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Stalin Lauds Allied Invasion

NOTHING LIKE IT IN WAR HISTORY SAYS RED CHIEF

Broad in Conception, Masterly in Execution, Premier's Summation of Effort

Moscow, June 13.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin, in his first public comment on the allied invasion of Europe, said tonight that the forcing of the channel and mass landing in northern France "have succeeded fully."

"The history of wars does not know such an undertaking, so broad in conception, so grandiose, and so masterly in execution," Stalin said of the invasion. "As it is known, the 'invincible' Napoleon shamefully failed in his own time with plans to force the channel and capture the British Isles."

Hitler Dodged Attempt
"Hitler, the hysteric who boasted for two years that he would force the channel, did not even attempt to carry out his threat."

"Only British and American troops succeeded with honor in carrying out an immense plan for forcing the channel and landing troops on a vast scale."

"History will note this as an achievement of the highest order. In adding up the results of seven days of the battles of liberation by allied troops who invaded France, one may say without hesitation that the large forcing of the channel and the mass landing of troops of the allies in northern France have succeeded fully."

RUSSIANS OPEN FAR NORTH DRIVE

Stokholm, June 13.—(U.P.)—A Helsinki dispatch to the newspaper Aftonbladet said today that the Red army had opened an offensive in the far north, attacking German positions along the Litsa river which empties into the Barents sea 35 miles west of Murmansk.

The reported offensive at the northern end of the Finnish front followed by three days the Red army attack on the Karelian isthmus above Leninigrad, where the Finns were being driven back toward Viipuri.

The Helsinki dispatch said the Russians attacked on the arctic front after a violent artillery barrage.

State Grange Head Raps OPA Tactics On Price Ceilings

Grants Pass, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Morton Tompkins, state master of the Oregon Grange, said today that OPA tactics of setting price ceilings had in many instances brought financial injuries to farmers.

Tompkins said that the War Food Administration failed to fulfill its promises to support prices on certain food crops in many cases and that some price levels were below cost of production.

He said the conditions brought about by OPA practices would not build confidence and that, were it not for the patriotism of the farmer, food production would be endangered.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Irene Grigsby tactfully withholding a bit of news but promising to do better in the future.

Afton Carter keeping her fellow county clerk office employees informed on latest developments in moving her household possessions to Hill, Cal.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown refusing to become involved in a torrid political argument.

Prospect Mother Finds Navy Son By Coincidence

Prospect, June 13.—Mrs. Howard Waggoner planned a surprise visit last week with her son, Donald, who is in the navy, stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco. However, through strange coincidence, the surprise was mutual. Mrs. Waggoner spent the first two days of her three-day vacation stay in the city vainly trying to locate her son through the labyrinthian red tape of the navy.

On the evening of the second day she decided to attend a movie. Shortly after she had been seated a group of sailors came in and took seats directly in front of her. Yes — you guessed it. One of the boys was her son.

As her vacation visit was to end the next day, mother and son stayed up all night to visit. Mrs. Waggoner returned to her work as clerk in Grieve's store last week.

FORTRESSES HIT ENEMY AIRFIELDS

London, June 13.—(U.P.)—American Flying Fortresses attacked three enemy airfields in France today and fighter-bombers soared out over the Channel as clearing weather permitted increased Allied aerial assaults on German communications leading to the Norman battlefield.

The steady daylight blows on the enemy's rear lines followed a smashing attack by more than 1000 RAF bombers last night when they dropped 1400 tons of bombs, including six-ton super-bombusters, on the German synthetic oil center at Gelsenkirchen and hit four important rail junctions in France.

NAZI CASUALTIES 70,000 IN ITALY

Rome, June 13.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Allied Fifth army, said today that 70,000 Germans had been killed, captured, or wounded during the current offensive in Italy.

Clark made the disclosure of estimated German casualties when he spoke to 2,000 Fifth army troops in opening a rest center for his men here.

"The Fifth army now is 70 miles north of Rome and chasing the enemy," he said. "Since the attack began we have killed, captured, or wounded some 70,000 of the enemy. There is no doubt we have severely punished the German army."

One Scarlet Fever Case During Week

Scarlet fever, epidemic in the county for many months, dropped to but one new case for the week ending June 9 according to the communicable disease report of Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director of the county health department. The lone case was reported from Medford.

Only contagious disease now prevalent in the county is measles, with 11 cases reported during the week. Of these, Phoenix reported five cases, Medford three, Gold Hill two and Central Point one case. Also reported were one case each of whooping cough and mumps, seven cases of recurrent malaria, two of gonorrhea and two of syphilis.

