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Yanks Launch All-Out Attack by Land and Air To Blast Stubborn Germans Out of Cherbourg

BESIEGED NAZIS BOMBED, GUNNED BY PLANE WAVES

Troops Charge Forward Through Villages: Port's Fall Expected in Hours.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 22.—(U.P.)—American forces have launched an all-out attack on Cherbourg by land and air, with hundreds of planes blasting the German fortifications in one of the greatest aerial displays since D-day while troops overwhelmed the suburban defense outpost of Martinvast.

Wave upon wave of United States light and medium bombers pounded and gunned German troops in the inner defenses of Cherbourg in a pulverizing bid to blast open the ring of fortifications for the siege army battering the burning city's defenses.

Suburbs Taken
Encirclement of the beleaguered Norman port by the U. S. forces was virtually completed last night, and today the troops charged forward through numerous outlying villages on all sides of the port and launched the final attack with the close support of Marauder, Havoc, Thunderbolt and Mustang planes.

Airmen returning from the sustained assault on the fortifications lying along the city limits said the Nazi defensive area directly below Cherbourg had been blasted into a wasteland of rubble and flame.

Nazis Separated
The Americans drove two great wedges to the coastal area east and west of Cherbourg, chopping the trapped Germans into three isolated groups, and the fall of the Great French port itself appeared imminent.

The headquarters announcement that the all-out, evidently the final, assault on the city had begun and it might bring victory within a matter of hours.

OPEN BIG DRIVE ON SAIPAN JAPS

Aboard a Joint Expeditionary Force Flagship Off Saipan, June 22 (East Longitude Time)—(U.P.)—Shielded by a great American battle fleet standing off the Marianas, U. S. marines and army troops launched a major attack this morning to wipe out the Japanese defenders of Saipan island.

The situation forced upon Japan's elusive grand fleet the grimmest challenge yet presented to it to come in and fight.

In exactly one week of fighting, the Americans had effected a landing across the reefs in the face of extremely heavy fire and had captured the southern third of the island, including two airfields. One of these fields was Aslito airfield, the most valuable in the Marianas which was ready for operation today after its Seabees repaired and extended its 3,600-foot main runway.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Edna Myers conducting a thorough search of her handbag for some notes which turned out to be some place else.

Enid Rankin thinking she deserved medal or something for arriving early with her Red Cross copy.

Rosey Rosenbaum shyly admitting that he's nearing the million-dollar mark in bond sales for all the war loan drives.

First Picture of French Invasion of Elba



French Colonial troops stream ashore from landing craft near Marina di Camp in the first picture of Elba invasion in Tyrrhenian Sea off coast of Italy. Despite fierce initial resistance, the French, supported by Allied planes, conquered historic island where Napoleon once spent short-lived exile. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS BILL OF RIGHTS FOR SERVICE MEN

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today signed into law the most extensive veterans' benefit measure in the country's history, the so-called "G. I. Bill of Rights."

The bill provides such aid as federally financed education, government guaranteed loans, unemployment compensation and employment services for veterans of World War II. Veterans administration officials have estimated the benefits will cost \$6,500,000,000.

Jobless To Get \$20
The unemployment compensation section provides for \$20 a week benefits for a maximum of 52 weeks. It also provides unemployment compensation for self-employed persons who meet certain qualifications.

If the claimant draws unemployment compensation from other source during the same period, it must be subtracted from the \$20 permitted under this bill.

The bill's loan clause provides that the government is to guarantee up to 50 per cent of loans, with a ceiling of \$2,000 on the amount guaranteed by the government, whether made by private or public lending agencies or institutions. The loans must be for investment in a home, farm or business, and will bear more than four per cent interest.

Costliest item concerns education, with tuition grants ranging up to \$500 annually plus allowances of \$75 monthly for persons with dependents and \$50 a month for those with no dependents.

Maximum benefits extend to four years education or training, providing the veterans' education or training was interrupted by his entrance into service or that he entered the armed forces before reaching 25 years of age.

