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FREIGHTER SUNK BY AXIS U-BOAT IN PANAMA ZONE

Attack Occurs in Heavily Defended Area—Most of Crew Saved.

A Caribbean Port, Dec. 11.—An Axis U-boat, striking boldly inside the U. S. navy's defense zone around the approaches to the Panama canal, torpedoed and sank a small Panamanian freighter in the Caribbean sea early this month, naval authorities announced tonight.

Four persons were reported missing after the attack, which took place at dawn, only 20 miles from shore in one of the most heavily-defended shipping areas in the western hemisphere.

Twenty-three crew members escaped in lifeboats and made their way ashore to an Indian village, where they were picked up on the following day by U. S. army and navy patrol planes.

It was the fifth sinking in the Caribbean announced within the past month.

(The Cuban government announced earlier this week that a Cuban freighter had been torpedoed by a submarine off the coast of South Carolina.)

Survivors attributed the small loss of life in the sinking of the Panamanian vessel to the fact that the skipper, Capt. Bror Gentzheim, had ordered his crew to sleep above decks because of recently increased U-boat activity.

Gentzheim said he did not see the submarine but caught sight of the torpedo's wake in the water and attempted unsuccessfully to maneuver out of its path.

PRE-WAR FATHERS NOT TO BE RATED BY AGE GROUPS

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—A selective service spokesman tonight described as erroneous reports that pre-war fathers will be classified by age groups but he said a plan is under consideration to designate as non-deferred all men in the 18 to 22 bracket.

The original report grew out of a press conference held by Chairman Andrew J. May of the house military affairs committee earlier in the day.

Reporters attending the conference understood May as saying that Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, had testified before his committee that local boards are being ordered to classify the pre-war fathers into age groups, with 18 to 22 years old to be drafted first.

The selective service spokesman said that this interpretation of Hershey's testimony is incorrect.

Hershey was summoned to testify this morning about selective service policy in view of President Roosevelt's approval of legislation calling for deferment of fathers until all eligible non-fathers throughout the country have been drafted.

The same bill divested War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt of all authority over selective service, leaving Hershey with full control.

May quoted Hershey as saying that selective service had placed fathers at the bottom of the draft pool. The chairman added that the director's explanation of policy was "completely satisfactory."

The selective service spokesman said tonight consideration is being given to possibility of classifying fathers and non-fathers between the ages of 18 and 22 as non-deferred.

Willie Willing To Tell of Nomination

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Wendell L. Willie tonight announced his willingness to appear before the senate elections committee to answer any charges regarding his nomination for president in 1940.

Willie sent telegrams to Sen. Harley Kilgore, D. W. Va., and Styles Bridges, R. N. H., two members of a five-man subcommittee named to make an investigation of the conduct of the 1940 Republican convention.

Iron Lung Wife Awaits Stork



After obtaining leave in India and rushing back to the United States, CORPORAL MARVIN WILSON is shown as he paid his wife a visit in a Portland, Ore., hospital where, confined in an iron lung, she awaits the birth of a child around Christmas time. Mrs. Wilson was struck by infantile paralysis last October but physicians now say she will recover.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Carolyn Wilson, iron lung patient facing the ordeal of childbirth within two days, today continued the fight for the life of her unborn child by breathing without the aid of her respirator for several hours.

Mrs. Wilson was cheered by the visit of her 18-month old son, Danny, who came to see his mother for the first time today since she was stricken with infantile paralysis and placed in the iron lung last October.

Meanwhile Portland obstetricians continued to study three previous cases in which children have been born under similar circumstances.

Corporal Marvin Wilson, her husband who was flown to America from his army bomber base in India to be with his wife, continued to believe his wife would survive the ordeal.

ALLIES CAPTURE MIGNANO, KEY TO ROME OFFENSIVE

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Mignano, outflanked and shell-torn gateway to the Liri valley, was reported in allied hands tonight, throwing open a broad and deep avenue of attack for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's hard-driving Fifth army to continue its offensive toward Rome.

Official reports said that Mignano was presumed to have been captured, since it now lies behind the Fifth army's line stretching across the mountains on both sides of Mignano Pass. Exposed to murderous artillery fire from the heights, the Germans apparently had been compelled to withdraw from the town.

The main rail lines and highways to Rome from Naples both run through Mignano Pass and the Fifth army thus gained a vital supply artery along which to pass heavy equipment, including tanks, for an intensified offensive up the valley, which is relatively flat terrain for a distance of 30 miles.

