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NAVY REVEALS RAID ON WAKE ISLAND

Nazi Saboteurs Land in U. S.—Nabbed



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



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YANKEE AIRMEN FIND JAPANESE DEFENSES WEAK

Formation Makes Safe Return After Foray On Former U. S. Post.

Washington, June 29—(AP)—The navy announced today that United States bombers had attacked Japanese-occupied Wake Island in the Pacific last Saturday, damaging the enemy's air field and various shore installations.

The navy's communique, based on reports received up to 11 a. m. PWT today, said:

"1. U. S. bombers attacked Japanese-occupied Wake Island on June 27.

"2. Under favorable conditions of weather and visibility our planes, attacking in formation, damaged the air field and various shore installations.

"3. Enemy anti-aircraft and fighter defense was weak and, although one bomber suffered minor damage during the attack, all of our planes returned safely."

Tiny Wake Island, which overwhelmed enemy forces wrested from an American Marine garrison Dec. 23, is Japan's nearest base to the Hawaiian area. It is 2,000 nautical miles west of Pearl Harbor and little more than 1,000 miles southwest of Midway, the American outpost nearest to Japanese territory.

Looking For Ships

The raid reported today was the second made by American aircraft on the Atoll. Planes from a task force led by Vice Admiral William F. Halsey wiped out shore installations and some minor surface units Feb. 24.

It was considered probably by authorities here that American raiders on Saturday were looking for a concentration of enemy shipping of the sort which they found in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands raid Jan. 31 when they destroyed 16 ships as well as 41 planes and land works. If that was their hope, apparently they were disappointed since the communique mentioned no damage to shipping.

MILLION JEWS TOLL

London, June 29—(AP)—The British section of the world Jewish Congress estimated today that more than 1,000,000 Jews have been killed or died as the result of ill treatment in countries dominated by Germany.

FBI Rounds Up Aides Of Saboteur Invaders

New York, June 29—(AP)—Seizure of "several contacts and associates" of the band of eight Nazi spy-saboteurs landed by U-boats on the east coast was announced last night by the FBI, which promised more arrests within a few days.

New developments in the startling case of the eight German agents submarine-borne to Long Island and Florida beaches with explosives intended to wreck vital American industries included the discovery of an additional cache of \$20,000, increasing the total of "pay-off money" carried by the saboteurs to \$170,000.

Neither the number nor the names of the persons arrested as aides of the invading saboteurs were disclosed by Earl J. Connelley, assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in announcing the new roundup 24 hours after Hoover had revealed the capture of the agents bent on a two-year campaign of destruction against the American war effort.

Some arrests of the suspected accomplices were made in Chicago, and some here. Those here were believed to have been made from among a group of German people living on Long Island not far from the deserted beach at Amagansett, where the first group of four Nazi terrorists landed June 13.

Hoover gave the names of those in this group as George John Dasher, 39, leader; Ernest Peter Burger, 36, who in 1931 was a private in the Michigan

British Lose Matruh, Right Wing Anchor

Unconscious Pilot Circles For Hour Before Coming To

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 29—(AP)—An airplane with an unconscious pilot inside circled the Ann Arbor city airport crazily for an hour last night while spectators below watched in frozen fright.

Miss Joan Tesh, 19, of Ann Arbor, an employee of the Willow Run bomber plant, took the ship aloft in the early evening and fainted while still in the air.

With the rudder and elevator fixed so it would go in approximately level circles, the plane continued to fly. Robert Young, an airport instructor, took another ship up and saw that Miss Tesh was unconscious at the controls.

For almost 60 minutes, the plane continued its wild perambulations. Then the girl revived.

She glided the plane to a stop in a field at Ellsworth road and State striking a fence in the effort.

COUNTY BUDGET GIVEN APPROVAL

The Jackson county budget for the tax year starting July 1, 1942, calling for the raising by tax levy of \$376,265, was passed "as advertised", at a public hearing in the courthouse auditorium today. There was no dissenting vote.

