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ROMMEL MEETS STIFFER RESISTANCE

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 30—Some disappointment is evident in women's clubs and among citizen groups unfamiliar with military tactics (particularly on the Pacific coast) against the Roosevelt-Churchill conduct of the war.

The failure of their joint statement to promise anything very definite, coming after the Dutch Harbor raid and the occupation of two remote rocks in the Alutian Islands, plus the really dismal British failure in Libya, seems to be starting another wave of impatience, not shared by persons in possession of the facts.

Enough truly bad news is probably coming along to let the faint hearted indulge themselves fully, without conjuring imaginary dangers.

Fall of Sevastopol has been counted here as likely for the past two weeks. When that Russian naval base goes, about 20 good Nazi divisions will be released for the delayed "spring" drive in the Donets basin.

THE coming important part of the fight, Nazi occupation of Sevastopol, would not only clear the Crimea, but give the Germans an excellent Black Sea port into which to pour supplies by boat from Rumania (via the Danube) and from Constantinople.

The Egyptian situation has recently been judged as serious, but not hopeless for the British. They have a good line, if they can hold it.

The Matruh line is an excellent defensive position, much better than Sidi Barrani for several reasons. It follows southward in the desert lined with a rocky escarpment.

The sands there are loose and

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Kindly Rancher Killed By Bull

Marshfield, Ore., June 30—(P)—Because he thought a check strap around abull's neck was too tight, Raymond B. Lowe, Myrtle Point rancher, lost his life.

He went to the pasture to loosen the strap and was attacked by the animal. He suffered a broken neck and crushed chest and died yesterday.

"MADE IN JAPAN" IS RED RAG IN SOUTH

Ponce, Puerto Rico, June 30—(P)—Soldiers with machine guns and tear gas today broke up a crowd which tried to throw into the sea merchandise stored on a wharf and marked "Made in Japan."

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: CBS — 5:30, Nature of the Enemy, Admiral Yamamoto. BLU—6:30, this nation at war "Dogs For Defense." MBS—7:45, Sen. T. F. Green on "America's Interest in Middle East."

WEDNESDAY: CBS — 1:30, Discussion "Children And The War." BLU — 12, Forum on "After The War—What?" 3:30, Song Clinic. MBS—1:30, Empire City Horse Race.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carlos Morris treating the family to the circus and going along just for the ride.

Carola Hayes celebrating her birthday yesterday and taking her brother to the afternoon circus performance.

Dr. Frank Freeburger shooting the works at the circus to the delight of his small daughter.

U. S. FLIERS AND AUSSIE TROOPS HELPING BRITISH

Alexandria Bombed Again—Nazi Drive on Sevastopol Believed Nearing Climax.

Cairo, June 30—(P)—German armored columns have advanced past El Daba, 75 miles east of Matruh and 100 miles from Alexandria. It was announced tonight.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's 175-mile drive inside Egypt was reported running into stiff resistance today as U. S. army fliers and fresh New Zealand troops reinforced the British Imperial armies and heavy fighting 140 miles west of the great Alexandria naval base.

Alexandria itself was bombed again during the night.
An RAF communique said U. S. airmen were pounding the invaders by day and night, attacking axis columns west of Matruh and bombing enemy-occupied Tobruk in Libya.

Front-line observers reflected some optimism over the new trend of the battle, but the situation remained extremely critical.

Crimes Climax Near

Linked with the German drive toward the Suez Canal and the middle east, the furious Nazi onslaught against Sevastopol in the Crimea appeared to be nearing a climax.

Latest Soviet dispatches said the Germans were now throwing 15 divisions—about 225,000 troops—into the siege of the key Black Sea naval fortress.

These dispatches acknowledged that despite a rally by Sevastopol's out-numbered garrison, the Germans had rebounded to score new gains, particularly in the northeast sector of the citadel.

Red Star, the Soviet newspaper, hinted that the end might be near, commenting:

"No matter what the outcome of the unequal struggle, this is a victory for Soviet arms. History will always remember the duel of one lone garrison with 15 German divisions."

In the Egyptian battle theater, the British had beaten off one big-scale axis tank assault and met another with undisclosed results.

A bulletin from Italian headquarters said axis motorized columns had fallen Fuka, 45 miles east of Matruh.

Cairo dispatches, however, declared that reinforcements in planes and men were helping to rally the weary British 85th army, and indicated that the British were fighting from new positions about 50 miles east of Matruh, on a 45-mile line stretching inland from the Mediterranean sea coast to the Egyptian "Death Valley" known as the Oattara depression.

Tire, Gas Shortage Proving Life Saver

Chicago, June 30—(P)—A record 25 per cent drop in the nation's traffic death toll in May was attributed by the National Safety Council today largely to less driving and more caution in efforts to save cars, tires and gasoline.

Censor Assures Soldier's Girl That All's Well

Sebring, Fla., June 30—(P)—"Hi Life," publication of Hendricks field here, tells about a letter received by the sweetheart of a soldier doing his duty in the Pacific war zone. The letter had passed through the usual censor routine in California.