The bill sets up a veterans' placement service, utilizing the machinery of the United States employment service with the administrator of veterans affairs serving as chairman of the board.

Duce Promised 1,500,000 Slaves To Work For Germany, Document Captured by Allied Forces Shows

Rome, June 22.—(U.P.)—Allied authorities today announced the capture of a document in which Benito Mussolini promised the Germans to hand over 1,500,000 Italian laborers for work in Germany.

The announcement said that a "recently captured document dated May 21, which was passed from the German ambassador in Rome to a member of the diplomatic staff attached to the headquarters, shows the lengths to which Mussolini was willing to go to provide laborers for Germany."

The document, signed by Mussolini and Rudolf Rahn, asserted that "the extremely critical labor situation in the Reich demands that Italian manpower reserves be mobilized without delay and put into service of the Reich."

TULE INTERNEE HAMMERS PALS

San Francisco, June 22.—(U.P.)—Shigeo Okamoto, 39-year-old Japanese alien, was in custody of War Relocation Authority police today charged with beating two other Japanese internees with a hammer last night at the Tule Lake segregation center.

WRA spokesmen said Sononuki Suzuki, Okamoto's roommate, still was unconscious and in a critical condition at the Center hospital. He suffered a fractured skull. The other victim, Shunzi Tanabe, 51, was said to be recovering satisfactorily.

PRICE CONTROL BILL GIVEN NEW LIFE LEASE

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—Congress yesterday completed legislative action on a measure extending, with modifications, the life of the price control act for one year beyond its present expiration date, June 30.

38 TIRES LOST

Los Angeles, June 22.—(U.P.)—By the time Ray Phillips discovered the rear gate on his truck was open, 38 new white sidewall tires had rolled out—and vanished. The tires lacked serial numbers.

F. R. WILL REVEAL WILLINGNESS SOON GEORGIAN CLAIMS

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, after conferring with President Roosevelt, predicted today that the chief executive soon will issue a statement indicating his willingness to accept a fourth-term nomination if the Democratic convention so desires.

Arnall told reporters as he left the executive office that he would "not be surprised" if Mr. Roosevelt makes "a big public statement" soon after the Republican convention, but before the Democratic convention. The Republicans meet next week; the Democrats July 19.

He said the president, in that statement, would be "taking the people of the country into his confidence" about his "willingness—irrespective of his personal desires—to abide by the party's decision, a willingness to submit to the mandates of the Democratic convention."

PRIORITIES EXPERT TO AID BUSINESSMEN HERE

A priorities representative of the War Production board will be in Medford June 28 and 29 to assist local business people with priorities problems. It was announced today by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The representative will be at the chamber offices all day for both days and appointments for conferences may be made by calling 2294, according to Frank Hull, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

ONLY A DREAM

Whiting, Ind., June 22.—(U.P.)—For a few minutes yesterday Mrs. Elizabeth Koby, an employee at the Standard Oil company's Whiting Refinery, was a multimillionaire, then the dream ended. A payroll machine had made a mistake in her check, making it out for \$99,999,994 instead of \$13.26.

BRICKER MAKES POSTWAR STAND PLAIN TO GOP

"No Postwar Military Alliances," Says Presidential Aspirant in First Talk.

Chicago, June 22.—(U.P.)—Gov. John W. Bricker's opening statement here that "we want no postwar military alliances" was followed immediately today by an announcement from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's headquarters that the New Yorker "would be glad to have the republican resolutions committee confer with him" if they desire his views on policy.

Word that Dewey would welcome such a conference was received here by Herbert Brownell, Jr., of New York, one of "the draft Dewey" managers with headquarters in 15 rooms on the 25th floor of the Stevens hotel.

Dewey Will Come

Bricker arrived today to attend the republican national convention which begins June 26. Dewey managers indicated that the New Yorker did not contemplate coming here for any platform conferences but would come to accept the presidential nomination—which they insist he will.

