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CHINESE HOLDING JAP ASSAULT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE NEWS spotlight shines again—as in a war covering almost the entire face of the globe it is bound to do.
It rests today on the tank battle in northern Africa.

ROMMEL'S tanks appear from today's dispatches to be pinned at Tobruk, which the British have held stubbornly from the beginning. As long as they continue to hold it, and at the same time hold naval supremacy in the eastern Mediterranean, Tobruk will be a threat on the flank of any German drive from the west toward Alexandria and Suez.

THE Italians, as usual, say the desert battle is going in the axis' favor. The more conservative and dependable British report that it is still in doubt.

There are two interesting straws in the news winds.
A Royal Air Force communiqué indicates that the British have won preliminary superiority in the air, declaring that axis air activity is now on a reduced scale while RAF planes constantly roar over the battlefield.
American-made tanks manned by the British are reported to be inflicting heavy losses on the axis armored forces.

WE all know by this time how important air superiority is and how SELDOM it has been held by our side. We know by long and bitter experience what follows when our enemies have command of the air.

The British, like the Germans, have been getting ready for this battle for a long time. Supply lines from America, though long, have remained open. American planes must have been reaching Africa in large numbers. The dispatches have reported from time to time that we are building up great supply and repair depots there. The British must have been sending all the planes they can spare.

If and once our side can gain and hold command of the air in an important battle, it will be a sign that our hopes are moving toward fulfillment.

IN the last big desert battle in Africa (this is the fifth) American tanks were tried out and found partially wanting. They failed to equal the German tanks in FIRE POWER. Immediate remedies were undoubtedly taken to stemp this defeat.

For that reason the report that they are inflicting heavy losses on the German and Italian tanks is interesting—and highly significant if true.

LONDON military "quarters" (usually pretty accurate) say today that Rommel's attack probably signaled the start of Hitler's long-heralded grand offensive of 1942, and followed by a German drive to be expected by a German offensive in southern Russia, striking toward the oil of the Caucasus from positions along the Sea of Azov. They consider a Nazi air-borne attack on Syria and Iraq possible.

BITTER and bloody as they have been, it is possible that the battles at Kerch and around Kharkov are but the preliminary to this grand assault on the Caucasus—as the terrible battles of the Wilderness were the curtain-raiser for Grant's drive into the deep South.

The battle around Kharkov appears today to be slackening off, at least temporarily. The Germans are making wild claims of victory—as they did last fall clear up to the time they started their retreat at Rostov. The Russians are keeping largely silent.

Only time can tell what the result of the Kharkov fighting will be. Its effect on what is to come (Continued on Page Two)

British Repulse Rommel

AXIS COLUMN FAILS INSIDE DEFENSE LINE

Drive on Tobruk Held Off, Nazis Take New Direction

CAIRO, May 29 (AP)—A German armored force was repulsed today after slipping around British positions as far as Sidi Rezegh, 50 miles inside the British defensive system in the Libyan desert.

At Sidi Rezegh, one of the main battlefields of last winter's campaign, the Germans were met by a British armored force. There is heavy fighting, almost entirely by tanks, in a 50-mile-wide belt between there and Ain El Gazala, region of the western British land positions.

Free French Fighters
No fixed British land positions have been taken in the fighting, which broke out with an advance eastward by axis armored forces late Tuesday night.

The opening attack on Bir Hacheim, 50 miles southwest of the British stronghold of Tobruk, was launched by Italian tanks.

The defenders were Free French forces who reported they (Continued on Page Two)

Presidential Rule Classifies I-A Draft

ST. PAUL, May 29 (AP)—A St. Paul man whose income outside his salary is sufficient to support his family has been classified I-A (subject to military service) in a presidential ruling. Colonel J. E. Nelson, state selective service director, disclosed today.

The ruling is considered of nationwide significance. The man in question is over 30 years old, is married and the father of two minor children and has an income of \$6000 in excess of his income from employment.

