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ROMMEL DRIVES 60 MILES INTO EGYPT

'Chutists From Crete Seen Threat



London military observers said they expected the next Nazi move in the Libyan-Egyptian campaign would be co-ordinated with a Nazi parachute invasion from Crete (broken arrow), intended to strike behind British lines in Egypt. German forces in Libya (black arrow), were poised at the Egyptian border, ready to attempt a drive eastward (broken arrow), with Suez as an objective.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 25—The current flurry of news-items about strikes breaking here and there about the country does not yet constitute a new strike-threat to war production, but does betray a war board into an outburst of union politics.

The union politicians apparently are bent on crowding Mr. Roosevelt's war board into great new salary and political concessions.

The new strikes are minor, usually involving a small number of men. They have been running anywhere from three to eight days since Pearl Harbor and are generally short-lived. It is astonishing that there are any at all at a time like this, but the union leaders seem to be holding their boys in line reasonably well on that front.

But they, themselves, have been building up through simultaneous demands upon employers and the WPB what constitutes a campaign to break the voluntary government wage freezing arrangement upon which the war economy is based.

THE United Auto Workers have, for instance, made extreme demands on the Chrysler corporation for a new contract.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)

First broadcast of the annual Army and Navy football classic November 28 under a sponsor will go over MBS, NBC and CBS. The \$100,000 to be paid for broadcast rights will be divided between the Army and Navy Relief funds.

Tonight: CBS, 7:30, discussion "Electricity Fights the War," 6, Town Meeting from Kansas City, "Wages, Taxes, Inflation."

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jerry Wilkinson, Junior Hostess league proxy, presiding at the first league meeting in an efficient manner.

Berenice Reames completing the barrel seats for the USO rumper room and pinch-hitting as a floor sweeper for finishing touches.

Bert Hughes, the only sailor at the USO dance, receiving a lot of attention amid all the soldiers.

Bill Catey relaxing after a vigorous evening of state guard drilling.

Family Men and Key Workers Last To Be Called for Army

Washington, June 25—(AP)—Family men and key war workers will be the last to be called to the colors by local draft boards under new orders sent out today.

Draft headquarters announced four categories to govern the order under which men will be called up on the basis of dependency, leaving married men with children as the last to be inducted but emphasizing that they could count upon no permanent deferment.

Meanwhile Paul V. McNutt, war manpower commissioner, changed his previous work-order fight orders to give men with essential skills a chance to find jobs in vital war industries before being taken into the army.

Previously selective service boards had been asked only to defer essential workers who actually had key jobs.

The draft headquarters ruling was in line with the bill President Roosevelt signed yesterday granting allowances for soldiers' dependents. The ruling established general groups to be inducted in the following order:

"Category 1. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have no bona-fide financial dependents.

"Category 2. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have financial dependents other than wives or children mentioned in categories 3 or 4.

"Category 3. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives with whom they are maintaining a bona fide family relationship in their homes and who were married prior to Dec. 8, 1941, and at a time when induction was not imminent.

"Category 4. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives and children or children alone, with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes who were married prior to Dec. 8, 1941, at a time when induction was not imminent."

CHINESE FORCES PUSH JAPANESE BACK 12 MILES

(By Associated Press)

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies appeared to have recoiled against the smashing Japanese drives into China's eastern provinces, and latest dispatches today indicated that the most dangerous enemy thrust was being thrown back.

A Chinese army spokesman said Chinese troops had forced the Japanese to retreat 12 miles from recaptured Kweiiki, widening the 50-mile gap between east-bound and west-bound enemy columns along the important Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

Flying Tigers Busy

Simultaneously, it was officially disclosed that American volunteer airmen, the "Flying Tigers" of Burma fame, had taken the offensive against the invaders, sinking a Japanese warship and three transports in an attack on Hankow, Japan's major inland base in occupied China.

An AVG communiqué said the raiders probably damaged other ships and blew up military establishments in their debut over the Yangtze river port, China's greatest interior city.

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BRITISH RETREAT BEFORE TANKS OF INVASION FORCE

U. S. Airmen In Punishing Blow Against Bengasi—Quit Salum, Sidi Omar.

Cairo, June 25—(AP)—Powerful axis tank forces thrust more than 60 miles into Egypt today, forcing the British to fall back under a covering fire, but United States army fliers dealt the enemy a punishing blow with a second raid on the big supply base of Bengasi, 350 miles to the rear.

British army headquarters announced that the British eighth army had abandoned the frontier strongholds of Salum and Sidi Omar and that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel's advance forces were southeast of Sidi Barrani, with British mobile units fighting a fierce rearguard action.

The RAF disclosed that the Germans and Italians in heavy strength were moving across all day yesterday to the south of Bir Sheferzen, which is 15 miles south of Sidi Omar and about 40 miles from the Mediterranean.

Turn Northeast

The enemy then swung northeastward, being kept under continual and damaging attack by bombers and fighters of the RAF and the South Africa air force.