Sen. Warren Austin, R., Vermont, named today as chairman of the resolutions committee subgroups on foreign affairs, said Dewey's advice would be sought if any questions arise.

"We naturally would want to get the views of any candidate," Austin said.

Undertaking leadership of his own campaign for the republican presidential nomination, Bricker held a press conference immediately upon arrival today. He reiterated his opposition to use of international force as a prominent weapon to maintain postwar peace. Dewey has endorsed use of force and alliances among the United Nations big four.

BASEBALL

National
Cincinnati 4 14 2
Pittsburgh 9 14 1
Carter, DeLacruz, Kostant, Shoun and Mueller; Sewell and Davis, Lopez.
American
Boston 5 11 0
Philadelphia 4 11 2
Bowman, Ruba, Barrett and Partee; Black, Berry and Hayes.

State Labor Federation Rows Over Roosevelt and Mahoney

Eugene, Ore., June 22.—(U.P.)—Resolutions calling for endorsement of a fourth term for President Roosevelt and the candidacy of Willis Mahoney, democratic nominee for U. S. senator, appeared today to have precipitated a battle on the floor of the 42nd annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor here.

Introduction of the two controversial resolutions was followed by presentation of one which declared for a non-partisan political policy.

S. Eugene Allen, editor of the Oregon Labor Press and chairman of the laws and legislation committee to which all three resolutions were referred, introduced the latter resolution, which declared that endorsement by the convention would lead to "disunity and confusion."

President J. D. McDonald overruled a move for immediate action without referral of the resolution to endorse Mahoney.

SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SOLDIER VOTE

Gov. Snell Urged to Call Legislature to Insure Inclusion of All Service Men

Salem, Ore., June 22.—(U.P.)—Possibility that Gov. Earl Snell may call a special session of the Oregon legislature to amend present election laws in regard to soldier voting was seen here today after an announcement by the governor that he had been repeatedly urged by members of the legislature and others to do so.

"I will do everything possible to insure the war veterans an opportunity to vote," Gov. Snell said.

Farrell Assures

Earlier he was advised by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., that if the county clerks of the state speed up printing of ballots and if they are delivered and returned promptly by the federal government, there will be plenty of time for soldiers to cast their votes.

The present law permits independent candidates until 45 days before the election to file, and the ballots can not be mailed before that time. Changes proposed for the law provide for moving that time up to allow more mailing time for the ballots.

17 Days Required

Army postoffice authorities have estimated that air mail time to any soldier, anywhere, is not more than 17 days, which would permit the ballots to go and return, but does not allow a very wide margin.

On July 10 county clerks of the state will meet here to go into the problem more thoroughly. If it appears that insufficient time is allowed for the mailing of ballots, it is believed to be a virtual certainty that a special session will be called.

THIS JUNE SLOW IN MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk this month have been at the rate of one a day, a total of 21 being issued. This June has not been the "marrying month" of the year when nuptial knots in the earlier months were being tied at the rate of three per day. The total for last June with Camp White full was three a day. Most of the licenses issued to date have been to civilians.

U.S. Navy Planes Score Major Victory in Clash Off Philippine Islands

By William F. Tyree

United Press War Correspondent
Pearl Harbor, June 22.—(U.P.)—The United States fleet defeated a powerful unit of the Japanese grand fleet off the Philippines Monday, sinking or damaging 14 enemy warships, including four aircraft carriers and a battleship, to score one of America's greatest naval victories of the war.

An extraordinary announcement at Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters today revealed that planes of the United States fifth fleet pounced on the Japanese warships as they emerged from the channel between Luzon and Formosa.

U. S. Surface Units Not Involved
In an air-sea battle reminiscent of Midway, the surface units never coming to grips, the Americans trounced the formidable Japanese force and sent its survivors limping back to the safety of their own waters.

