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ROMMEL LAUNCHES FLANK ATTACK

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 24—Cheers are rising because Leon Henderson's sieve-like price control measures have stopped price inflation—but wait. All economists agreed long ago that the generalization of Henderson's measures would stop prices at first, because he had surpluses of practically everything or at least enough to go around.

But they also agreed the inflationary trend of prices would be resumed as scarcities developed. This, they now calculate, is likely to get started this coming fall or winter. Current cheering is therefore premature.

Until scarcities develop, no upward pressure ordinarily is felt against prices, unless some artificial pressure is created by hoarders attempting to stock up. This time, even that pressure evaporated a few weeks back under interesting circumstances.

A certain retail trade newspaper carried a story that the war production board was considering a plan to requisition retail inventories. It seems some of the larger merchandise stores as well as chain food, drug and clothing stores had been overstocked.

The story scared all retail interests so much that Donald Nelson had to issue a denial that seizure of stocks was contemplated.

Apparently what happened was that WPB Economic Adviser Ernest Tupper had prepared a report on inventories and their relations to prices, pointing toward stronger government controls.

News of this report leaked to the trade paper. Subsequent denials calmed the retailers, but the stocking-up stopped.

The impression prevails that while the leak was premature, strong government controls

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21ST TRAFFIC DEATH

Portland, June 24—(AP)—Portland's traffic fatality toll for the year reached 21 last night with the death of Carrie Stearns, 74, who was struck by a motorcycle at a street intersection June 18.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)
Designed to promote "mutual understanding and good will among all the people of the Americas," an Inter-American University of the Air series will have an introduction on the NBC network Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Regular time thereafter will be Monday nights at 7:30.

Tonight: MBS, 8:15, Fight Against Inflation, M. S. Eccles.

Thursday: NBC, 9:30 a. m., Melodias; MBS, 2:45, Manpower Safety Conservation campaign; 3:30 roundtable on "Every Man His Own Language," CBS.

8:45 a. m., Thus We Live, CBS; 9:30 a. m., Victory Garden, CBS; 11 a. m., Congressional and Christian Churches convention.

Jean Platt and Helen Brown doing a hurry-up job of blacking out a room for showing of a first aid motion picture by Claude Haggard.

Leabel Wray celebrating her birthday today.

Ken Parrett enthusiastically over the Jackson county response to the national scrap rubber drive.

And "Rosey" Rosenbaum, the demon war bond salesman, doing his bit by donating the rubber floor mats from his automobile.

AXIS CANNONADING SEEN PRELUDE TO BATTLE OF EGYPT

Victory-Flushed Legions Race Along Coast Toward Egyptian-Libyan Frontier.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Field marshal Erwin Rommel's victory-flushed legions started a flanking sweep around the British armies drawn up for the defense of Egypt today while the Russians conceded that massed German tank assaults had driven a wedge into the Red army defenses in the Kharkov area of the Ukraine.

A violent all-night bombardment by Axis artillery indicated that the battle of Egypt may already have started today as the British reported that "very strong" enemy columns of tanks and motorized infantry were racing along the coast toward the Egyptian-Libyan frontier.

Seek Safe Spots
While definite word was lacking that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had launched his offensive into the ancient land of the Pharaohs, military observers pointed out that a heavy artillery barrage usually signals an imminent land attack.

Throughout the night, dispatches said, big axis field guns shelled the British defense lines and enemy patrols stabbed repeatedly for "soft spots."

"Much enemy movement was observed southward from Gambut," British Imperial headquarters said.

Gambut lies 45 miles west of the Egyptian border.

Sevastopol Still Holds
In the siege of Sevastopol, Soviet dispatches said the Germans were hurling enormous strength against heavily outnumbered defenders of the Crimean citadel, but declared the situation was not yet lost. One attack by upwards of 30,000 tank-led Nazi troops was said to have been beaten off, and elsewhere the Russians recaptured a hill top.

Later dispatches, however, suggested an ominous turn in the struggle may be near, reporting that "superior enemy forces are furiously pressing toward the town."

These dispatches said thousands of German dead were heaped on the battlefield, where 100,000 Russian fell in the Sevastopol siege of 1941-42.

On the Kharkov front, Marshal Timoshenko's armies were reported yielding at some points under a major Nazi onslaught which was constantly increasing in fury.

At a single point, the Russians said, the Germans sent 200 massed tanks thundering into action, while in other sectors the Nazis were using 20 to 30 tanks.

