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SEVASTOPOL FALLS TO GERMAN ARMS

Axis Forces Push Toward Alexandria



British defenders of Egypt evacuated Matruh (1). British stronghold on the path to Alexandria (2), and the Suez canal (3). Matruh was abandoned as the battle, a wild melee of men and machines, spread over an ever-broadening battlefield. Black arrows indicate the axis forces. Axis planes also were reported to have bombed Alexandria. British naval base.

Desert Debacle Not Due to Materiel Lack, Critics Told

Allied Airmen Hit Japanese Bases at Rabaul and at Lae

Somewhere in Australia, July 1—(P)—Japanese bases in New Britain and New Guinea were attacked by strong forces of allied bombers before dawn Tuesday in the largest raid in several days, it was disclosed tonight by airmen who participated in the attack.

Despite thick clouds, the allied planes bombed Rabaul, on New Britain, where large fires were started among installations in the wharf area, they said.

One bomber was reported to have made several runs over its target despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, leaving a blaze which was visible for 20 miles through the overhanging haze.

At about the same time, the pilots said other bombers attacked Luwuan airport, near Rabaul, dropping demolition bombs on runways and buildings.

Heavy clouds prevented observation of the results. The runways at Lae, New Guinea, were also attacked but a ground haze and a dim moon made the effects unobservable, the bomber pilots reported.

Dairyman Accused of Cutting Milk Price

Astoria, July 1—(P)—Alleging that a Hammond dairyman offered milk to Fort Stevens under the established minimum price, the state milk control board has asked a temporary restraining order against him.

The complaint says that the board's minimum is 11 cents but that J. E. Forney quoted 10.99 cents to the army at the army's request and received the contract.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)
Sgt. Alvin C. York, World War hero, is to speak from Knoxville, Tenn., as part of a salute to General Douglas MacArthur presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars via MBS at 5 o'clock Thursday night.

Tonight: CBS, 6:30, Soldiers With Wings, Bing Crosby. Blu, airplane workers interviewed and King Peter. MBS, 5:15, Fight Against Inflation, Harold Smith.

Thursday: NBC, 3:30, National Education association convention.

London, July 1—(P)—Britain's war production minister and his predecessor denied today that lack of guns, tanks and planes were responsible for British military defeats in North Africa as Winston Churchill's critics launched their "no confidence" attack on his direction of the war.

Oliver Lyttleton, minister of production, told the house of commons that manufacture of six-pounder guns and of tanks and the supplying of American-made dive-bombers to British forces in the field was progressing steadily and added:

"Shortly we are going to surpass the equipment of the enemy in several important weapons."

Had Tank Power

In the house of lords, Lord Beaverbrook, former production minister, said he did not think there was any shortage of equipment in Libya and he had never heard it suggested that there was any shortage of aircraft.

The British had more tanks in the desert than the Germans and Italians combined, Beaverbrook said.

He declared that the British 3.7 anti-aircraft gun with armor-piercing projectiles is "a better gun" than the German 88-millimeter, credited with a large share of winning the Libyan battle.

He said he did not know whether it had been adapted to anti-tank use.

They spoke in reply to charges by Churchill's critics that production was not providing British forces with adequate equipment to meet axis attacks and that the prime minister made the "greatest possible mistake" when he attached the defense ministry to his office.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Churchill's fellow-conservative, led the opposition in commons by moving a "no confidence" vote.

Churchill Challenged

Wardlaw-Milne, seconded by admiral of the fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, charged that Churchill's statement that British forces in Libya were strong enough to meet the axis was "untrue and inaccurate."

Sir Roger asserted that the admiralty had failed "inexcusably" to provide the Mediterranean fleet with necessary air strength, and said that failure to provide proper weapons had sent the war machine "lumbering from one disaster to the next."

Laborite Arthur Greenwood told commons that the fall of Tobruk was "as profound a shock" as the people have had since Dunkerque.

Simultaneously, in the house of lords, Lord Addison said the failure to provide dive-bombers was a "disgrace," and he urged that General Sir Archibald P. Wavell be brought home from his Indian command to assume Churchill's post as defense minister.

Red Tape Holds Up Canada Troops On Way to Aid Alaska

Washington, July 1—(P)—The nation's tariff laws, enforced rigidly by a customs official at the Alaskan border, held up Canadian troops moving to the defense of Alaska but it won't happen again because a new law has been rushed thru congress.

