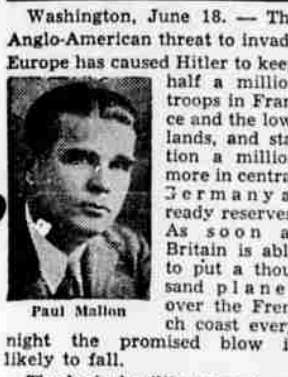


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NAZIS TAKE SEVASTOPOL BASTION; BRITAIN'S DESERT FORCES DIVIDED

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, June 18. — The Anglo-American threat to invade Europe has caused Hitler to keep half a million troops in France and the lowlands, and station a million more in central Germany as ready reserves. As soon as Britain is able to put a thousand planes over the French coast every night the promised blow is likely to fall.

The logical military way to go about it is to blast the Nazi coastal defenses continuously each night until they are soft enough for invasion, and then to turn the bombers upon the German railroads before those million reserves can be brought up. Air superiority of some such overwhelming nature is an obvious prerequisite to fulfillment of the Anglo-American promise to create such a second front this year. But this requirement will not hold if Hitler starts weakening his western defenses to bolster his Russian front. The moment he does that the British may logically move in on him.

THUS the announced threat serves its purpose of the great aid to Russia even now. Many Americans are asking why the British have not established this front before, with the only large inactive army of this war concentrated on its small island for nearly two years. The London explanation that there is insufficient shipping is hardly convincing, as barges could do the job and the British have a navy.

The answer may be found in the air, where most of the answers in this war have been supplied. The Germans could not invade Britain after Dunkirk because they were unable to obtain sufficient mastery of the air. Up to the bombing of Cologne, the British had not been able to show any ability to manipulate

Astoria Regatta Casualty of War

Astoria, June 18.—(AP)—The annual regatta and salmon derby has been cancelled by the Astoria Regatta association because of war conditions.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Friends surprising Ed Pearce with a pink and white shower at Katherine Satterlee's birthday party.

FORT GORKY FALL PLACES GERMANS CLOSE TO HARBOR

Hitlerites Also Claim Red Defenders Driven Back on Southern Edge of City.

By Roger D. Greene
(Associated Press War Editor)
Grave new threats to the British armies in North Africa and the Russian defenders of Sevastopol were reported today as the German high command asserted that Nazi troops had driven into Sevastopol's immediate defense ring and had split the British Libyan armies into two parts.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters said the German siege armies storming Sevastopol, the last big Soviet stronghold in the Crimea, had captured Fort Gorky and driven within two miles of the harbor entrance.

The communiqué described Fort Gorky as "the most modern and strongest bastion of the whole fortress."

Besides capturing Fort Gorky in the main fortifications north of the city, the axis assault forces also drove back stubborn Red army troops on the southern fortifications, the Hitler command said.

The Nazi claim of having knifed into Sevastopol's ring of fortifications was unconfirmed elsewhere, the Russians declaring they had beaten off a series of savage new attacks.

In the Libyan desert struggle, British imperial headquarters acknowledged that British troops had withdrawn from two key defense points at Sidi Rezegh and El Adem.

A Nazi communiqué said strong German and Italian tank formations were pursuing the eastbound British column, which was described as "fleeing" toward Bardia, 15 miles from the Egyptian frontier.

The communiqué asserted that the desert forts on the southern perimeter of Tobruk's defenses had been captured.

An Italian war bulletin asserted that aerial reconnaissance disclosed the British were beginning a general withdrawal toward the Egyptian frontier.

Sidi Rezegh is 25 miles southeast of Tobruk and 50 miles from the Egyptian frontier; El Adem is 18 miles due south of Tobruk.

War Bulletins

Bogota, Colombia, June 18.—(AP)—Newspapers here printed reports today that cannonading was heard last night off the Colombian coast and they expressed belief that United States destroyers were battling axis submarines.

London, June 18.—(AP)—The assassins of Reinhard Heydrich, assassinated Gestapo executioner, were discovered early today and "shot while resisting arrest," the Prague radio officially announced tonight.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a small Norwegian merchant vessel had been torpedoed and sunk by enemy submarine action in the Gulf of Mexico and that survivors had been landed at a gulf port.