SHADY COVE MAN IS LISTED AMONG NAVY CASUALTIES

Washington, June 24—(AP)—The navy department released today casualty list No. 5 which included the names of 32 Oregon enlisted men—three listed as dead, 20 as missing.

No Oregon officers were listed as either dead, wounded or missing.

Among enlisted personnel listed as dead with their next of kin:

MacBain, Arthur Glenn, pharmacist's mate, first class, U. S. N. mother, Mrs. Francis J. Lindsey, Cave Junction.

Vinson, Benjamin H., Jr., private, first class, U. S. M. C. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Vinson, Sr., Shady Cove.

Inquiry of Shady Cove residents today failed to identify the Vinson family.

Washington, June 24—(AP)—The announced total of the dead.

Desert Fox Smiles



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, German veteran of desert warfare (facing camera), smiles as he chats with Italian officers in Fort Mechlil. This picture, which reached the United States through neutral Portugal, was made before the axis commander in North Africa launched the campaign which isolated Tobruk.

Newspapers Invited By Army To Make Helpful Criticisms

Denver, June 24—(AP)—American newspapers were invited by a war department spokesman today to make "intelligent, constructive criticism" of the United States army.

"We welcome it," Col. A. Robert Ginsburgh, aide to under-secretary of war Robert Patterson, said in an address prepared for delivery at the ninth convention of the American Newspaper Guild.

"I'm asking you to help protect our secrets," he said. "I make no plea that you soft-pedal criticism of the army. We make mistakes. Any organization as huge and as suddenly expanded as the war department is bound to make some."

Ginsburgh asserted that the nation's newspapers, with only scattered exceptions, "are cooperating cheerfully and regarding the rules scrupulously" in the publication of war news.

The events of the past 10 years," he added, "have shown that newspaper men have a peculiar and special interest in the defeat of the axis. Reporters have been among the first to suffer in every axis country, and in every country conquered and overrun by the axis."

"This government does not ask newspaper men to tell a lie or to ALTER THE TRUTH. Military necessity demands a time lag in the disclosure of important information."

"But mark this: When the official reports of our war department and our navy department do appear, they are wholly truthful within the limitations upon completeness imposed by military necessity."

Linoleum Arrives For Court House

Linoleum has arrived for several offices in the courthouse, the county agent's office floor being one of the first to be covered. The improvement will also be carried out in the justice court, health department, Red Cross quarters and circuit court department.

wounded and missing of the navy since the war started stood at more than 10,000 today with release of casualty list number 5 containing names of 98 recorded as dead, eight as wounded and 2,101 missing.

In addition the army has reported 796 deaths in battle and the wounding of 930 American soldiers.

For three days the pilot beat his way through great matted roots, vines and grass head-tail.

200,881,000 LBS. OF SCRAP RUBBER IN FIRST 6 DAYS

Oregon's Collection Total 6,510,000 Pounds—East, South Disappoint Lokes.

Washington, June 24—(AP)—The petroleum industry war council reported to President Roosevelt today that 200,881,000 pounds of scrap rubber had been collected in the first six days of the nationwide collection drive.

This was 1.52 pounds per capita.

The equivalent in tons was 100,438.

William R. Boyd, Jr., chairman of the council, submitted the progress report and told reporters the over-all total was encouraging, but Interior Secretary Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, commented that the drive was "very disappointing" in the populous eastern and southern states, but was very good in the far west.

The states, their total pounds collected, and pounds collected per capita, include:

Arizona 2,572,000 pounds and 5.15 pounds per capita; California 22,994,600 and 3.33; Idaho 2,600,000 and 4.95; Washington 8,068,000 and 4.65; Oregon 6,510,000 and 5.97.

County Rubber Pile Now 300,268 Pounds Pick-up Is Offered

Collection of scrap rubber in Jackson county totaled 300,268 pounds up to this morning and rubber articles of all kinds and descriptions were being rapidly added to the growing stock pile, according to Kenneth Parrett, chairman of the committee of oil companies making the collections.

Farmers are piling their scrap rubber alongside the road and oil company trucks, on their regular rural routes, are picking it up and bringing it to Medford. Parrett said, and added that tires from six inches to six feet in diameter have been collected.

Persons wishing to donate their scrap rubber to the Boy Scouts may call Scout headquarters, 2350, and the rubber will be picked up. The drive, nationwide, will end June 30.