Meanwhile the United States fliers in their four motored, consolidated bomber squadrons teamed with the RAF for the second time this week to launch a heavy overnight bombardment of Bengasi, principal entry port in Libya for axis supplies.

The RAF announced that shipping in the harbor was the objective as Rommel raced to make good his earlier Libyan losses in anticipation of his drive toward Cairo and Alexandria, now only about 300 and 220 miles, respectively, away from his advanced elements.

The axis drive surged up to, if not past, the highwater mark of the Italian offensive of the fall of 1940.

MEDFORD MISSIONARY AMONG 629 RETURNING IN PRISONER EXCHANGE

Held prisoner by the Japs at Hong Kong following the fall of that British outpost, R. D. Bullock of Medford, an independent missionary, will be returned to the United States through exchange agreements effected by Swiss authorities.

An Associated Press dispatch today listed Bullock's name among those of 629 Americans who would be returned to this country aboard the Swedish motorship Grisholm, which is now taking Japanese diplomats and nationals to Lournoe Marques, Portuguese West Africa, in the first step of the exchange.

Bullock, brother of Mrs. Carl Knutson of 815 West 15th street, has been doing missionary work in Kowloon, Hong Kong for the past nine years. His wife and daughter have been in Portland for the past year and a half.

Japs Plan Permanent Bases In Captured Aleutian Isles

Tokyo (from Japanese broadcasts), June 25—(AP)—A communiqué reporting that Japanese naval and military forces in the Aleutian Islands had occupied Kiska on June 7 and Attu a day later said today "they are at present consolidating their positions in neighboring islands."

The announcement, made by imperial headquarters, said that Kiska henceforth would be known as Narumaki and Attu as Atsuta.

Domel explained that Narumaki was derived from Narukamizunoi or thunder month, one of the Japanese names for June.

Attu was renamed Atsuta island after the Atsuta shrine at Nagoya, which is the site of June feasts. (Nagoya, a major Pacific port, was one of four cities attacked by United States bombers in the raids April 18 led by Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle.)

A dispatch written by Makoto Saito, who is attached to the Japanese marine corps, said the weather on the voyage north was so bitterly cold ship sentries had to be relieved every two hours.

Crews and equipment were selected carefully and even large quantities of seeds and potatoes were transported to the Aleutians for planting, he reported, saying "this alone reveals that our action was not meant to be merely temporary."

Second Front Plan Seen in Selection of U.S. Chieftain

JACKSON COUNTY TAXABLE VALUES SHOW INCREASE

Jan. 1 Assessment Reveals Property Up \$2,174,280 As Compared With 1941.

The net taxable value of Jackson county property, upon which the tax levy for the tax year starting July 1 will be based, is \$28,388,340, according to figures completed today. This is an increase of \$2,174,280 over last year when it was \$26,214,060.

The valuation is based on assessments as of January 1 last. The public utility valuations, compiled by the state tax commission, not yet completed, will be added. The first payment of the new tax year is November, 15 next.

The total real property valuation is fixed at \$22,812,710 for 1942. Last year it was \$22,654,470, an increase of \$158,240. Merchandise in stock in stores of the county show a valuation increase of \$568,300. This year it is placed at \$1,692,290; last year it was \$1,123,990.

Valuation of farm implements for this year is placed at \$299,890. Last year it was \$260,500.

Animals Worth More

All farm animals show a valuation increase, save dairy cows, due to the unit tax rate being less. The figures show there was an increase of 432 dairy cows. The 1942 valuation is \$282,640. The previous year it was \$295,260. The number of dairy cows, as assessed is 9,201, the previous year 8,769.

Stock cattle show an increase in number and valuation, as follows:

Number 20,416, valuation \$478,078; previous year, number 16,206, valuation \$327,730, increase number, 4,210, valuation \$150,348.

Other farm animals include: Horses and mules—number 3,283, valuation \$110,330 for this year; last year, number 2,928, valuation \$109,130.

Sheep and goats—number this year 13,166, valuation \$43,450; last year, number 12,899, valuation \$37,260.

Swine Gain Large

Swine—number 6,028, valuation \$31,160 for this year; number 4,539, valuation \$21,160 last year.

Poultry—number 32,253, valuation \$9,730 for 1942; number 19,788, valuation \$7,470 for last year.

Furbearing animals—number 565, valuation \$5,030 for this year; number 204, valuation \$3,607 last year.

Bees (hives)—number 2,507, valuation \$5,020 for 1942; number 2,023, valuation \$4,090 previous year.

First Dramatic Story Of Dutch Harbor Blow Is Given by Evacuees

Seattle, June 25—(AP)—In the first dramatic report of what happened at Dutch Harbor, evacuees and seamen told upon arrival of a transport here how the Japanese air attack at 5:45 a. m. June 2 caught civilians by surprise and how the gallant gunners on their ship and shore laid a deadly screen of anti-aircraft fire about the raiding planes.