The new legislation, signed Monday by President Roosevelt, instructs tariff collectors that United Nations armed forces may fight for us without paying customs duty on their equipment.

The Canadian forces were stopped by a customs collector who said he had no authority to waive the tariff. Urgent messages to Washington treasury sources brought only the reply that no loop-hole could be found in the law.

By the time that the state department suggested that the troops be classified as "distinguished persons," who are entitled to free import of their personal possessions, the treasury arranged with congressional leaders for quick passage of the special legislation. A spokesman said no serious delay occurred.

SINKINGS TOTAL RAISED TO 328

(By the Associated Press)

The sinking of a medium sized Panamanian cargo ship by an axis submarine off the Atlantic coast sent the toll of western Atlantic ship losses to 328 today (Wednesday) in the unofficial Associated Press tabulation.

This loss and the announcement late yesterday of the torpedoing of a small Canadian merchant ship in the Caribbean were the most recent announced by the navy.

CAR CRASH FATAL

Toledo, Ore., July 1—(P)—Ernest Sawyer, about 55, of Aberdeen was fatally injured at 11 o'clock last night as the car he was driving ran into an embankment at the side of the Coast highway south of Yachats and overturned.

SOVIET FORTRESS FORCED TO YIELD IN 27-DAY SIEGE

New Offensive Launched on Central Front — Losses Heavy in Kursk Onslaught

Berlin (from German broadcasts), July 1—(P)—The great Russian fortress in the Crimea has fallen to the German and Rumanian armies, Adolf Hitler's high command announced tonight.

The whole Soviet front was reported aflame today with gigantic battles.

Hitler's field headquarters reported fresh gains in the bloody siege of Sevastopol, in the Crimea, and indicated that the German armies had launched a new offensive at various points on the central (Moscow) front.

Other Nazi attacks were developing around Kharkov, Kursk, and Kolkhov.

Offensive Nipped

Dispatches to Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said a German attempt to launch an offensive near Gzhatsk, 100 miles west of Moscow, had been frustrated by powerful Russian counterattacks.

In the Crimea, German military dispatches said axis troops had occupied Balaklava, eight miles below Sevastopol, and seized Fort Malakov in Sevastopol's immediate defense ring.

Balaklava was the scene of the storied "Charge of the Light Brigade" in the Crimean war of 1853-56.

Soviet dispatches said Red army defenders of Sevastopol, under assault by approximately 225,000 axis troops, beat off a series of heavy attacks yesterday, but it seemed clear that the Germans were slowly battering their way into the ruined fortress city.

Nazi Losses Heavy

On the Kursk front, 500 miles north of Sevastopol, red army headquarters reported that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's forces were inflicting "colossal losses" on the Germans and had already knocked out 350 Nazi tanks in the three-day-old offensive.

"In one sector alone during the day, we killed over 2,000 German officers and men," a Soviet communique said.

HOUSTON MISSING, SAFE, SAY JAPS

Washington, July 1—(P)—A navy spokesman reported today that the Japanese, in a propaganda broadcast, had declared that 1,000 survivors of the missing American cruiser Houston and the Australian cruiser Perth were safe in an internment camp in Batavia, Java, enemy-held territory.

The spokesman said that "while all Americans will understand that broadcasts originating from enemy sources can not be regarded as authentic, there appears to be no reason for the issuance of false information on this subject by the Japanese."

It was emphasized that the navy had no official information about men missing from the Houston.

Traffic Restored On Dunsuir Line

Dunsmuir, Calif., July 1—(P)—Normal traffic operations were resumed on Southern Pacific's main line here today after workmen completed rebuilding of 300 feet of torn track destroyed when two huge mountain type locomotives were derailed yesterday at Cantara, six miles north of here.

Southern Pacific officials said no cause of the derailment has been determined yet.

Axis 65 Miles From Alexandria

LIFE LOSS HEAVY IN CRASH OF TWO ARMY AIRPLANES

Terrific Explosion Follows Smashup Near March Field—Second in Virginia.

Riverside, Calif., July 1—(P)—An army bomber crashed early today near March field, killing all aboard, army sources said. The craft's normal crew is seven to nine men.

Witnesses said there was a terrific explosion after the bomber struck. The plane, the army said, was a B-24 Consolidated type. Spokesmen would not release the names of those aboard or their number until next of kin had been notified.

Welch, W. Va., July 1—(P)—A big airplane, apparently a converted airliner, crashed and burned in the West Virginia mountains near here today with a loss of at least ten lives.