On opening the envelope, the lady found a narrow slip of paper on which was written: "Your boy friend still loves you, but he talks too much." The slip was signed "censor."

Wounded Return From Dutch Harbor



Men injured in the Jap attack on Dutch Harbor, Alaska, leaned over the rail as a ship carrying service men and civilians reached Seattle. Right to left: Orville Wallen, B. W. Browne and L. A. Zettel. Other men at the left are unidentified.

Escaped Nazi Airman Tells Of Aid Given by Detroiters

Detroit, June 30—(P)—Nazi Air Force Lieutenant Hans Peter Krug testified in federal court here today that he escaped from the Bowmanville, Ont., prison camp last April in order to return to duty and to inform the German government of conditions in the camp—of the shooting of a comrade officer.

Krug was the first government witness against Max Stephan, German-born Detroit restaurant proprietor, who is on trial charged with treason because of aid the government charges he gave Krug when he arrived in Detroit after his escape.

The 21-year-old Nazi flier, captured after a fight over the English channel, testified in English, holding a German-English dictionary in his hand.

After his testimony on the shooting of the officer, District Attorney John C. Lehr, who is prosecuting the case, declared there was absolutely no substantiation of his story.

In his testimony, Krug told of his escape April 16 from Bowmanville and of meeting Stephan on April 18, after paddling across the Detroit river from Ontario in a stolen rowboat with only a board for an oar.

His clothes neatly pressed and his boots highly polished, Krug, who was flanked by numerous G-men as he entered the courtroom, was called to the stand after Lehr completed his opening statement.

Once in the courtroom, Krug removed his military cap with a flourish, clicked his heels and saluted an astonished bailiff.

DRAFT REGISTRY CLOSING AT 9 P. M.

While no estimate on the number of males between the ages of 18 and 20 who were to register today for selective service was available in the county it was expected that the places of registration in the county would notice a heavy call in the evening hours.

Polls for registration of male citizens born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, will close at 9 o'clock tonight. Selective service board members were visiting various polls during the afternoon checking on registrations.

Newspaper Ads All For Bonds

Detroit, June 30—(P)—All advertising in Detroit's two afternoon newspapers was devoted today to the sale of war bonds and stamps.

Self interest has been put aside by Detroit merchants, the Detroit News said, "to help put across the message that you must buy war bonds as you have never bought before."

U. S. railroads employ more than 2 million men and women.

JAPANESE ATTACK IN HEAVY DELUGE TO CLEAR RAILWAY

Tokyo (from Japanese broadcast), June 30—(P)—Three Chungking armies, the 26th, 49th and 74th, were declared in a Domei dispatch today to be retreating southward from positions along the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway under Japanese attacks executed in a torrential rainstorm.

Japanese detachments moving westward along the railway commenced operations early this morning from a point west of Shanghai, about 28 miles within Kiangsi province from the Chekiang border, and others were moving eastward after taking Iyang yesterday, Domei said.

The dispatch indicated the pincers were only about 30 miles apart.

Captured sections of the railway have been repaired and are serving as an important supply route for the Japanese, the newspaper Asahi said.

The Domei agency said other Japanese forces moving southward from the Linchuan area, 80 miles southwest of Nanchang, had established a juncture 30 miles south of Linchuan, encircling 10,000 Chinese troops. Fighting now is in progress with the trapped forces, it said.

The "Old Oaken Bucket" is coming back; WPB is encouraging manufacture of wooden pails and tubs requiring not more than 15 per cent metal.

BRITISH APPEAL MEETS DISFAVOR

San Francisco, June 30—(P)—Appeals for executive clemency submitted by John Brite, 42, and Coke Brite, 37, both Yreka, were recommended for denial today by the state advisory pardon board.

The men were convicted of murdering Fred Seaborn and Deputy Sheriff Martin Lange and Joseph Clark during a gun battle at Horse Creek near Yreka on Aug. 26, 1936.

Both men were sentenced to death but Governor Culbert L. Olson commuted the sentences to life imprisonment on May 9, 1939. Both men sought commutation of their life sentences to time served.

AERIAL BOMBING WAY TO DEFEAT NAZIS, IS CLAIM

Germans Can't Take It Is Word of Billy Mitchell's Sister on U. S. Return.

Jersey City, N. J., June 30—(P)—Ruth Mitchell, sister of the late Brigadier General Billy Mitchell who was an early advocate of the use of air power, declared upon her return from Nazi-dominated Europe today that the way to beat Germany was by bombing from airplanes.

The slim, blond-haired woman, who joined the Yugoslav Chetnik Guerrilla army in April, 1941, and later spent almost a year in 12 different concentration camps following her arrest by the German Gestapo, was the first of 949 passengers to disembark from the diplomatic exchange liner Drottningholm.

Can't Take It

"Bombing by planes is the way to beat Germany," she told interviewers. "They can't take it."

