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CHURCHILL GIVEN CONFIDENCE VOTE

British Armored Cars in Desert



British armored cars, on patrol outside Matruh, Egypt, rumble through clouds of smoke and dust sent up by bomb blasts from Germans Stukas. Picture radioed from Cairo to New York.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, July 2.—The smashing army bomber attack upon Wake island does not necessarily forecast the opening of our counter-march westward across the Pacific to Japan. True, when we get ready for that march we may soften up Wake and other advance Jap bases with heavy bombing, as a preliminary step. But we will not be ready until we are prepared to go beyond Wake into the Marshall and Marianas islands as well.

Wake is within land-based bomber range of Jap bases in the Marshalls and Marianas, and hence can be held only with difficulty unless they are also taken. In fact, Wake should fall into the lap of whoever can hold these two other groups, so we might take them first.

Meanwhile, we can make it as uncomfortable for Japs there as they could make it for us, if we tried to seize it alone.

PRIVATE government figures on the probable future of motor-riding Americans are almost unbelievably dismal. When Mr. Ickes whispered in Mr. Roosevelt's ear urging a rubber collection campaign, he submitted certain figures which were not made public.

These showed that if the war lasted three years more, hardly an American private car would be left on the road, even if mileage was reduced 25 per cent and a 40-mile speed limit enforced.

They predicted 4,000,000 cars would go off the road this year, 6,000,000 next, 7,000,000 in 1944, leaving only 3,600,000 cars riding in 1945; 1,800,000 riding in 1946 and none in 1947.

If a program for recapping 60 per cent of civilian tires could be effected as a result of this rubber drive, the situation would become fairly satisfactory. Less than half as many

Average Oregonian's Rent \$19.03 During 1940 Is Census Revelation

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—The city dweller paid on an average \$24.28 while those in rural non-farm homes paid \$14.86. Families on rural farms paid \$11.67 which included the dwelling only, not rental for the land.

Monthly rents of \$100 or more were reported for 1,623 of the 283,106 urban and rural non-farm units surveyed. More than half, 52.5 per cent, of these units rented for less than \$20 per month. About one unit in every six had rent of less than \$10.

CHINESE AIRMEN IN BIG ASSAULT ALONG YANGTZE

By The Associated Press
China's fledgling air force, pressing its first offensive in five years of war against Japan, was credited today with a big-scale assault on Japanese military targets along the Yangtze river, while Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies coped with an increasingly grave situation on the East China seaboard.

Dispatches from Chungking, the war-time capital, said large formations of Chinese bombers pounded the enemy at Hankow and Yochow. In North Hunan province, all the raiders returned safely.

Hankow has served as a main base for Japanese air raids on Chungking.

On the fighting front, a Chinese army spokesman again denied a Tokyo claim that Japanese invasion columns had seized the entire 450-mile Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

In the battle of Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported a series of allied aerial blows which indicated a sharp upshoot in United Nations air strength.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time)
MBS network is to broadcast the annual all-star baseball game on Monday, followed by the Tuesday contest between the winner of this event and a team made up of baseball stars now in Uncle Sam's service. The Monday game goes on at 3:15 p. m., the Tuesday broadcast at 5:45 p. m.

Tonight: BLU—4:30 Sen. Pat McGarran on "Post Office Salaries"; 6 Town Meeting "How Shall We Deal With Germany After the War?"

MBS—5 Salute to Gen. MacArthur.

Friday: MBS—7:15 a. m. Liberty production rally; 11:30 a. m. Canada joint recital.

Premier Sees Hope Of Egypt Victory In Reinforcements

London, July 2.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill won an overwhelming vote of confidence from the House of Commons today after he had gravely assessed the allied position in the Mediterranean and middle east war zones as a near-disaster with a hope of victory pinned on "very considerable" reinforcements now in progress.

The vote was 475 to 25.

The parliamentary victory came at the end of a speech one hour and 28 minutes long in which Churchill staunchly defended his direction as the best possible under the circumstances.

Dark Picture Lined

Churchill sketched a dark picture of the Battle of Egypt. He said it had developed "a recession of our hopes and prospects in the middle east and Mediterranean unequalled since the fall of France."

To this he added, without elaboration, a statement that "at any moment we may receive news of grave importance."

The 475 to 25 vote left 115 of the House's 615 members unaccounted for. Of the 115 some members undoubtedly expressed partial disapproval of the Churchill government by abstaining from the vote but many could not attend the session because of wartime duties and other causes.