S. P. MEN KILLED

Elko, Nev., June 13.—(U.P.)—Two men were killed late yesterday when a motor speeder on which they were riding was struck by a Western Pacific passenger train near Halleck, Nev. Dead were John "Jack" Stewart, Ogden, Utah, division engineer for the Southern Pacific company and J. M. Reedy, Carlin, Nev., roadmaster for Southern Pacific between Carlin and Montello.

13 JAP VESSELS SUNK BY YANKEE CARRIER PLANES

16 Other Ships Damaged, 141 Planes Destroyed in Attack On Mariannas.

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Carrier aircraft of a powerful U. S. naval task force sank 13 Japanese ships, damaged 16 others and destroyed 141 planes in the weekend assault on the Mariannas islands and in a subsequent attack on an enemy convoy, the navy announced today.

Four of the sunken craft and nine of those damaged were combat vessels, all either destroyers or escort ships.

American losses were listed at 15 planes and 15 members of their air crews. There was no mention of any damage to the U. S. surface force, which Japanese planes attempted to attack once.

By United Press

A powerful American battle fleet raged through the ring of island bases guarding the Philippines today, after delivering its second straight blow at the southern Mariannas, while American infantry, backed by tanks and heavy artillery, swung in to finish off the cornered enemy garrison on Biak island in the southwest Pacific.

A terse navy communique revealed that big Pacific task force battered Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Rota islands in the Marianas on Sunday and then resumed radio silence as it did after its initial strike on the islands Saturday.

On Biak island, 550 miles south of Palau, U. S. 6th army troops launched a drive toward Sorido and Borokoe airdromes, the last remaining Japanese positions on the island. Enemy resistance continued strong, but the Americans were within two miles of the fields and attacking behind a strong air and naval barrage.

16-Year-Old Boy Weds Widow, 37

Vancouver, Wash., June 13.—(U.P.)—A 16-year-old former chauffeur and a 37-year-old widow — each with finger-nails painted green "to match one another" — today were honeymooning after their marriage here.

Ronald Smith was married to his erstwhile employer, Mrs. Mary Ellen Breun, mother of two small children, culminating what the bridegroom described as love that blossomed "at first sight" at their meeting nine years ago.

SLOGAN FOR FOURTH

Chicago, June 13.—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council appealed today to Americans to enlist in a nationwide campaign to reduce Fourth of July accidents, with the slogan "Put victory first on the Fourth!"

Germans Who Fled Carentan Convinced Their War 'Kaput'

By Henry T. Gorrell
United Press War Correspondent
Carentan, France, June 13.—(U.P.)—The Germans who high-tailed out of Carentan under the lashing American bombardment and prodding bayonets are convinced, almost to a man, that their cause is "kaput"—finished, a leading citizen of Carentan told me as we toasted the allied arms in the ruins of his study.

"A high ranking officer told me before he left," said my host, "that Germany is 'kaput,' he said: 'Our airforce is destroyed, we have no protection and we haven't eaten in three days because our communications have been destroyed.'"

Citizens of Carentan, emerging joyfully amid the ruins with bottles of carefully hoarded wines and champagne, said the morale of all German ranks was



YANK MAKES FRIENDS — Sgt. Max Denton of Biloxi, Miss., takes time out from invasion of Normandy coast to make friends with this French youngster. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London.

OUTPOST BUILDING IS OUTRIGHT GIFT FOR RECREATION

Purchase of the building at 218 West Sixth street now occupied by the Officers' Outpost, and presentation of the property to the Jackson County Recreation committee was announced today by Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Old Stage road.

The structure was purchased from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, which occupied the building until moving to new quarters in August of 1940.

The recreation committee, an incorporated body through which many recreation activities in the county are channelled, is made up presently of Mrs. Carpenter, president, Mr. Carpenter, who serves as secretary, and George Roberts, Eugene Thorndike and Ed. Carlton, trustees.

Mrs. Carpenter stated that the Outpost would continue to use the building as long as was necessary and that its subsequent use, at the discretion of the committee members, would depend upon circumstances in the county.

MEXICO FURNISHING 6,000 MORE WORKERS

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones announced today that Mexico will furnish 6000 agricultural workers to the United States this month above its promised quota to help avert a threatened crisis in sugar beet production.

Arrangements had been made previously to import 14,000 Mexicans. Most of the 20,000 laborers will work on sugar beet farms in 15 states and are expected to save about 60,000 acres, or one-tenth of the total sugar beet acreage, Jones said.

"La Vina Granda" grape vine trunks sometimes attain a circumference as great as 10 feet.

