sergeants and third-class petty officers                    | 60    | 78    |
| Staff sergeants and second-class petty officers             | 72    | 96    |
| First or technical sergeants and first-class petty officers | 84    | 114   |
| Master sergeant and chief petty officer                     | 126   | 138   |
| Second lieutenants and ensigns                              | 125   | 150   |

(A private now received \$21 monthly for his first four months, \$30 thereafter, and \$40 after one year in service.)

Nurses' base pay would be raised \$20 monthly, to \$90, for those with less than three years of service, and \$5 monthly, to \$135, for those with more than nine years of service. As in the case of the army and navy, the base pay is exclusive of additional pay for longevity.

| Rank                                | Old   | New   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Second-lieutenant with dependents   | \$ 40 | \$ 60 |
| Without dependents                  | 40    | 45    |
| First-lieutenants with dependents   | 60    | 75    |
| Without dependents                  | 60    | 60    |
| Captains with dependents            | 80    | 90    |
| Without dependents                  | 80    | 75    |
| Majors with dependents              | 100   | 105   |
| Without dependents                  | 60    | 90    |
| Lieutenant-colonels with dependents | 120   | 120   |
| Without dependents                  | 80    | 105   |
| Colonels with dependents            | 120   | 120   |
| Without dependents                  | 80    | 105   |

Higher ranks unchanged except for \$25 increase for brigadier and major generals without dependents. (Similar provisions for naval officers of corresponding rank.)

For all officers entitled to allowances for food, the daily single ration is increased 10 cents, to 70 cents daily.

### BALKY JUNKMAN BOWS TO ORDER

Clinton, Iowa, June 17.—(P)—The federal government today took over the A. O. Schaffer A to Z wrecking yard here and requisitioned an estimated 200 tons of iron, steel and rubber scrap.

Eugene L. Dunne, Chicago field representative of the automobile graveyard section of the office for emergency management, said Schaffer had refused to sell the scrap and had "dared" the government to requisition it.

In an transcript of Schaffer's statements purportedly made to salvage officials and released by OEM, Schaffer said:

"They better have more than one marshal to serve the requisition papers because I'm not afraid of any federal man."

### Mrs. L. G. Gentner District Leader In Garden Clubs

Salem, June 17.—(P)—The Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs concluded its annual three-day convention here today, electing Mrs. E. D. Lamb, Klamath Falls, as its new president, succeeding Mrs. Ruth Heffner of Portland.

Other officers are: Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, Portland, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Proctor, Klamath Falls, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. James McNair, Ashland, corresponding secretary.

District vice-presidents elected included: Mrs. L. G. Gentner, Medford.

**OPTOMETRIST REJECTED**  
Portland, June 17.—(P)—An optometrist was rejected by the marine corps here today. The reason, as given by Maj. James B. Hardie, was colorblindness.

### Giant U. S. Bombers Hit Italian Vessels 35 Times

PAYROLL IN CAMP ABOUT \$1,680,000 IS ESTIMATE NOW

Weekly Outgo of \$420,000 Mostly Expended in Medford Vicinity Say Officials.

Construction of Camp White, which is now at its peak, is producing a payroll of approximately \$420,000 a week, or \$1,680,000 a month, most of which is being spent in Medford and adjacent communities for food, clothing, lodging and amusements.

This was the rough estimate of the total payroll made today by H. F. Frederickson, employment manager for cantonment contractors, who said the figure represented wages and salaries being paid everyone connected with the construction of the military camp, from high officials of the contracting companies down to common laborers.

Mr. Frederickson was unable to make an estimate of the total amount of money which has been paid workmen since the start of construction in mid-February, as the weekly payrolls have not been the same since that time.

Salem, June 17.—(P)—Between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 monthly is flowing into Salem from payrolls at Camp Adair, the Oregon Statesman said today.

### Condemnation Action On Cantonment Land Begun by Government

Notice of les pendens has been filed by the government against Deane Owens and Glen Harrison and others, landowners in the cantonment area. Les pendens is legal verbiage meaning notice of starting condemnation suits for land necessary in the establishment of Camp George A. White, designated in the documents as the Medford Triangle Division site.

In the action against Owens 5,000 acres, more or less, are involved, and in the Harrison action 38,960 acres, more or less, are listed. The county clerk's office said 29 defendants are named in the Owens notice and 285 in the Harrison case.

The land concerned lies in the Antelope, Beagle and Agate districts. Bernard H. Ramsay, special attorney for the department of justice, Portland, appears as government counsel. Hearings on the litigation will be held in federal court.

**FIRE CREWS READY**  
Salem, June 17.—(P)—Forty-eight emergency fire crews totaling 429 men have been assigned to patrol state and private forest lands, the state forestry department said today.

**OREGONIANS EAGER To Provide Rubber**  
Portland, June 17.—(P)—W. E. Ramsey termed Oregon's response to the president's plea for rubber donations exceptional.

The chairman of the collecting program in Oregon said oil companies had to put on additional trucks in Portland to handle the amount turned in at service stations.

Spokane, June 17.—(P)—Ultimately geared to maximum war production, the American standard of living will be gradually reduced to eating, sleeping and working "without the trimmings," John H. Martin, assistant director of policy of the War Production board, said here today.