He was placed in I-A originally by his local board and appealed to the state appeal board, which classified him 3-W (deferred because of dependents). Colonel Nelson depended the ruling to the president, making the appeal without prejudice and to determine a policy toward such registrants.

Man Calmly Confesses Six Slayings in Jersey, Ohio

CARLSTADT, N. J., May 29 (AP)—A neatly dressed man trapped in a woodshed today blandly admitted slaying six persons in Cleveland, Ohio, and Union City, N. J. Police Chief Joseph Raffo said.

Raffo identified the man as Vincenzo Piazza, 59, who was turned over to police in Union City for questioning.

The chief said the prisoner calmly related shooting two persons, three in 1933 and four others in Cleveland three and a half years ago.



A small tank is unloaded at a dock in a Northern Ireland port just after the largest contingent of American troops arrived there equipped with tanks and artillery. This is one of the first original photos to reach the United States after arrival of the troops. (Credit NEA Telephoto)

SIX EXECUTED FOR GESTAPO ATTACK

Bohemia Country Now 'One Vast Prison,' Czechs Declare

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's demands for vengeance for an attempt on the life of Reinhard Heydrich, reich's protector for Bohemia and Moravia, were answered today by his Gestapo though perhaps only partly, with the execution of six persons in Prague.

A Czech government spokesman reported receiving advices that the Germans had arrested hundreds of officials, university professors and students for questioning, "intellectual types," including some puppet executives.

"The borders have been closed and the whole protectorate is one vast prison," the spokesman said.

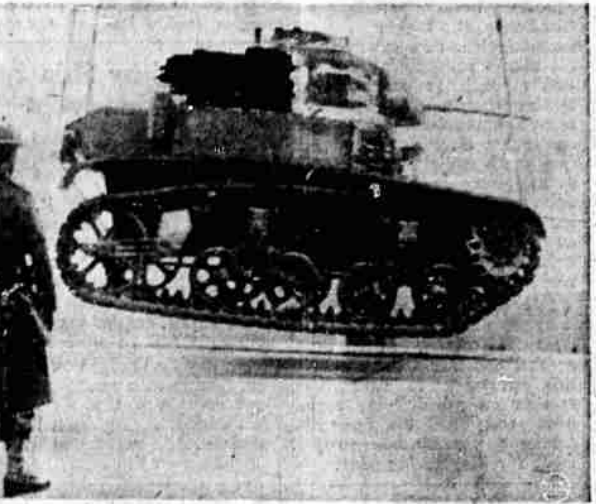
He expressed belief that Bohemia and Moravia would be incorporated into Germany at once.

Announcement of the executions by the Berlin radio, jettisoning the former blood reprisals in the former republic, was accompanied by reports at home and abroad.

Dispatches from Istanbul, quoting reports in semi-diplomatic channels, declared the Fuehrer had imprisoned his former army commander, General Walther von Brauchitsch, and his former food chief, Walther Darré, along with 13 high Nazi party officials in a sudden purge.

Simultaneously, advices from Stockholm asserted that Norwegian patriots on the island of Sotra, opposite Bergen, had shot and killed the Nazi Gestapo chief ruling all western Norway. These advices, which did not (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Troops, Too, Join U. S. Troops Landing in Ireland



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U. S. Army Will Be Landed In France, Says Marshall

WEST POINT, N. Y., May 29 (AP)—An invasion of the European continent was promised today by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, who told the West-Point graduating class that American troops "are landing in England, and they will land in France."

Marshall said the army would total nearly 4,500,000 men by the end of this year, instead of the previously announced estimate of 3,600,000. During the past four weeks alone, said the chief of staff, the army has grown by 300,000 men.

Memorial Day Program for Klamath Set

Program for the armory Memorial day observance and parade on Saturday was announced by the committee in charge.

It follows:
Parade forms 9:30 a. m., Link River bridge.