SECONDARY ROUTE VIA SAMS VALLEY TO CLOSE AUG. 15

The Sams Valley secondary highway, which runs from Gold Hill to Dodge bridge via Sams Valley and is within the Camp White army cantonment, will be closed August 15 for the duration of the war, according to an Associated Press report quoting the state highway commission. The road has been the most direct route between Grants Pass and Crater Lake, and will increase the distance between the two points by several miles. Although having no official information concerning what road will be used as an alternate, Paul B. Rynning, county engineer and surveyor, said the most logical and shortest from the north would be the Central Point market road, which starts at Central Point and connects with the Crater Lake highway at Four Corners.

No Added Rationing Seen Before Aug. 15

Cleveland, June 18.—(AP)—Except for possible nationwide restrictions on gasoline, no further items will be placed on the general public's rationed list before August 15, the OPA's senior deputy director declared today.

The Washington official, John Hamm, also told a press conference proposed stabilization of farm prices and wages "are not dead issues," but declined to elaborate.

Washington, June 17.—(AP)—Card rationing of coffee is unlikely in the immediate future but grocers will have to keep a close rein on the amounts sold to customers under the quota system, Harold B. Rowe, director of food rationing, indicated today.

Seattle, June 18.—(AP)—Whooping and hollering, the crew of the Lexington's final battle, young Bodelson said one of his biggest thrills was on February 20, when he watched Edward O'Hare, since promoted two grades to lieutenant commander, shoot down six Japanese bombers from his fighter plane.

SHAKEUP COMING IN WPB TO SPUR NATION'S OUTPUT

Abolition of Some Jobs Inevitable Says Spokesman; \$1-Year Men Not Target.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—A War Production board spokesman today predicted an "extensive organizational realignment" of WPB within a month, which "inevitably will bring the abolition of some jobs."

At the same time, he emphasized that the changes probably would not be based on the latest congressional criticism of \$1-a-year men, released today by Chairman Truman (D., Mo.) of the special senate defense investigating committee.

WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson declined to comment on Truman's demand for changes in men and methods at WPB, but sources close to Nelson indicated that the realignment might effect some of the changes Truman asked.

The committee criticized "damaging delay" in conversion of major civilian industries to war work, and Truman declared that "the WPB has not fully measured up to this responsibility."

The WPB spokesman pointed out that a special office of organizational planning, headed by Dr. Luther Gulick, director of the Columbia university institute of public administration, was established within WPB last May 14 to work out the new setup.

At that time, Nelson declared that Gulick would "iron out any kinks" in the administrative structure of WPB, to prevent top-heaviness and to "get this war job done in the quickest and most efficient way."

MORE SUGAR FOR STAMPS 5 AND 6

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—The value of sugar stamps 5 and 6 has been increased to two pounds each, but each stamp will cover four weeks instead of two, so the weekly ration for each consumer will remain at a half pound.

Stamp No. 4, now valid for the purchase of a pound, will expire at midnight June 27, the office of price administration, announced. No. 5, good for two pounds, may be used at any time up to July 26, and No. 6 will then be valid until August 22.

Under the new plan grocers will have fewer stamps to handle.

VAST NAVY BILL PASSES HOUSE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Construction Measure Calling For \$8,550,000,000 Speeded—Air Power Aim.

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—A vast \$8,550,000,000 ship construction measure was passed by the house today after naval committee members reported that completion of the program would give the United States unquestioned supremacy on the seas.

Passage was on a roll call vote announced as 316 to 0. The measure, envisioning the greatest ship building program in history, would provide for more than 500 combatant vessels, together with 1,000 smaller craft, including 800 torpedo boats and subchasers.

Emphasizes Carriers
With emphasis on floating aerial striking strength, the measure called for 500,000 tons of plane carriers, 500,000 tons of cruisers, and 500,000 tons of destroyers and destroyer escort vessels.

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the house naval committee, flatly told his colleagues that the aircraft carrier had replaced the battleship as "the backbone of the fleet."

"Probably when this program is completed," Vinson said, "the strength of the United States fleet will be greater than that of all the other navies in the world."

Rep. Mott (R-Ore.), ranking minority member of the naval committee, concurred in that statement, and declared the construction program "is the greatest undertaken ever by any nation."

CONVERTING MANY SHIPS

Vinson disclosed during the hour-long discussion of the bill that "a great many merchant ships" were being converted into aircraft carriers.