State Troopers Earl Yeager and Tom Harrison said that ten bodies had been removed from the charred hull and that most of the victims were believed to be army men.

They said the plane had borne insignia of American Airlines. On a belt buckle owned by one victim the officers deciphered the name Erwin Stratman, a duffle bag bore the name of Floyd Hyet and the flyleaf of a book had the name of Guy S. Hill.

JAPS WAVED TO DOOLITTLE BOYS

Tacoma, July 1—(P)—Maj. Charles Ross Greening, 28, whose 20-cent bomb sight left the Japs feeling like two-cents, said on his arrival home today that farmers, school children and even soldiers mistakenly waved at his plane when they passed over Tokyo.

"We went into Japan flying low and in flights of two and three, later splitting up to carry out our missions individually. I don't believe our plane was more than 10 feet off the ground in some places."

"The farmers waved at us, thinking we were Japs. When we flew over schools, the children waved at us. When we came in groups in army uniform, they waved too, until our nose guns decided to try a little target practice," the flyer said.

Greening bounced off the train into the arms of his mother, Mrs. C. W. Greening. With Greening was his comely wife, formerly of Hoquiam, Wash. They will visit here for a few days.

PRODUCE SPOILS ACCOUNT STRIKE

Seattle, July 1—(P)—Seattle produce merchants said today fresh vegetables, fruits and berries were spoiling in warehouses because of a Teamsters' union dispute.

A continuation of the argument may give Seattle residents a Fourth of July week end without fresh produce.

Union truck drivers quit work a week ago at the Pacific Fruit and Produce company's district plant in a demand for wage increases, causing a halt in local and out-of-town deliveries.

CCC CAMPS HERE WAITING ORDERS FOR DISSOLUTION

110 Men in Williams Creek Camp and 161 at South Fork—To Be Sent Home.

Abolishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps sounds the death knell for the last two camps remaining in this area, Williams Creek and South Fork, but no word had been received today by those in charge concerning the exact time or method of dissolution.

Enrollees of Camp Williams Creek number 110, part of whom have been stationed at Camp Prescott doing work for the federal government and part of whom have been under work supervision of the O and C Land Grant Administration.

Complement of Camp South Fork is 161. Under supervision of the Rogue River National Forest most of the men have been constructing a pipeline and water system at Lake of the Woods, while a small detachment has been working at former CCC headquarters at the fairgrounds.

The enrollees will be sent to their homes, it was understood, and equipment will be disposed of following the receipt of expected orders from Washington.

Vancouver, Wash., July 1—(P)—Death of the Civilian Conservation Corps through congressional action yesterday will bring disbandment of 28 camps in Washington and Oregon with a total complement of about 4,000 men, according to information at district headquarters at Vancouver Barracks.

Washington, July 1—(P)—Nearly 500,000 people lost their jobs or their government aid today by the scrapping or curtailment of three depression-born federal agencies that have cost more than \$17,000,000,000.

Congress abolished the Civilian Conservation Corps yesterday by denying it funds for the fiscal year beginning today. The start of a new government business calendar also saw the Works Progress Administration cut to skeleton form and heavy reductions in the National Youth Administration program.

In the background of the transition there was a change of eras—from men hunting jobs to jobs hunting men.

The life of the CCC ended at midnight, and demobilization of some 60,000 enrollees and 15,000 civilian employees of the corps began this morning. The WPA, its appropriation whittled by two-thirds from last year, was trimming its rolls down from 700,000 to 400,000. The NYA, with funds also cut by two-thirds, commenced dropping 60,000 persons from its out-of-school training program, to reduce the number in this activity from 130,000 to 70,000.

Swan Island Returns As Shipbuilding Site

Portland, Ore., July 1—(P)—They laid the keel of a tanker at Swan island today and brought United States shipbuilding on the Pacific coast back to its birthplace of 102 years ago.

Now the tiny island in Portland's Willamette river harbor bulges with machinery that makes it the last word in shipyards—an eight-way layout costing \$17,000,000 where Henry J. Kaiser, the miracle-man of American World War II shipbuilding, will turn out 56 long-range tankers.

CHERRY PRICES

Portland, July 1—(P)—Cherries: Bings, 9 cents; pinks, 8 cents; Royal Ann, 7½ cents; pie, 6 cents; black Republican, 9 cents.

BASEBALL

(First game)
Washington 2 5 0
Boston 3 10 0
Newsom and Evans; Chase, Terry and Conroy.