Memorial service at bridge. Stop at courthouse for deposit.

FLAG ETIQUETTE
Memorial Day, the day when flags will fly from every available spot, has its own flag-etiquette, officials pointed out Friday.

Flags should be displayed at half-mast until noon only; then hoist to the top of the staff.

ing wreath and fire salute. Proceed to armory. Service at armory. Proceed to cemetery for services. Call to order by Chairman Carl Cook of U. S. Marines. Silent prayer for departed comrades. Invocation; Rev. Father Scott. Reading of General Logan's Order No. 11. Singing of Star Spangled Banner by Mrs. Rollin Cantrall. Remarks by Chairman Cook. Singing of "Sleep Soldier Boy" by Rev. L. K. Johnson. Speech by Judge D. R. Vandenberg. Singing by the audience of "God Bless America." Benediction, Rev. E. V. Haynes.

Conference Fails To Agree on Lift In Soldier Pay

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) A joint conference committee failed to agree today on senate and house differences in the military pay adjustment bill and Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.) said it might be "some time" before another session is held.

Reynolds said he voted to accept a house-approved amendment to raise the minimum pay from the present \$21 a month to \$50 a month, but three other senate conferees refused to yield on the senate figure of \$42 a month.

The house sent the bill back to conference this week, ordering its conferees to stand by the \$50 amount, after the joint committee previously had agreed to the \$42 figure.

RUSSIA SILENT ON EVENTS IN KHARKOV AREA

Nazi Flanking Drive Takes Major Part of War Report

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—The London Daily Mail quoted the Berlin radio today as saying "our Fuehrer has taken personal direction of strategic operations on the Kharkov front. We look to his genius as a strategist to bring about full victory."

No other source reported hearing the broadcast.

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—The Vichy radio, in a report quoted as coming from the soviet frontier, said today that the soviet artillery had bombarded the city of Kharkov for the first time in three months.

MOSCOW, May 29 (AP)—Nazi pressure against the Izum-Barvenkova sector of the Donets basin front subordinated even the red army's operations before Kharkov in soviet dispatches today and the only official claim concerning Thursday's fighting was that of another successful defense against attacks.

For the first time since Marshal Semyon Timoshenko hurried red army divisions westward upon Kharkov's defenses May 12, that theater was not mentioned in the midnight communique.

"In the Izum-Barvenkova direction (80 miles below Kharkov) our troops repulsed fierce attacks of enemy tanks and infantry," the soviet information bureau said. "On other sectors of the front, nothing of significance occurred."

(Supplementing a declaration that German forces captured 165,000 troops through encirclement south of Kharkov, the Nazi high command said aerial bombardments had caused the Russians "almost unimaginable losses of men and material." A German armored section was (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington 1 4 1
New York 16 17 1
Wilson, Cathey (1), Masterson (4), and Evans; Gomez and Rossar.
Cleveland 3 13 3
Detroit 14 16 2
Smith, Gromek (5), Eisenstat (7), Brown (8), and Hegan, Benning (8); White and Tebbets.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 2 7 1
Boston 1 6 0
Melton and Warren; Erickson, Javery (8), and Bluttz.
New York 3 7 0
Brooklyn 1 3 2
Sunkel and Danning; Head, Casey (9), and Owen. (10 innings).

Rev-Healthy Survivor of Ship Convinces Officials

By JAMES T. CARTER
NEW YORK, May 29 (AP)—He thought there was something a wee bit fishy about Harley Archie Olson's story when he was rescued—bronzed, sleek and healthy — after 29 days alone at sea on a raft.

Brazil Attacks Axis Subs Off South America

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 29 (AP)—Brazil's armed forces were credited unofficially today with destruction of two axis submarines and capture of another ship in a shoot-on-sight defense against maritime raids which the government-sponsored newspaper A Manha termed "organized piracy."

High official sources considered it "not impossible" that Germany would declare war upon Brazil, which was with the allies in the first world war. She severed relations with the axis Jan. 28.