Vote Draws Cheers
Tremendous cheering greeted announcement of the vote, which squelched the most serious challenge yet made to Churchill's premiership. The opposition vote was the highest since the Prime Minister took office May 10, 1940.

The motion upon which the vote was taken was the first censure resolution introduced against the present government. Previous votes had been taken on the government's own motions. The latest of these was 464 to one vote of last Jan. 29.

The applause was still raging when Churchill left the House today. He stopped at the door, turned, lifted his finger in the "V-For-Victory" sign and went back to work.

Churchill's somber portrayal of the war in Africa was relieved only by his statement that "very considerable" reinforcements have reached or "are approaching" the battlefield.

THOUSANDS MORE GOING TO YARDS

Portland, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Federal employment service officials said yesterday that Portland and Vancouver, Wash., shipyards will hire an additional 107,000 workers by the end of the year—if housing can be provided for them.

L. C. Stoll, Oregon employment director, said he was not worried about finding the workers, half of whom he said could be hired locally.

The big problem is housing, he said, citing the case of the Vancouver shipyard, where 55,000 will be employed in a town which in the 1940 census had only 18,000 residents.

Toy Cap Pistol Dealers Warned

Salem, July 2.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague warned dealers of toy cap pistols and caps that they must cease operations immediately.

Citing the fireworks ban of Lieut. Gen. John L. Dewitt, commander of the Western defense area, the governor said there has been some sale of cap pistols and caps.

Swimmer Drowns

Eugene, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Laurence Eikenberry, 16, Springfield, was drowned in the Willamette river yesterday. Deputy County Coroner Harold Poole reported today. Eikenberry was carried under by the swift current. A friend, Robert Coleman, Springfield, swimming nearby, recovered the body.

Cherry Prices

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—Cherries: Bings 10-12 row packed 12-15c; Royal Ann 8 1/2-9c.

PRICES ON CANNED AND DRIED FRUITS DUE FOR INCREASE

Henderson Tells Congress 1942 Pack To Go Up 15 Per Cent or More.

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—Prime administrator Leon Henderson told a senate appropriations subcommittee today that he could not carry out what he regarded as congress' directions in controlling prices, rents and rationing with the 34,576 employees now on his staff.

Urging restoration by the senate of the full \$181,000,000 approved by the budget bureau for this fiscal year's operations of the OPA, Henderson said he gave the committee figures showing that house action in cutting this fund to \$75,000,000 would reduce his staff to about 32,500 persons.

Tables Thumped

In a closed session from which drifted sounds of vigorous table thumping, Henderson was said to have been questioned closely by committee members about a statement he issued yesterday. Some senators said they interpreted this statement as blaming congress for permitting the puncturing of ceilings on canned fruits and other agricultural commodities.

As he appeared for more funds, Henderson also spotlighted two other disputes with congress—the price concessions to farmers and the matter of subsidies to absorb losses under price ceilings.

He announced that he was "being compelled to take measures that will raise retail prices of the 1942 pack of canned and dried fruits by as much as 15 per cent and possibly more."

First Departure

This represented the first departure permitted from the universal price ceiling. In an accompanying statement to housewives, Henderson explained that it was made necessary by the concessions to growers which the farm block wrote into the price control act over the administration's opposition and by the refusal of congress to approve the subsidy plan by which the government could have absorbed business losses when necessary to make price controls stick.

PORTLAND WAITRESSES GET 10 PER CENT MORE

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—Wages and living costs were linked yesterday in a contract that gave 4000 AFL culinary workers here an immediate 10 per cent increase. The minimum for waitresses was lifted to \$3.60.

PENDLETON LEADER DIES

Pendleton, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Donald T. Robinson, 44, Pendleton civic leader, died yesterday of coronary thrombosis. He was commander of the Pendleton American Legion post, chief of the 40 and 40, was active in round-up affairs, and formerly was president of the chamber of commerce.

20 Axis Helpers Rounded Up In Caribbean Area by Army

United States Army Headquarters, Panama Canal Zone, July 2.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Frank Andrews, defense commander of the Caribbean area, announced today the arrest of 20 persons who, the army charges, formed spy rings engaged in fueling axis submarines and disclosed information of United States shipping to the enemy.

A roundup completed June 25 included arrests extending from Honduras to Panama. Involved are prominent business men, laborers, night club hostesses, shipping employees, and trusted Panama Canal Zone workers.

All 20 persons now are being held for trial.

BASEBALL

American
Washington at Boston postponed.
St. Louis 4 12 1
Detroit 5 8 0
Niggeling, Galehouse and Hayes; Benton and Tebbetts.