BASEBALL

National			
Boston	2	8	1
Philadelphia	1	8	1
Tobin and Masi; Raffensberger and Peacock.			
Brooklyn	9	11	0
New York	4	10	1
Head and Owen; Flischer, Polli, Seward and Mancuso.			

G. I. BILL READY FOR SIGNATURE

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Congress completed action today on the "GI bill of rights" authorizing benefits for veterans of the present war.

Ultimate cost of the measure is estimated at \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,500,000,000.

All that remained to make it law was President Roosevelt's signature.

Under the terms of the bill, veterans would be provided:

1. A maximum of 52 weeks' unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 weekly at any time during the first two years after discharge.
2. A government guarantee of 50 per cent, but not more than \$2000, on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes.
3. Four years' educational aid at the rate of \$500 yearly for tuition, plus \$50 monthly subsistence for single and \$75 monthly for married veterans.
4. A veterans' placement service to assist veterans in obtaining civilian jobs.

SNELL APPOINTS SMITH SUCCESSOR

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today appointed Maurice Hudson, Portland, to fill out the unexpired term of Lloyd R. Smith, corporation commissioner, who died last week.

Hudson will serve until Jan. 7, 1947.

Hudson, an attorney, is a native of Oregon. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon law school in 1912, and was connected with the United States Department of Justice for six years. In 1924 Hudson was assistant U. S. attorney general in San Francisco.

A Republican, Hudson has long been active in fraternal circles and now is Pacific coast counsel for the Macabees. He is 52.

He has one son in the U. S. army air force in Italy.

76 LIONS SLAIN

San Francisco, June 13.—(U.P.)—California lion hunters have turned in 76 skins to the state division of fish and game for bounty since January 1, the division announced today. Fifteen lions were taken in May from Trinity, Tehama, Mendocino, Tuolumne, Humboldt, Nevada, Monterey and Del Norte counties.

NO CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT F. R. SAYS CIO HEAD

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The CIO political action committee, in view of "what we think the Republican party is going to do," has no choice but to support President Roosevelt for re-election, Chairman Sidney Hillman said today.

Testifying at a hearing of the Senate campaign expenditures committee, in which Republican and Democratic members clashed over charges that CIO witnesses were being "harassed," Hillman said his organization is urging the Democratic party to "draft" the president and will continue to support him after the Chicago convention if he is nominated.

Denies Law Violated

Earlier, Hillman had asserted that his committee is violating no laws and that if congress is going to turn the spotlight on organized political activity, it ought also to investigate groups "spawned by big business." He said the CIO committee does not object to being investigated but added:

"We take exception only to the fact that labor has been singled out as a target."

Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., asked Hillman if CIO posters displaying a portrait of the president with the legend, "I-A in our draft," could be "squared" with provisions of the Smith-Connally anti-strike act which ban campaign contributions by labor unions.

Hillman turned the question over to John J. Abt, political action counsel, who told Ball that the poster is not a "contribution to a campaign" because there isn't any campaign.

No Nominee Yet

"No one has been nominated yet," Abt said, "so there isn't any campaign. I would say this comes under the heading of an 'expenditure,' rather than a contribution."

"Well, then, Mr. Hillman," Ball said, "that means that after the president is nominated and a campaign is on that you will stop supporting him?"

"In view of what we think the Republican party is going to do," Hillman said, "we will have no choice but to support him."

Fish Ceilings Cut 1 To 3 Cents Pound

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today announced reductions in the ceiling prices of fish which it said should cut the price to the public one to three cents per pound.

JAPS TRANSFERRED

San Francisco, June 13.—(U.P.)—The War Relocation Authority, announcing that Jerome relocation center at Denon, Ark., will be closed by June 30, said today 1000 Japanese-Americans from Jerome were en route to other centers at Heart Mountain, Wyo., and Gila River, Ariz.

Enemy Fights Way Back To Captured Villages Of Carentan, Montebourg

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of allied forces in Europe, has reported to President Roosevelt that "other" openings will be made in fortress Europe, the president said today.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 13.—(U.P.)—American invasion armies cut half way across the Cherbourg peninsula and patrols were reported probing the approaches to the port, but a front dispatch timed at 1:10 p. m. today said the Germans had rallied around Carentan and Montebourg and that street fighting again was underway in both towns.

Allied supreme headquarters officially confirmed the capture of Montebourg and Pont L'Abbe, as reported earlier today by United Press' ar Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell. Headquarters also said the allies had captured Le Ham, three miles southwest of Montebourg, and Troran, seven miles east of Caen.