Rep. Magnuson (D-Wash.), a member of the naval committee and a naval lieutenant commander just back from duty in the Pacific area, declared his experience had convinced him of the need for "more and more" plane carriers.

"Thank God," he cried, "that we are deferring building any more battleships at this time."

DRIVER HURT WHEN TRAIN HITS TRUCK

Jack F. Morris of Route 2, Box 325, Ashland, was resting in the Community hospital today following an accident about 7:25 o'clock last evening when the truck he was driving near the old gas works south of Medford was involved in a collision with the northbound Southern Pacific passenger train.

U. S. Airpower Scores Again; Now Alaska



First the battle of the Coral Sea. Then Midway. Now comes word that United States air might sink a Jap cruiser and damaged seven other ships in the Aleutian Islands (circle).

Threat to Pacific Coast Reduced by Jap Defeat

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today the losses inflicted on the Japanese in the Pacific had temporarily but substantially reduced the threat of an attack on the Pacific coast which he has repeatedly said might be expected.

War and navy department information is, he said, that the Japanese thus far had made only a "very small landing" in the Aleutian islands off Alaska but he stressed that fog and unfavorable weather obscured developments in the north Pacific.

Information is still incomplete, the secretary also told his press conference, on the earlier air and sea engagement off Midway.

"But after three days fighting the enemy fleet was scattered all over the Pacific ocean, hustling away as fast as it could in the opposite direction, without air protection," he added.

In the Aleutians, Stimson said, the American and Japanese forces thus far had only fleeting glimpses of each other through the eyes of airmen.

He promised that the government would make available "every bit of information we can" about the Aleutians as well as the earlier engagements off Midway island in the Pacific and in the Coral sea near Australia.

Stimson was asked whether the air and naval losses inflicted on the foe in the last several weeks had diminished the threat to the Pacific coast.

"Temporarily, I should say the threat was much less," he replied.

One reason the report was still incomplete on the Midway fight, the secretary said, was that many naval fliers were still at sea on aircraft carriers which were prohibited by radio silence orders from forwarding reports.

Canadian Air Force Helping U. S. Pilots In Alaska Defense

Victoria, B. C., June 18.—(AP)—Squadrons of the royal Canadian air force are operating with United States forces in Alaska, it became known last night as Lieut. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the Canadian general staff, assumed temporary command of Canada's Pacific forces.

Canadian anti-aircraft units are also on duty in Alaska, Gen. Stuart revealed.

This was the first public announcement that Canadian forces were participating in operations with the United States army.

Gen. Stuart said he attached "considerable significance" to the Japanese action in the Aleutian islands, describing it as "obvious defensive attempt to neutralize, destroy or occupy such air bases in the Aleutians as can be used for 'jumping-off points' for raids on Japan by shore-based aircraft."

LABOR FEDERATION UPS OWN SALARIES

Marshfield, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—The Oregon Federation of Labor, habitually concerned over the wages of workers, focused attention today on the pay of its officers and gave them a boost.

The annual salary of Executive Secretary Dell Nickerson of Portland was hoisted from \$4,200 to \$5,400. The vote was 230 for and 23 against.

AMERICA GAINING PACIFIC STRENGTH DECLARES NIMITZ

By The Associated Press
A picture of tremendously growing American strength in the Battle of the Pacific, where U. S. airmen have already exacted a 10 to 1 toll in Japanese men and planes, was drawn by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz today along with a hint that new sledge hammer blows against Japan are in the offing.

"We are greatly increasing our battle strength," Admiral Nimitz declared.

"Our ships, planes and pilots are being added in constantly increasing numbers."

The commander in chief of the U. S. fleet told veterans of the two great air-sea battles of Midway Island and the Coral Sea that while American aircraft carrier personnel had suffered hard losses since the war began, with little rest or relief, "it will soon be possible to organize additional carrier groups and rotate them."

"We can take satisfaction in the knowledge that in every meeting with the enemy since Dec. 7, his losses have greatly exceeded ours.... In the Coral Sea and Midway actions, his personnel losses were at least ten times greater than ours, and his plane losses in almost the same ratio."

Meanwhile, American bombers were preparing to help Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's hard-driven armies in China.

Announcement that Col. Calhoun V. Haynes, of North Carolina, veteran of the Battle of Burma, had been appointed chief of the U. S. bomber command in China indicated that the new American force would soon go into action.

The news from the China fighting front again was dark.