Fighting back sharp German counterattacks, American troops smashed down from newly captured Mt. Samouco, north of Mignano, toward the villages of San Pietro and San Vittore on the valley floor in an effort to pinch off the Germans' withdrawal.

German rear guards were reported well entrenched in the two towns behind concrete pillboxes and deep tangles of barbed wire. An attempt by Italian troops to outflank them through the hills last Wednesday failed when the Italians were themselves hit on both sides and driven back by powerful units of the Hermann Goering grenadiers.

PROPOSES DELAY ON FOOD SUBSIDY

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D. La., said tonight he would propose on Monday that the senate fight on the administration's price control food subsidy program be postponed until well after the Christmas holidays to give members a chance to consult their constituents again and get a good rest.

Meanwhile, there were signs that the powerful anti-subsidy bloc may be weakening to the point where it will consider a compromise.

TO NAME TANKER FOR CRATER LAKE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Three more Oregon communities have their names named after them when launched at the Swan Island Shipbuilding corporation, the U. S. maritime commission announced today.

The first tanker will be the Ceilo, named for the rapids of the Columbia river. Then will come the Crater Lake, followed by the City of Newberg.

Dr. Townsend Enters Hospital With Cold

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, 73-year-old founder of the old age revolving pension plan, tonight was reported recovering from a cold at the Burnett sanitarium here. Sanitarium officials said Dr. Townsend was not seriously ill.

SENATE MAY MOVE TO BOOST BONDED WHISKEY SUPPLY

Would Shorten Aging Period—Seagram Executive Warns of Black Market.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Support appeared to be gathering in the senate tonight for a move to amend federal tax laws to force some 117,400,000 gallons of bonded whiskey out of warehouses and into the hands of consumers.

Chairman Frederick Van Nuys, D. Ind., of a senate committee investigating the whiskey famine, proposed that this be accomplished by reducing from eight to four years the time during which whiskey may be aged in warehouses without payment of taxes. Several of his colleagues expressed willingness to go along with his plan.

A warning that this move would lead to profiteering, bootlegging and hijacking was voiced tonight by Frank R. Schwengel, of New York, president of Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc., the country's largest distiller in dollar volume of business.

Schwengel said in an interview that if large quantities of whiskey are thrown on the market, without replenishment of stockpiles, black market operations will be greatly stimulated.

At the present buying rate, there is enough liquor in storage to last about three years. In liquid terms, that's 303,000,000 gallons a year. Of the total, Schwengel said, 100,000,000 gallons should be held to tide the country over post-war conversion.

WALLACE SCORES CARTEL CONTROL OVER MEDICINES

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace tonight called upon the people of the United States to throw off the yoke of "cartel control" and the "power to condemn millions of people to suffering because they cannot buy health at monopoly prices."

The vice president, speaking to students of the University of North Carolina under the auspices of the Carolina Political union, said that disease itself must be eliminated wherever it is preventable, and pointed out that "if we had an adequate system of hospitals in the United States syphilis and gonorrhea could be completely stamped out within 10 years."

"Among the many dangers and hardships which our boys endure (soldiers in the tropical jungles), none is more insidious than the scourge of malaria. . . . There are two medicines used to combat malaria, quinine and synthetic drug starbline. Ninety per cent of the world's quinine was produced on the island of Java under the control of a Dutch monopoly group. . . . With this control the Dutch cartel rationed quinine to all the countries of the world at outrageous prices. . . . The Dutch cartel distributed quinine not so that it would do the most good, but to insure their monopoly profits."

"The synthetic substitute for quinine—starbline—was also controlled by a cartel, in this case the great German chemical trust, I. G. Farben."

TITO BROADCASTS AIR RAID WARNING

London, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The headquarters of Gen. Tito's Yugoslav partisans today gave recognition to the Allied air attacks from across the Adriatic, broadcasting a warning to the Yugoslav people to leave the vicinity of possible military objectives and enemy garrisons "in view of the support lent by Allied air forces to operations of the Yugoslav liberation army (the Partisans) on the ground."

The warning, broadcast from Tito's headquarters, was addressed particularly to workers in industrial and rail areas.

BRICKER FLOUTS NEW DEAL PLANS AT HOME, ABROAD

Ohio Governor Charges War Used to Further National Socialism.

New York, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, first to announce formally his candidacy for the 1944 Republican presidential nomination, tonight asserted that the Roosevelt administration is using the war "as an excuse to further many dangerous pre-war policies," leading the nation to national socialism.

Bricker, who recently was voted support of the Ohio congressional delegation in Washington, was the principal speaker at a dinner meeting of the Pennsylvania society. It was his first public address since he announced he would seek to be the GOP standard bearer in 1944.