Earlier News Tamed Gratifying

"The news is really gratifying," it was said at headquarters in commenting on reports apparently filed earlier than Gorrell's dispatch saying that the Germans had fought their way back into the streets of Montebourg and Carentan under cover of artillery, mortars, and tanks.

Gorrell was half a mile from Montebourg, Nazi hedgehog base, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg, when the enemy counterattack began. He saw U. S. artillery lay down a white smoke screen and shield American positions as the Germans advanced. House-to-house fighting then developed to the crash of mortars and 88's and the clatter of German machine guns, pistols, and carbines, he wrote.

Meanwhile at headquarters good news—envisaged in some quarters as excellent news indeed—was expected within a relatively short time.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's army holds at least two-thirds of the allies' Norman beachhead, it was revealed, with nearly 100,000 U. S. troops already announced as engaged in combat on the Cherbourg peninsula.

New Peaks of Violence in Fighting

The fighting reached new peaks of violence at both ends of the French battlefield as the Germans hit back hard in a bid to check the American gains and the British began a full-scale envelopment movement on Caen, eastern anchor of the Nazi defenses.

The British threw a ring of armor around Caen and were battling heavily against the German garrison, which holds the most stubborn strongpoint encountered so far in the invasion.

Violent tank battles continued in the area of Caen and Tilly-sur-Seules, 12 miles to the west. The British armor was pouring round after round into three German panzer divisions concentrated in that sector.

To the southeast the Americans were making "very satisfactory" progress in a drive to flank St. Lo, ancient citadel half way across the peninsula. They were reported to be within less than six miles of it.

Allies Use Five Landing Strips

The allies now are using five landing strips in France. Unloading conditions improved for a time at all beaches as the weather turned better, but this morning conditions became spotty with clouds closing in on some parts of the continent.

Some limited air-borne operations were carried out Monday night, employing the landing strips in France.

Officials revealed that the Second and Fourth American infantry divisions were fighting in the Cherbourg peninsula in addition to the First and 29th infantry divisions and the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions—a total of six announced so far.

In addition to the six American divisions, the allies had in action the Third and 50th British infantry, the Sixth airborne, and the Third Canadian infantry division.

HANLEY RANCH OF 4000 ACRES SOLD

The Christ Church of the Golden Rule, a California organization, has purchased the Michael Hanley 4000-acre stock and hay ranch on the north fork of Little Butte creek, it is reported by Michael Hanley, Jr. The deal was completed several weeks ago, with Hanley continuing on the place as manager. The price involved has not been divulged.

Hanley said it was the intention of the new owners to develop the ranch as a dairy feeder farm, to replenisht California dairies. No milking will be done here. Beef cattle in the deal will be sold off. The property is regarded as one of the best hay producers in this county. It has been in the hands of the Hanley family since pioneer days.

V. D. Brophy, Medford cattleman, has a lease on approximately 3,000 acres of the ranch which expires in March of 1945, and it is understood that the new owners plan no active operation of the ranch until early in 1945.

OPPOSE LIMITATION ON PRICE CONTROL DEBATE

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Efforts to limit house debate on proposed amendments to the price control extension bill today brought a charge from Rep. Clare E. Hoffman, R., Mich., that proper consideration was not being given to his and other members' proposals.

Chairman Brent Spence, D., Ky., of the banking committee said "We'll never get through with this bill unless the time is limited." About 40 amendments still await consideration.

FIRST NURSES LAND

With the U. S. Army in France, June 10.—(U.P.)—The first unit of American nurses landed on the allied beachhead late today and went to work immediately tending American and German wounded. Among them was Othella M. Goc, Ashton, Nev.

FUGITIVE GIRLS SOON RETURNED

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Eleven 13 to 17 year old girls were back in custody today after they escaped from the Hillcrest State Training School for Girls south of here.

Taking advantage of the shortage of trained help at the school, the girls, apparently planning their break for freedom during the day, last night overpowered Mrs. Edith Rhodes, a new employee, and slipped out the back door.

Seven of them were returned within a few hours by members of the school staff. Another became tired and returned voluntarily, while state police found three others and are holding them pending filing of charges.

CIRCLED CHINESE FIGHT FOR LIFE

Chungking, June 13.—(U.P.)—The encircled Chinese garrison inside Changsha fought a life-and-death struggle today with a Japanese army attacking furiously on three sides of the city, front line dispatches reported.

Retreat was impossible. The enemy struck in force at the south, east and north gates of the city.

Defenders of the Hunan province either must fight their way to freedom by crushing the enemy attacks or be annihilated within their city.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —	
\$316,892	
"E" Sales.....	\$45,575
Quota	\$600,000
Total Quota for County	\$2,262,000