The Americans lost 49 planes, today's communique said without mentioning loss of or damage to the ships of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance's fifth fleet.

The Japanese force comprised four or more battleships, five or six carriers, five fleet tankers and attached cruisers and destroyers. The preliminary official accounting of the attack said:

One aircraft carrier, believed to be of the Syokaku class, received three 1,000-pound bomb hits.

One carrier of the Hayataka class was sunk.

One carrier of the same class was badly damaged and left burning furiously.

One light carrier of the Zuiko or Taiho class received at least one bomb hit.

One battleship of the Kongo class was damaged.

One cruiser was damaged.

Three destroyers were damaged and one of them believed sunk.

Three tankers were sunk and the other two badly damaged and left ablaze.

Many Jap Planes Downed

Fifteen to 20 defending Japanese planes were shot down.

Nimitz thus summed up the results of the battle off the Philippines and beyond the newly acquired American invasion foothold in the Marianas Islands a day after the Japanese News Agency reported that a Tokyo naval spokesman soon would have a big naval victory to announce.

In the same communique Nimitz revised upward from 300 to 353 the number of Japanese planes shot down in the attack on the American fleet off the Marianas Sunday.

It disclosed for the first time that in the Sunday engagement two U. S. aircraft carriers and one battleship received superficial damage, and 21 planes were lost in combat. The fighting ability of the warships was not impaired by the slight damage to them.

The communique said nothing of U. S. naval damage in the Monday battle off the Philippines, and it was indicated that no information was available yet.

Battle Late Monday Evening

The heaviest blows in the air-sea battle off the Philippines were struck in the last daylight hours of Monday. After darkness closed in, the Japanese broke off the engagement and fled westward toward the channel between Formosa and Luzon, from which they emerged.

Nimitz disclosed that the U. S. victory was so decisive that units still are ranging the battle area three days later in search of American airmen who may have survived from the lost planes. Many of the crewmen landed in the water at night, and an undetermined number already have been rescued.

The fleet units were commanded by Admiral Spruance, while the carrier task force was under the immediate tactical command of Vice Admiral M. H. Mitscher.

WARMER WEATHER RUSSIANS LAUNCH IS PROMISE WITH 3-PRONGED DRIVE SUMMER'S ADVENT

Moscow, June 22.—(U.P.)—Red army forces, opening a new offensive against the faltering Finnish lines, sent a three-pronged drive around the lakes north of Leningrad today—the third anniversary of the Russo-German war which already has taken a toll of more than 13,000,000 killed or captured.

The Soviet Information Bureau, which said the Nazis were now faced "with complete rout" after three years of fighting on the eastern front, listed the German dead or captured at 7,800,000 and similar Russian losses at 5,300,000.

Up to June 21, longest day of the year and officially the first day of the summer, the temperatures for June averaged five degrees below the normal for that month, bureau records show, normal running from 62 to 70 degrees in past years. In addition, the days were abnormally cloudy and an excess of .33 inches of rain fell during the first 21 days.

Highest temperature so far was 85 degrees June 10 and lowest 40 degrees on the 4th. These are far from records, however, since the temperature once fell to 32 degrees in June, this happening in 1917. In 1926, the thermometer registered an all-time June high of 109 degrees.

NYE'S NAME LINKED IN SEDITION TRIAL

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—The name of Sen. Gerald P. Nye, R., N. D., a strong pro-Pearl Harbor non-interventionist, was linked today with the trial of 29 persons charged with part in a Nazi conspiracy to undermine the morale of the American armed forces.

Ira Chase Koehn, attorney for three of the defendants, said that Nye had "gone back" on a promise to produce photostatic copies of certain documents "vital" to his three clients.

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—The nation's railroads hauled 879,161 cars of revenue freight in the week ended June 17, a rise of 4,968 from the previous week and a new high since Oct. 23, 1943, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive—

\$996,312

"E" Sales\$214,262.50

Quota\$600,000

Total Quota for County\$2,262,000