Propaganda tirades and submarine attacks, said the newspaper Diario Carioca, "give the impression that a war of the axis against Brazil will break out in the near future."

O Jornal said "we are not a belligerent country, but we will never permit them to challenge us at the doors of our house."

"The brave young men of the Brazilian air force are alert and they are good shots," it said.

Sinking six Brazilian ships and damaging of a seventh made it necessary for the non-belligerent nation to act "to safeguard our undefended sailors," the air ministry said.

CONGRESSMEN HINT SLAP AT HENDERSON

Gas Rationing Debate Raised Question of Price Power

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) A rising tide of congressional opposition to nationwide gasoline rationing brought suggestions from influential house members today that congress might well consider curtailing some of Price Administrator Leon Henderson's power.

Speaker Sam Rayburn and Chairman Lea (D-Calif.) of the Interstate committee which has been investigating the gasoline and petroleum situation, went on record as seeing no reason to extend the eastern rationing program to the entire nation.

At the same time, Chairman (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Planes Fight Submarine Pack in West Indies Area

ST. LUCIA, British West Indies, May 28 (Delayed) (AP)—United States planes engaged a pack of axis submarines a mile off Port Castries late yesterday while the U. S. destroyer Blackley, damaged by a torpedo three days earlier, limped the 20 miles from the Vichy-French island of Martinique to St. Lucia. Hundreds ashore watched the attack.

Watchers said at least one submarine must have been sunk judging from the quantities of oil which floated to the surface after the 15-minute bombing and depth-charge attack by the U. S. planes. No official announcement of sinkings was made.

ICHANG DRIVE LAUNCHED TO DIVERT PUSH

Villages Retaken Near Hankow; Defenders Hold Key Towns

CHUNGKING, China, Saturday, May 30 (AP)—The Chekiang province cities of Kinhsa and Lanchi were still in Chinese hands at 8 p. m. last night after heavy and bloody fighting around both cities in heavy rain yesterday, Chinese front-line dispatches reported early today.

Central news reported the defenders of the two cities were offering strong resistance.

Unit Smashed
They also said a Japanese unit driving southward from Lungyu, 25 miles west of Kinhsa, toward Anpingkal was encircled and annihilated.

The Chinese high command reported last night that "more than 10 points" have been retaken on the outskirts of Ichang, Japanese-held Yangtze river stronghold above Hankow. In concerted attacks which started three days earlier.

This offensive action in Hupeh province was designed, no doubt, as direct relief for Chinese forces subjected to a Japanese power drive in Chekiang province, hundreds of miles to Ichang's east.

Forces in the Ichang region were said to have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, capturing two field guns and large quantities of supplies.

The Japanese were said to have launched more than 10 futile attacks against Lanchi, 10 miles northwest of Kinhsa, on (Continued on Page Two)

Biddle Invites Court Test of Bridges Order

By JAMES J. STREIBIG
WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Attorney General Biddle invited a supreme court test of his department order against the West Coast CIO leader announced he had "just begun to fight."

Biddle, reversing the board of immigration appeals yesterday with an order to send Bridges back to his native Australia because of alleged Communist party connections, said he wanted the courts to "pass on the whole procedure as a test case."

The attorney general indicated a belief that Bridges immediately would take the matter into federal district court at San Francisco with a habeas corpus plea. From there the case could advance to the circuit court of appeals and then to the supreme court, which never has ruled on the question decided by Biddle — that the Communist party "believes in, advises, advocates or teaches the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States."

So far as he knew, Biddle said at a press conference, it was the first administrative ruling of its kind with respect to Communism. Some federal courts have held similarly, however.

In San Francisco, Bridges, who has denied any connection with the Communist party, said Biddle's order was based on "mis-statements, prejudice and perjured testimony which have characterized the entire case." He telegraphed Donald Nelson (Continued on Page Two)

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