The public hearing also approved of a resolution, recommending the next legislature pass a bill fixing the salary of Jackson county commissioners at a flat rate of \$2,000 per year. They now receive \$5 per day and gasoline mileage. Due to increase in county business the commissioners are engaged on county business everyday. The difference in the amount received.

The public hearing was attended by approximately a score of people, including a number of P.T.A. members. H. A. (Bert) Thierolf presided as chairman.

Swedes Break Up Nazi Gathering

Stockholm, Sweden, June 29—(AP)—In the second anti-Nazi riot within a week in Sweden, more than 1,000 persons broke up an attempt to hold a Nazi meeting yesterday in Raetvik, 150 miles northeast of Stockholm.

VAST NEW OUTLAY FOR WAR EXPENSE SOUGHT IN HOUSE

Appropriations Committee Brings in \$1,810,487,615 Supply Bill for Debate.

Washington, June 29—(AP)—The house appropriations committee fired another financial salvo in the war program today, sending to the floor a \$1,810,487,615 supply bill which it estimated would boost to approximately \$228,000,000,000 the amount projected for national defense since June 1940.

The new bill carries funds for almost a score of war agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1. Most of them have been operating in the past on emergency allocations.

OPA Controversy Seen

While more than one-half the total, \$1,100,000,000, is for the war shipping administration, a \$75,000,000 item for Leon Henderson's office of price administration was expected to be the only part of the bill over which a controversy of any consequence would develop.

The committee more than halved Henderson's original request and shaved \$86,000,000 from the budget bureau's recommendation. To make certain the \$75,000,000 would be all that Henderson's agency would have to spend during the new year, the committee wrote into the bill a restriction that the OPA funds "shall not be augmented by allocations or transfers of funds from any other appropriation."

The OPA item was almost certain to bring into the open the resentment that has been gathering in some congressional quarters since Henderson began appointing state administrators without consulting the patronage views of Capitol Hill. House economy bloc leaders promptly announced they would seek to cut the \$75,000,000 at least in half. The house appropriations subcommittee recommended \$95,000,000 but the full committee, on motion of Rep. Johnson (D., Okla.), cut off \$20,000,000.

YOUTH 18 TO 20 REGISTER TUESDAY FOR WAR SERVICE

Polls for registration for selective service of male citizens born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924 will be open at 7 a. m. and close at 9 p. m. tomorrow. Selective service boards said today that everything is in readiness for registration of all males between the ages of 18 and 20.

Following are the places of registration in Jackson county: Butte Falls, town hall; Eagle Point, Brown's hall; Central Point, old city hall; Gold Hill, city hall; Jacksonville, old city hall; Applegate, Community hall; Prospect, gymnasium; Trail, engineer's office; Ashland, city hall; Talent, city hall; Phoenix, Grange hall; Rogue River, Scouts hall; Prescott and South Fork, CCC camp; Medford, courthouse auditorium.

EASTERN DRIVERS FIND HARD GOING IN GAS DROUGHT

Washington, June 29—(AP)—Uncle Sam tomorrow will register some 3,000,000 youths of the 18 to 20 year age group for possible military service under the selective service system.

When that registration is completed, the government will have a record of about 43,000,000 men—every male in the country between 18 and 65 years of age.

Tomorrow's registration will be for youths 18 and 19 years old and for 20 year olds born between Dec. 31, 1921, and June 30, 1922. The 20 year olds are subject to the draft. An amendment to the selective service law would be necessary before the 18 and 19 year olds could be drafted. Big Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, has indicated they may be needed.

Defense workers in Boston expressed fear they wouldn't be able to get to work today, and all through Massachusetts and New England automobiles rolling along roads were becoming fewer and fewer.

While Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York City attacked the 2 1/2 cents-a-gallon price increase effective along the eastern seaboard Monday as "discriminatory and unfair", vacationists and visitors crowded New York in numbers comparable to those on holidays.

Railroad officials in Grand Central terminal said 30 extra trains had been added to handle the travelers. Trains for Long Island beaches were heavy patronized, the Pennsylvania railroad reported.

The name Paoshan, a small city in China's Yunnan province, means "precious mountain."