"First it will be the petty things like the electric toaster," he said. "When your toaster wears out you probably won't be able to replace it."

"Then the car will wear out. You won't be able to get another. There will be no rubber for civilian use."

As war production plants bring in new workers, more

### BASEBALL

National  
First game: R. H. E.  
Cincinnati ..... 4 6 2  
Boston ..... 2 7 0  
Derringer and Lamanno; Earley, Hutchings, Donovan and Klutts.

Score: R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 1 4 0  
Brooklyn ..... 5 7 0  
Lee and McCullough; Higbe and Owen.

American  
Score: R. H. E.  
New York ..... 0 5 1  
Detroit ..... 1 6 1  
Breuer and Dickey; Trout and Tebbets.

### OLD RUBBER PILE GROWS IN COUNTY; 27,300 LBS. NOW

Jackson county's contribution to the nation-wide drive for scrap rubber to aid in the war effort totaled 27,300 pounds after the first two days of the campaign, and service stations today were reporting little slackening-off in the streams of citizens anxious to do their part by bringing in worn-out rubber articles of all descriptions. It was announced by Kenneth Parrett, chairman of the committee of oil companies, which are handling the collections.

Most of the scrap rubber delivered was in the form of old tires, with many of the oil companies' large commercial accounts turning in hundreds of huge truck tires. However, everybody, it seemed, was cooperating in the drive by delivering rubber articles of all kinds.

It was pointed out that those in the rural districts, with scrap rubber to deliver, could expedite its collection if each neighborhood would collect the rubber in that area in a pool, then telephone any of the oil companies to pick it up.

In this connection the rural committee of the county salvage committee will meet in the courthouse tonight with Chairman R. G. Fowler to discuss ways and means of getting all this needed rubber into the stock piles.

Among the many interesting reports of the drive concerns two small boys, who last summer used to roll old tires off the Bear Creek bridge just for the fun of it, now scouring the banks of the creek for those tires, and finding some of them.

**PORTLAND POPULATION NOW NEARLY 385,000**  
Portland, Ore., June 17.—(P)—Portland, bulging with war workers, reckoned its population today at between 385,000 and 385,000, compared with the 1940 census figure of 305,000.

The chamber of commerce guessed 385,000, the federal employment service 380,000, the city water bureau 365,000.

**LET DORM CONTRACT**  
Portland, June 17.—(P)—Contractor for the \$4,000,000 dormitory project for Portland shipyard workers will be Ross B. Hammond, Portland, the Portland housing authority announced yesterday.

### LIKE SHOOTING FISH IN BARREL, DECLARES CHIEF

Fascist Squadron So Badly Battered It Never Contacted British Convoy.

By Roger D. Greene  
Associated Press War Editor

Big U. S. army bombers were credited today with scoring 35 direct bomb hits on two Italian battleships in the great sea-air battle in the Mediterranean last weekend and a British source declared the American fliers had so battered the fascist naval squadron that it never made contact with a British convoy it set out to intercept.

"It was like shooting fish in a barrel," said Maj. Alfred F. Kalberer, who led the Americans on their first battle flight against the axis in the Mediterranean theater.

One Hit 20 Times  
One fascist battleship was hit 20 times, the other 15, Kalberer said. In addition, a cruiser was set afire and a destroyer damaged.

Simultaneously, the RAF announced that a second air attack Monday night had resulted in another hit on one of the two Italian battleships set afire by U. S. army and RAF fliers Monday morning.

The communique said 14 axis planes were definitely shot down in the central Mediterranean fighting and many others were "so badly damaged that it is unlikely that they returned to their bases."

The British themselves acknowledged sharp losses in sending much-needed supplies to Malta and the beleaguered north African fortress at Tobruk, but said this results would not be disclosed until the information would no longer be of value to the enemy.

**Desperate Fight**  
Britain and Russia fought desperately to hold the two key citadels of Tobruk and Sevastopol under increasingly violent assault by the axis armies today while the RAF reported heavy new blows overnight to Adolf Hitler's Ruhr and Rhine-land industrial centers.

On the north African front, Lieut. Gen. Neil Ritchie's troops reinforced by sea-borne supplies delivered with the help of U. S. army fliers, broke up axis attacks on both flanks of Tobruk but it was apparent that the danger to the historic British stronghold on the shores of the Mediterranean was growing hourly.

With the axis attacking on a half-moon front, British headquarters reported that imperial forces had driven off an axis armored lunge at Sidi Rezegh and repulsed day-long thrusts at Acroma.

Sidi Rezegh, 50 miles west of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, is 25 miles southeast of Tobruk. Acroma lies 20 miles southwest of Tobruk.

A third axis force was massed at El Adem, 18 miles due south of Tobruk, but "failed to attack," the British said.

On the Russian front, Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted that axis troops had cut deep new wedges into Soviet fortified lines around Sevastopol, in the Crimea, but acknowledged that the assault forces were meeting "bitter resistance and difficulties of terrain."

The Germans said Nazi shock troops stormed Fort Siberia this morning and dislodged Sevastopol's red army defenders from a series of strongly fortified positions.

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