PORTLAND FRIES IN HOTTEST JUNE DAY ON RECORD

Portland Ore., July 2.—(AP)—A heat wave that lifted Portland's temperature to an all-time June high of 102 degrees Tuesday was blamed for the death early today of John Dorsey, 69, Portland.

Hospitals reported several other heat prostration cases.

Previous June high in Portland was 101 degrees, recorded in 1925.

Well, folks, here it is! If you thought it was hot Tuesday in Medford you were right because the weather bureau verified that very thought when they announced today that mercury zoomed to 105 degrees Tuesday. Minimum temperature was 58.

But that's not all! Since weather reports were first recorded in 1911 there have been three days only during June which topped Tuesday's super-duper. On June 6, 1926, Old Sol beamed merrily at 109 degrees. In June 1925 the mercury touched 108 one day and in 1924 the thermometers registered 106 degrees one sunny day in June.

Salem, July 2.—(AP)—Tuesday, with its top temperature of 102 degrees, was the hottest June day since weather records were first kept in 1923.

MILLS, BUSINESS TO TAKE HOLIDAY

The Timber Products and Medford Corporation plants will close down Saturday for observance of Fourth of July, but will resume operations Monday, it was announced today by the management. This will give workers a two-day holiday. Mill and logging operations throughout the county will also suspend.

The banks, county and public offices and many stores will also close Saturday. The post office will observe regular Saturday hours.

It is understood operations will continue at the cantonment. A few local residents are planning trips to the seashore, but for the most part citizens will journey to nearby favorite picnic spots.

CAIRO NEWSPAPERMAN WILL BE EVACUATED

Cairo, July 2.—(AP)—Non-essential workers on the staffs of French and English language newspapers here will be evacuated starting either today or tomorrow.

Editorial staffs have received three months salary in advance. Many of their members will take part in defense work.

RUSSIANS CLAIM BATTLE STILL ON FOR SEVASTOPOL

Heroic Defenders Continuing Fight 12 Hours After Nazis Claim Capture of Fort.

By The Associated Press
The Russian high command declared today that the heroic defenders of Sevastopol still fought on throughout the night—more than 12 hours after Nazi field headquarters announced that the great Crimean citadel had fallen.

Soviet dispatches filed yesterday said overwhelming German forces carried the battle into the streets of Sevastopol itself after breaking through the city's fortifications, but declared that the defenders continued to fight against heavy odds.

"The remainder of the beaten Sevastopol army has fled to the peninsula of Kheroneses," the German high command asserted.

Face Annihilation

"Crowded in a very small area, it faces annihilation."

Two successive Russian communiques ignored the German claim that Sevastopol's garrison surrendered yesterday noon, the Soviet command declared.

"The defenders of Sevastopol have covered themselves with unfading glory. They are firmly and courageously defending from the German fascist invaders every inch of Soviet land."

It was possible, however, that the Russians were withholding acknowledgment pending evacuation of survivors of the garrison, who fought off nearly 225,000 axis troops through 27 days of bloody assault.

In London, informed quarters said the Nazi claim was "not doubted." These quarters said that while fighting in the Crimea was not entirely finished, the hopelessly outnumbered Russians were not expected to continue their resistance much longer.

BULLIED WORKER BRINGS SURPRISE

New York, July 2.—(AP)—The Wall Street Journal, under the heading "True Story of the Week," today reported this occurrence at a midwestern war plant:

A big, tough worker told a new employee he was turning out too many units a day and had better slow down. Next day the new man upped his output. "We're at war," he explained. The third day, when the new man's production reached another new high, the other worker violently told him he was "out."

"So you are," replied the bullied one. He showed an FBI badge, attached handcuffs to the tormenter and marched him the entire length of the assembly line.

DRAFT EVADER IS FOUND IN HIDING

Sacramento, Calif., July 2.—(AP)—Emmet J. Seawell, Assistant U. S. Attorney, announced today that Paul N. Yates of Weaverly had been arrested on draft evasion charges — a year after being reported as a probable murder victim.

Seawell said that Yates, arrested by Sheriff E. H. Montgomery of Trinity county, had dyed his hair to conceal his identity, and had been hiding out in a mine since the time of his disappearance.

Seawell said Yates disappeared after unsuccessful efforts were made to exempt him from military service.

RHONE VALLEY QUAKES

London, July 2.—(AP)—The Swiss radio reported today that minor earthquakes were felt yesterday in the Rhone valley in France.