Jap Midway Losses Worse Than First Reported By Navy

Pearl Harbor, T. H., June 29—(AP)—The defeat of the Japanese invasion fleet off Midway Island was even worse than first reported.

The navy, waiting until it had rounded up all the reports and checked them, flatly wrote off as Japanese losses: the aircraft carrier Okagi, 26,900 tons; the aircraft carrier Kaga, 26,900 tons; the aircraft carrier Soryu, 10,050 tons; the aircraft carrier Kiryu, 10,500 tons; two heavy cruisers, probably the 8,500 ton Mogami and the 8,500 ton Mikuma; three destroyers and a cargo or transport vessel.

Unofficial estimates placed the probably Japanese death list at 18,000 or more.

That added up to at least 10 ships sent to the bottom in the big sea-air battle earlier this month off Midway. The definite report of four carriers sunk contrasted with tentative reports on June 10 of "two and possibly three." The same reports listed only one other Jap ship as definitely sunk, a destroyer.

The loss of 10 likewise was in sharp contrast with Japanese admissions that only one ship, a carrier, went down.

Blaze Near Trail in Heavy Timber Area

Rogue River National Forest headquarters said this afternoon a fire of undetermined origin and unknown size was burning in a rather heavily timbered area a half mile east of Trail near the Crater Lake highway. The blaze was reported about 1:30 by a passing motorist.

The state forest patrol sent a pumper and five men to the scene, the forest service three fire guards.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: Talks—Blue 6 radio forum, interview of Brig. Gen. P. B. Fleming on "Activities of Federal Works Agency."

AXIS JUGGERNAUT CONTINUES MARCH UPON ALEXANDRIA

Main Strength Still Intact Is British High Command Claim—Plan New Stand.

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
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The British command announced late today that its eighth army had evacuated Matruh, coastal anchor of the defense line 175 miles west of Alexandria, but indicated that its main strength still was intact to give Nazi Marshal Rommel battle at a more favorable time and place.

The announcement in Cairo was partial confirmation of earlier axis reports of the fall of the stronghold and continuation of an advance toward the Nile and Suez.

Plan New Stand

But indications were that the allied forces making up the eighth British army had withdrawn to take another stand in desperate search for positions from which the axis juggernaut could be halted after its impairment in isolated engagements and reinforcement of the defense.

The tactics seemed to call for avoidance of a full-scale clash with Field Marshal Rommel's columns so long as the defenders stood under the handicap of inferiority in tanks.

On one point of the axis claims there was official British agreement—that Rommel's forces in two days of battle had reached around to the southeast or Nile valley side of Matruh, prized railroad, 160 miles from Alexandria. This is the air line distance. The routes by desert road and railways are about 175 miles.

The Alexandria area was raided this morning by axis planes but they caused little damage and no casualties, according to the official Egyptian report.

Drive Continues

Berlin and Rome said that at Matruh Rommel captured more than 6,000 prisoners and that he was continuing the eastward drive.

The 6,000 figure suggested that the bulk of Matruh's defenders had been withdrawn. The axis claimed a much larger prisoner haul—33,000—at Tobruk, just eight days ago when that last British foothold in Libya was captured.

At the same time the long-heralded main offensive of the German armies in Russia was reported underway in the Kursk area, south of Moscow and north of Kharkov, where the enemy appeared to be attempting a wide-swinging move to cut communications between the Russians central and southern fronts, to prepare the way for a drive into the Caucasus.

The full weight of Germany's all-out assault in Russia was being assailed on the Red armies in both the Kharkov and Kursk areas.

Thus the axis pincers on the middle east, the Suez canal and Alexandria took shape in the co-ordinated drives in Russia and Egypt, aimed evidently at closing in on the Suez region and Asia minor from two directions, through the Caucasus northeast of Suez and through Egypt on the west.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Maurice Spatz arranging his fourth of July program to dovetail with the Craters' baseball schedule.

Wilson Church cutting capers about the pool.

Eva Taylor and Verna Paulson sunning and swimming at Twin Plunges.