While he devoted most of his speech to a bitter attack on the Roosevelt administration's handling of the home front, he also criticized indirectly the federal government's foreign policies.

"America needs a forthright foreign policy," he said. "A sound American policy in international affairs means that we shall deal as a strong independent nation and that other nations of the world shall deal with us on the same basis."

"We want no super-government, no dictatorship state to which we are subservient," he said. "We want no central world authority over us. Nor, do I believe, does any sovereign want a central world authority over it."

MT. EMILY PLANT IN STRIKE WAVE

La Grande, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Two hundred Mt. Emily Lumber Co. employees ceased work today pending union negotiations with employers regarding the discharge of Paul Brace, a check grader at the mill and secretary of the Sawmill Workers' Union. Brace was discharged reportedly for engaging in union activities on company time. Union representatives indicated neither working conditions nor the question of wages was involved in the walk-out.

CHINESE MOP UP JAP NINTH ARMY

Chungking, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops are mopping up remnants of the defeated Japanese ninth army between the recaptured Hunan province and the Li river, 50 miles to the north, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The communique also reported that Chinese units, pushing close to the main Japanese bastions in central China, broke into a town on the Hankow-Canton railway only 30 miles south of the Yangtze river port of Wuchang on Dec. 5, destroying enemy installations. Wuchang is adjacent to Hankow, principal enemy base in central China. Both cities were attacked by American medium bombers Thursday night.

RATION VAL ON PORK CUT, WILL START TOMORROW

Heavy Run of Hogs to Markets Forces O.P.A. to Make Slash.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price administration tonight announced a general reduction in ration point values of pork, effective Monday, which will cut one or two points from the value of all pork items except variety and canned meats.

O.P.A. Administrator Chester Bowles described the reduction as "a temporary emergency measure" necessitated by a heavy run of hogs to market in recent days and the resultant necessity for moving greater quantities of pork to consumers.

Specifically, one point a pound is cut from the value of all sausages, pork steaks, roasts, smoked hams, bacon and ready-to-eat meats. Only items not affected are so-called variety meats—heart, liver and tongues—canned pork or pork mixtures, and a few items already listed at one point a pound, including fat backs, clear plates, hocks, jowls, jowl butts or squares, knuckles and plates.

The point value of fresh ham was cut two points a pound.

O.P.A. estimated that the reductions will cause at least 25 per cent more pork, or 50,000,000 pounds weekly, to go into consumption than would have been used under existing values. It said they also will permit an overall increase of 13 per cent in total meat consumption.

ARNOLD PREDICTS SUPER BOMBINGS FOR NAZIS SOON

An Advanced U. S. Air Base, Eastern Italy, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the U. S. army air forces, predicted here yesterday that American "super" bombers, aided by the RAF and Soviet air force, "very soon" will place every part of Nazi-dominated Europe under an aerial bombardment that will cause Germany's defeat.

Touring this area after participating in the recent Allied conferences in the middle east, Arnold said the Germans' "long-haired boys" are frantically trying to develop a trick method to halt the Allied aerial bombings, "which are going to cause Germany's defeat."

Arnold said that while increasing German fighter opposition can be expected, "if our air raids do not knock Germany out we will at least make her groggy."

Today Arnold toured American air bases in the Naples area and presented Distinguished Flying Crosses.

RE-TRIAL FINDS KIDNAPER GUILTY

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Thomas H. Robinson, 36-year-old former Vanderbilt university law student, was found guilty tonight following his retrial for the 1934 kidnapping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville society woman.

The verdict recommended the death penalty for Robinson.

In a 90-minute charge to the jurors, Judge Miller said, "if, however, you bring in a verdict of guilty and recommend death, the court will, after seriously weighing the evidence, be able to sentence him to death or to a number of years in prison or to a life sentence."

Judge Miller had told the jurors they must not decide whether Robinson had intimate relations with Mrs. Stoll as he alleged in testimony during the trial, but "solely whether he was sane or insane."

FOLSOM WARDEN QUILTS

Sacramento, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren's committee will continue its investigation of state prison conditions despite the resignation of Clyde I. Plummer as warden of Folsom prison.

War Bulletins

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, T. H., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—U. S. 7th Army Air Force Liberator bombers, continuing their almost daily assaults on Japanese strongholds in the Marshall Islands, dropped more than 15 tons of bombs Thursday on Mills atoll, meeting stiff resistance from Japanese Zero planes which tried to bomb them from the str. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

AMERICANS DOWN 138 NAZI PLANES IN EMDEN ATTACK

Most Vicious Sky Battle of War Leaves 17 Fortresses Missing.

London, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The German Luftwaffe suffered a crushing defeat today when U. S. Eighth Air Force heavy bombers and fighters, attacking the Nazi port of Emden, shot down 138 enemy fighter planes.

Seventeen American Flying Fortresses and Liberators and three fighter planes were missing from the assault, made by one of the mightiest fleets of planes ever sent aloft by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth.

One of the most vicious sky battles of the war was fought as the American heavy bombers, making their first raid on Germany in 10 days, beat off swarms of German rocket planes which attacked six abreast to reach the target area.

The total enemy planes shot down, however, was still far short of the Eighth's record—307 on Aug. 17, during a twin raid on Regensburg and Schweinfurt, Germany.

An American European headquarters bulletin said the giant bombers hammered naval and other installations in Emden, which is 330 miles from British bases. It was the sixth American raid on the port, the last, on Oct. 2, costing only two bombers while 19 German planes were downed.

The bulletin said that bomber gunners shot down 117 of today's total bag while escorting American Lightning and Thunderbolt fighters, outshooting one of the strongest fighter forces hurled into the air by the Nazis, bagged 21.

LOVE BUG HURTS CARRIER PIGEONS

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Carrier pigeons play key roles in this 20th-century war—despite its walkie-talkies and swift airplane communication—but you have to keep their love life in good order to get anything out of them, Signal Corps Lt. Howard R. Holmes said today.

The 24-year-old pigeon fancier who has studied the birds almost all his life, said one pigeon, "California Lady," won the Purple Heart award by bringing home a message after she was shot by an enemy sniper.

"They come to their home lofts more than 90 per cent of the time—several of them with holes in their wings," Holmes said.

Holmes said male and female pigeons differ little in flying ability.

"One is just as good as the other, unless it is involved in a broken love affair," he said.

SHIPYARDS WEEK CUT TO SIX DAYS

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Vice-Chairman Howard L. Vickery of the maritime commission today ordered shipyards to reduce their work week from seven to six days on Jan. 1 "because we are over the hump in shipbuilding and don't want to pay double time any more for Sunday work."

The order applies to all shipyards under contract to the maritime commission except where urgent need for a certain type of ship requires continuance of the seven-day week.

BALKAN PUPPETS WARNED BY HULL TO DESERT AXIS

Get Out of War or Suffer, Blunt Word—Bulgar Premier Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said tonight that the governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania—"servile puppets of Hitler"—must realize by now that they will have to "share the responsibility for and the consequences of the terrible defeat that United Nations arms are so surely bringing to Germany."

Hull's declaration, coupled with a simultaneous statement to the same effect by Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., of the senate foreign relations committee, was interpreted here as a warning to the people of the three countries to overthrow their governments and get out of the war or suffer equally in those consequences.

Statements Significant

Particular significance was attached to the two statements because they came so close on the heels of the historic meetings of President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and Turkish President Ismet Inonu at Tehran and Cairo, respectively.

They also coincided with reports that war weariness is spreading through the Balkans and that the tension is so great there that it may lead to sudden and dramatic developments, especially in Bulgaria and Rumania. A Madrid dispatch tonight said reports from France told of growing indications, since the Cairo and Tehran conferences, of early explosive developments in the Balkans.

"It is just two years since the governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania, having already become servile puppets of Hitler, obedient to the orders of their master, declared war against the United States," Hull said.

"To what degree they have been counting on our magnanimity to spare their peoples the consequences of this rash step foredoomed to disaster, we do not know."

Share Responsibility

"They must by this time realize that they will have to share the responsibility for and consequences of the terrible defeat that United Nations arms are so surely bringing to Nazi Germany," Connally's statement said that the "satellites' declaration of war had resulted only in fastening the 'German yolk' more tightly about themselves."

HEROIC SEABEES BACK IN STATES

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The heroic 14th battalion of Seabees, cheering wildly and waving unburned arms in rhythm with band music, returned from Guadalcanal aboard a navy transport tonight.

The navy's lusty fighter-builders, their number depleted from 991 to 659 by malaria, tropical maladies and enemy action during their 15 months on Guadalcanal, disembarked for extended leaves.

Many still wore no shirts as the transport pulled into the dock. Above the din of the cheers, shouts and the band playing "We're the Seabees of the navy, we can build and we can fight."

LAND VALUE FIXED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—A federal court jury today set a price of \$8,400 on a tract of land owned by the E. D. Shovel company and incorporated in the Camp Adair tract.