ALL INVITED TO JOIN IN BUYING PLANE FOR ARMY

Roofers' Local 140 has launched a campaign to raise funds toward purchase of a bomber, to be presented as a gift to the federal government, and all other local unions, fraternal and civic organizations, and Medford citizens are invited to participate.

L. E. Skeen, president of the local, George Yung, vice-president, and Grant L. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, spokesmen for the local, said that \$500 had been deposited in the United States National Bank of Portland, Medford branch, the account being designated as "Camp White Bomber Fund," and that members of the local had also voted to donate one day's pay, preferably Independence Day, to the fund.

Suggesting that other union locals appoint committees to speed cooperation in the campaign, the spokesmen said they understood the government would match a minimum of \$100,000 raised and christen the bomber "Spirit of Camp White," the christening to take place here.

The spokesmen said they had been informed the plumbers' local would contribute a substantial sum to the fund, and emphasized that not only other unions but everybody in the city was invited to take part in the plan by giving a day's wages.

HOUSEHOLD FATS WORTH 4 CENTS

Salem, July 1—(P)—Housewives will be paid 4 cents a pound for their household fats during the campaign to begin in two weeks, meat packers and renderers and the state salvage committee agreed today at a conference here.

Housewives were requested to sell strained fats in uniform containers, preferably coffee cans, to their butchers. The butchers will be paid 5 cents a pound, thus obtaining a cent a pound for handling charges.

Fats obtained in the nationwide drive will be used to make explosives, glycerin, and for other war necessities.

CHARLES B. GAY TAKEN BY DEATH

Charles B. Gay, 79, well known resident of Jackson county where he has lived for the last 50 years, passed away at his residence, 523 North Riverside at 11 p. m. Tuesday.

A complete obituary with funeral arrangements will appear later.

Conger Funeral Parlors in charge.

MINISTER DIES

Portland, July 1—(P)—The Rev. J. Franklin Day of Portland, early-day Baptist minister in the Willamette valley and a native of Eugene, died yesterday. The funeral will be held next Monday in the Baptist church in Springfield with burial in Creswell cemetery, Creswell, Ore.

BRITISH READY TO RUIN SUEZ CANAL BEFORE RETREAT

Defenders Say Thousands of Soldiers Ready to Meet Main Onslaught of Axis.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor.

Dispatches from Cairo late today acknowledged that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis invasion armies had advanced within 70 miles of the Nile delta, and official London quarters hinted that the Suez canal might be rendered unusable if the British were forced to yield it to the enemy.

As the eight-day-old battle of Egypt surged to a climax, the British reported that thousands of soldiers and hundreds of cannons were ready to meet the main onslaught of Rommel's armies.

Lines Still Intact
Several lines of defense still remained before Alexandria, the British said.

German field headquarters asserted that axis troops were now attacking "the last British fortifications" at El Alamein, only 65 miles west of Alexandria naval base.

The British acknowledged that axis spearheads had raced beyond El Daba, 35 miles west of El Alamein, and indicated that the hour of a decisive battle was approaching.

In an order of the day, Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, the British commander in chief in the middle east, declared:

"The battle is not over yet and will not be over until we have defeated the enemy, and defeat him we will."

Closely linked with the defense of Egypt, Britain's embattled Mediterranean island citadel of Malta was declared by the American navy today to have received strong reinforcements of planes through American help.

Malta, the most-bombed spot in the world, is strategically important as a base for attacks on axis supply lines to north Africa and Egypt.

A navy communique said the 14,700-ton U. S. aircraft carrier Wasp made a series of trips through the dangerous waters of the Mediterranean to deliver the planes, which were quickly manned by British RAF pilots and inflicted "considerable losses" on the enemy.

"The expertly timed arrival of reinforcement planes on the Wasp was most fortunate for the heroic defenders of the British stronghold and the cause of the united nations," the navy said.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Glenn Linn, proud papa, passing out cegars celebrating the arrival of a new daughter.

Lulu Saulsberry informing friends that Jacksonville is and always has been "Shangra-La."

Philip Gates declaring that the hotter the weather, "the better."

Mrs. M. E. Santo wondering whatever became of the friendly young lady who borrowed her hoe and as yet has forgotten to return it.

Bourbon Ed Kelly admitting he was doing the ground work for his coming U. S. congress campaign.

Jackson street bridge pedestrians wondering if a whale has come up Bear creek and passed out under the span.