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Grasshoppers and Raw Owl Food For Downed U. S. Pilot

Somewhere in Australia, June 24—(AP)—A United States fighter pilot forced down after a battle with a Japanese bomber, came out of the crocodile-infested swamps of northern Australia today to tell of a three-day ordeal which drove him to eat grasshoppers and raw owl meat.

He is a 27-year-old lieutenant, married and a former printer apprentice on the Columbia (S. C.) Record.

The pilot said he climbed out of his damaged plane uninjured. He had been forced down several months before, he related, "but this time I had only a quart of water in my canteen."

"I spent the afternoon on the beach, between the sea and a swamp, cutting a disc from my parachute to protect myself from mosquitoes and making two cloth circles, hoping to attract attention to the plane," he said.

"The next day I set out at daybreak, leaving a note fastened to the plane saying I was hearing north as I knew an island where food could be had."

For three days the pilot beat his way through great matted roots, vines and grass head-tail.

able to travel only three or four miles from dawn to sundown.

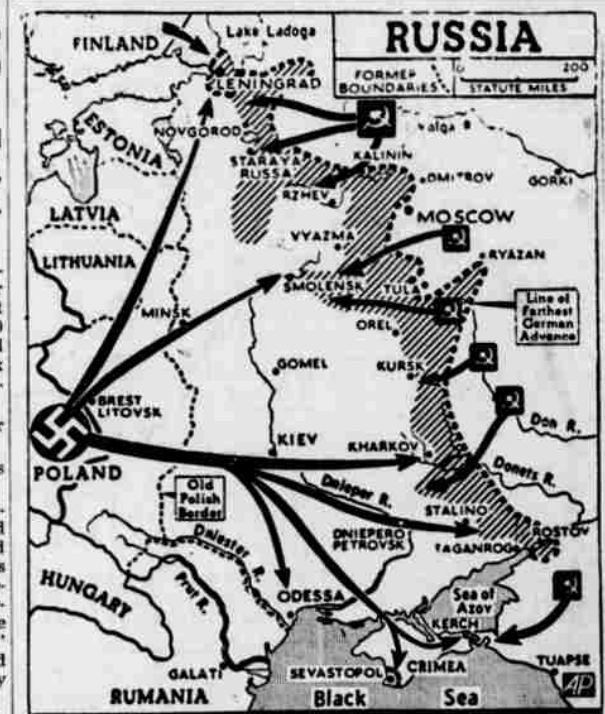
"Once I toppled over in long grass and lay too exhausted to move. My eyes lighted on a long grasshopper."

"Hell," I said, "I'm going to eat you."

"I tore off the head and tail and ate the legs and the rest of it. Not so bad. It tasted like crabmeat."

Later on he killed an owl.

Second Year of War On Red Front Summarized



It was just a year ago that Hitler launched his attack on Russia, an attack which progressed steadily until the German armies were stopped late in November on the thresholds of Moscow and Leningrad. This map summarizes the first year of battle. The start of Hitler's attack, June 22, 1941, was marked by three main sweeps: to Leningrad, toward Moscow via Smolensk, and through the Ukraine with multi-pronged drives. Broken line shows farthest gains made by Nazis up to December. Through the winter reds kept hammering at the Leningrad-Staraya Russa sector, pecked away around the Rusev pocket, tried the pincers around Smolensk, pushed the line back toward Kursk, loosed a smashing drive at Kharkov and points south—and recaptured shaded area, including the key point of Rostov. Soviets, though losing Kerch, have marshalled sufficient forces across the strait to bar any easy Nazi advance to Caucasian oil fields and are still holding Sevastopol.

It took them eight hours. All hands were saved. Some men saw the attacker's periscope from their two lifeboats.

The sinking brought the unofficial Associated Press total of ships sunk in the western Atlantic to 309 since Pearl Harbor. Reports from the Caribbean area indicated that two additional ships were torpedoed but they had not been included in the total pending further details.

The announcement followed upon the navy's report yesterday that enemy submarines over a 12-day period sent 13 United Nations merchantmen to the bottom of the Caribbean.

Casualties ran high, with 48 known dead and 87 missing in the Caribbean sinkings occurring between June 3 and 14.

Balky Tenants Stand Siege; All Conveniences Cut Off

Seattle, June 24—(AP)—Without heat or refrigeration and drawing upon neighboring faucets for water by means of hoses, 16 tenants of the La Manse apartments refused to leave the rooms from which they have been ordered by their landlord.