She said the Chetniks still were fighting "magnificently" in the mountains of Yugoslavia and are keeping five divisions of Germans engaged.

The passengers included more than 500 American Nationals exchanged for axis citizens. Also aboard were 42 Canadian and Latin-American Nationals and a group of minor United States diplomatic officials.

Miss Mitchell, the wife of Stanley Knowles, a British subject told of spending miserable months in German prison camps during which she said she and others were ill-treated. By contrast she said the Germans felt over backwards to be nice to her during her last five days in Germany at the Spandau concentration camp near Berlin.

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Red Cross parcels which the prisoners received, she added "saved our lives." It was doubtful, she said, if they could have lived without them.

CURB SOFT DRINKS

London, June 30—(P)—The food ministry announced today it was closing down 200 soft drink plants in Britain in a reorganization of the industry designed to save 400,000 tons of transport annually.

ROCKET CANNON AIDING ROMMEL

In Egyptian Campaign Is Belief

By Howard Blakeslee
Wide World Science Editor

New York, June 30—The first rocket cannon appears to be the reason for Rommel's victories in Libya and Egypt.

This gun is the 88 millimeter weapon, firing shells which are bigger and which outrange any tank projectiles possessed by the British.

Many things point to this explanation. Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press, in a dispatch from Cairo on June 23, wrote: "Shells from this gun are of a semi-rocket type, said to gain greater range by gases produced after being fired."

"The 88 was thus able to destroy many of the best tanks on this side, such as the U. S. General Grants, which have 75 millimeter guns, before the tanks could get within range of the German artillery."

The slenderness of the barrel and the light weight is the tip

BASEBALL

American
First game.
Washington 8 10 4
Boston 9 14 1

Wynn, Carrasquel and Early.
Evans; Newsome, Ruba and Peacock.

First game.
New York 5 8 1
Philadelphia 8 11 0

Borowy, Murphy, Branch and Kears; Besse and Swift.

CHAPLAIN REIN IS FIRST APPOINTED FOR CAMP WHITE

Appointment of Chaplain Edward A. Rein as camp chaplain, was announced today from headquarters at Camp White. It is anticipated that other army chaplains will soon be stationed at Camp White where attractive chapels are being constructed for the holding of religious services including regular church services, Sunday school, Bible classes, etc.

The chapels will also be available for weddings, baptisms and memorial services for military personnel.

Each chapel is equipped with an office where the chaplain is available for consultation and guidance for those who desire his services.

It is the desire of the war department that soldiers in the army have at all times, the same religious and spiritual advantages they would have at home, and the chaplains at Camp White will play an important part in the spiritual welfare of the soldiers.

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OREGON BOND QUOTA IS \$8,865,000 FOR JULY

Washington, June 30—(P)—New York state will be asked to buy \$171,598,000 of war bonds in July, slightly more than one sixth of the national quota of \$1,000,000,000. Secretary Morgenthau announced today.

Quotas by states include: California, \$61,687,000; Idaho, \$3,375,000; Oregon, \$8,865,000; Washington, \$13,415,000.

RECORD SUM FOR WAR DEPARTMENT WAITS SIGNATURE

Congress Completes Action on 42 Billion Appropriation—Vote Soon Over.

Costliest Year

Washington, June 30—(P)—Having spent in 12 months more than the entire cost of the first world war, the treasury closed books today on the costliest fiscal year in its history.

It was a temporary record, though, because the budget for the new fiscal year beginning tomorrow is more than double the old year's.

Exact figures won't be available for a few days, but preliminary tabulations show that in the past year the treasury spent approximately \$32,500,000,000.

Working fast to clean up its business before the new fiscal.

The senate also completed congressional action on the \$178,000,000 interior department appropriations. The legislation carries an item, long in controversy, of \$7,723,000 for a transmission line for the central valley power project in California and \$200,000 for a steam standby plant, both urgently requested by President Roosevelt.

Two in County Jail For Alleged Theft Of Butte Falls Calf

The sheriff's office reported today shooting of .22 calibre rifles has broken out again in the Butte Falls district, and Wray Shiffel, 20, and Orville Pollock, 19, of the Eagle Point district, both married, are in the county jail charged with larceny of livestock. They allegedly shot a calf while travelling along the Fish Lake road last week. They removed the calf to their homes and tried to can some of it and eat the rest. The owner of the calf has not been determined.

About a month ago a small boy in the same area, while helping his dog chase a squirrel out of a hollow log, accidentally had his hat shot off his head by a marksman riding on the fenders of a slow moving auto.

"It seems everybody with a .22 hits out for the Butte Falls area and starts shooting," Deputy Sheriff William Grenbemer observed today.

Red Bluff Clerks To Help Harvest Peaches

Red Bluff, Calif., June 30—(P)—Business houses will remain closed until noon Aug. 1 to Aug. 11 to permit business men and employees to pick peaches. A. E. Ayer, chairman of the local committee in charge, announced. The practice will be revived during the prune harvesting season, he said. He said \$500,000 worth of fruit would be saved by the plan.