While army and navy men manned the anti-aircraft guns, some of the ship's crew snatched up rifles and blazed away at the dive bombers.

Number Shot Down Not Made Known

How many Jap planes were downed has never been announced officially, and the reports brought by the witnesses to the raids failed to clarify the point.

(The official navy announcement of the raid on the Dutch Harbor base reported four bombers and 15 fighter planes were involved in the raid early the morning of June 3, with an unreported number of planes returning six hours later for what apparently was a reconnaissance flight. The navy reported damage was not extensive, although some warehouses were set afire, and casualties were not great.)

Mayor John W. Fletcher of Unalaska (Dutch Harbor is in Unalaska bay) said application was made for 35 death certificates after the day's bombing.

Service men aboard the ship were tight-lipped about what damage was done at the Dutch Harbor base, but several of them said "the damage was light—considering."

"Considering what?" interviewers pressed a ruddy-faced army corporal.

"Considering that no matter how long you've been warned and have been expecting a raid, there's bound to be some surprise when they finally do come over in force," he replied. "No matter how much stuff you toss at them, some of them are bound to get through."

Plenty of Action While It Lasted

Declining to identify himself, he acted as spokesman for half a dozen walking wounded. The wounded men were included among the passenger list of 64 persons from Dutch Harbor and 34 from nearby Cold Bay. Seventeen women and 18 children evacuees were included.

"It was hot stuff," continued the corporal. "We were credited with knocking down 11 of their planes. Personally, I didn't see any planes fall. How many the navy lost, I don't know."

"But, you know, when you're doing a job you don't have time to watch around at what the other fellow is doing. You must keep your eyes on what you're supposed to do, and do it, and you don't have time to get scared, just mad. They tried their damndest to get this ship."

"I spent seven months in France as an artilleryman in the last war," commented C. W. Flack, 45, a ship's porter from San Francisco, "but I saw more action in two days at Dutch Harbor than in all of those seven months."

Unalaska's mayor Fletcher, on his way to confer with Indian bureau authorities about the evacuation of natives "who were shaking like leaves" after the air attacks, said in a description of the scene:

"There was a hell of an attack in the harbor on this ship we came down on. It occurred before the passengers were aboard. The men at the guns put up a curtain of fire that was deadly. The dive bombers couldn't get in very close."

"The ship had docked in Dutch Harbor only the night before the first dawn bombing raid. She was taken out into the harbor after the bombing started where she could have maneuvering space."

"The anti-aircraft fire that

GEN. EISENHOWER REACHES LONDON TO HEAD EFFORT

Former Chief of Armored Force Operations Division of General Staff.

London, June 25—(AP)—Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower, new commander of United States army forces in the European theater of operations, is believed to have assumed the task of working out details for an allied invasion of the continent.

His arrival at London headquarters was announced simultaneously today here and in Washington.

Washington, June 25—(AP)—Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower has arrived in London and taken command of the European theater for American forces, it was announced today by the war department, which defined a theater of operations as "an area where combat is in progress or will be."

Eisenhower, a native Texan and an armored force expert, went to his post in London from an assignment as chief of the operations division of the war department's general staff.

The department spokesman who defined "theater of operations" explained that such a theater usually is divided into the combat or front line zone and the line of communications but added that "with air power so important there is little difference now between front and rear areas."

The brief announcement was made without reference to current speculation on the possibility of a second front in Europe.

Second Town Razed By Nazis to Avenge Death of Heydrich

London, June 25—(AP)—The Czech community of Lesany in Bohemia has been razed by the Nazis on the accusation that the villagers hid parachutists involved in the slaying of Reinhard Heydrich, "protector" of Bohemia-Moravia, it was reported today in a Budapest radio broadcast heard by a Czech government listener here.

This was the second village wiped out by the Germans in vengeance for the death of Heydrich, the Germans having reported June 10th they had slain the male population of Lidice, near Prague, sent the women to concentration camps and the children to "educational" institutions.

About 350 men faced the firing squad in that village.

What happened to the Lesany population was not disclosed by the Budapest broadcast, which quoted an official announcement in Prague newspapers.

WAR-BUSY MILLS HIT BY WALKOUT

Lorain, Ohio, June 25—(AP)—An unauthorized strike by 3,500 unionists today shut down the war-busy pipe mills of the National Tube Co.'s plant here.

The strike, first in the pipe mills of the U. S. Steel Corp., subsidiary since they were established here in 1896, resulted from wage grievances, said Thomas Tycraft, recording secretary of the CIO United Steelworkers local which represents the workers.

Another 6,500 employees in other National Tube Co. plants here remained at their jobs.



Grover Cleveland Bergdoll (above), draft dodger of the last war and now in prison, sought a presidential pardon in New York so that he could enlist in the U. S. air forces and redeem himself by fighting for his country.