The landlord, William Corbett, ordered the tenants to move by July 1 in protest of government fixed rent ceilings. Water was shut off by the city water department after an argument over the bill, Corbett said, but he emphasized he would have acted if the city had not.

"I intend to close those apartments until an adjustment is made by the rent director on the rents," the apartment owner declared. "I gave the tenants notice they would have to move and offered them apartments in the Chelsea Court (which he owns) and agreed to pay for moving them."

The tenants, however, refused to move and offered payment of June rent on the basis of the price ceiling ordered by the rent authority. Corbett refused.

"We agree the apartments are worth more money," R. A. McMurtrie, spokesman for the tenants, said. "But the rent authority has informed us we can pay no more than that charged April 1, 1941, and that we do not have to move out."

Corbett said he bought the building last October when rents were running from \$12.50 to \$32 a month. The apartments are worth from \$40 to \$42.50 now, he asserted.

Roosevelt Summons Special Meeting Of Pacific War Council

Washington, June 24—(AP)—President Roosevelt today called a special meeting for tomorrow of the Pacific war council, which Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada will attend.

Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, in announcing the call, did not say for what purpose the meeting was arranged. There was to have been, however, a regular meeting of the council today.

The area of the earth is 196,950,000 square miles, of which 139,440,400 is water.

Declaring that a definite shortage of labor would exist when the time comes to harvest local fruit crops, Lewis Ulrich, manager of the United States Employment Service, today stated that every able-bodied child over 14 years of age would be needed for work in the orchards.

Pointing out that arrangements must be made at once to provide adequate labor to harvest the perishable crops, Ulrich urged all young persons planning to help to call at the employment office in the Holland hotel building to obtain their application forms and full information on the work.

Under the wage and hour act, Ulrich explained, children under 18 years of age are required to obtain a permit to work, and in order to obtain this permit a parent's or guardian's signature is necessary, together with satisfactory evidence of the age of the child. This evidence must be submitted in the form of a birth certificate, doctor's affidavit or other established record. School records are not acceptable.

"Because birth records have not been considered particularly important heretofore, many children will require some time to obtain satisfactory evidence of age," Ulrich stated. "Therefore, in order that everyone will be ready to go to work when the time comes, the boys and girls who are going to do their part in the war effort of providing foodstuffs are asked to obtain their applications immediately."

Ulrich added that fruit growers and packers have assured competent and adequate supervision of all children employed.

VICTIMS RELATE LACONIC STORY OF TORPEDOING

Survivors of 309th Sinking in Western Atlantic Simply Rowed Toward Shore.

By The Associated Press

Survivors of a small Yugoslavian merchant vessel, the torpedoing of which about 25 miles off shore in the Gulf of Mexico was announced by the navy today, told one of the most laconic survival stories of the recent submarine warfare when they recounted that "we simply rowed toward port."

It took them eight hours. All hands were saved. Some men saw the attacker's periscope from their two lifeboats.

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CHINESE CAPTURE TWO OUTPOSTS IN KWANGFENG AREA

By The Associated Press

Chinese dispatches reported today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies had captured two outposts of Japanese-held Kwangfeng, killed or wounded 4,000 Japanese, and now "directly menaced" Kwang-feng itself.

Kwangfeng is an important base supplying Japanese columns driving westward into Kiangsi province, in eastern China.

The Chinese said the attack on Kwangfeng was part of a maneuver to cut off the Japanese army which is attempting to complete its conquest of the important Chekiang-Kiangsi railway leading into central China. Only a 50-mile stretch remains in Chinese hands.

A Japanese dispatches said that a strong new Japanese offensive was developing in Chekiang province, and that Lishui, "the last airport still in enemy hands in the province," was almost destroyed by aerial assault yesterday.

Domei said Japanese troops "storming deep into the mountain fastnesses south of Wuyi and braving torrential rains" were making steady progress.

Soldier Allotment Signing Paves Way For Draft Changes

Washington, June 24—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed the service men's pay allotment and allowance bill today, paving the way for financial aid to dependents of fighting men and reclassification of married men for the draft.

Providing for federal payments to supplement allotments from service men's pay checks to support their dependents, the legislation also contains a provision enjoining a congressional policy that selective service should "not break up the institution of the home."

To carry out this policy, congress wrote into the bill authority for selective service officials to defer any and all categories of men having dependents with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes.