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SEVASTOPOL DEFENDERS HANG ON

Axis Starts Flanking Move

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written (about noon) the wires are ominously barren of war news. There is a thin trickle from Egypt, where the British are awaiting Rommel's next move, and a few meager scraps from the thunderous battle of Sevastopol, where the tough Russians seem still to be holding out. A mere smattering from China. Elsewhere there is silence.

TO those of us who have been watching the wires for nearly three years, this silence has a BREATHELESS quality, like the hush that precedes a cyclone.

IT isn't natural. News is still HAPPENING. Not world-shattering news, of course, but SIGNIFICANT news. The correspondents on all the far-flung fronts are eager to tell what they know.

They are prevented by the censorship, which all at once has tightened up all over the world. There have been similar tightenings of the censorship before. Surprisingly often they have been followed by the thunderous clamor of great events.

CAIRO says: "Hour by hour, the opening of a mighty invasion attempt is expected as a sequel to the whirlwind German-Italian campaign that wrested Eastern Libya from British hands." The Cairo dispatches add that Rommel is expected to attack the British along the Mediterranean coast and then sweep around to the south in a wide flanking movement.

THE military affairs committee of the U. S. house of representatives (one has to specify in these days when we are interested in all the parliaments of the world) announces that it will continue an investigation which, it says, has "already revealed a sordid picture of extravagant waste in war department contracts."

The waste, it is added, runs into the MILLIONS. The ordinary citizen yawns. In these days a million dollars means about as much as a nickel used to mean in the old days of the West.

THE lower house of the U. S. congress passes a 421 BILLION dollar war appropriation bill by a voice vote practically without debate and apparently without a dissenting vote. (That is to say, no one was HEARD to vote against it.)

Again the citizen yawns. What are BILLIONS in these days—not to mention mere millions?

THE ordinary citizen is right. What are millions in these days? What are billions? What, if the war goes on long enough, will it matter if the fiscal figures run into the TRILLIONS? What matters is WINNING THE WAR.

IF we fall in that, nothing will count. AFTER the war, dollars will count tremendously. Charges of extravagance that now leave us utterly cold and uninterested will then stir us to the depths. Such is human nature.)

IN today's not very startling news appears this item: The total of ships sunk in the Western Atlantic by enemy submarines since December 7 now stands at 307. Let's do a little figuring. Approximately 200 days have

GERMANS SEND SHELLS OVER BRITISH LINE

Decisive Battle Expected if Rommel Enters Egypt

By EDWARD KENNEDY

CAIRO, June 24 (AP)—Axis armored forces moved southward on the Libyan side of the Egyptian frontier today, apparently intending to wheel eastward and crash into Egypt many miles below the coast in the hope of outflanking the British defenses.

In the coastal zone German cannon sent shells over the British lines and German-Italian forces engaged British mobile units west of Salum, apparently as a mask for German Marshal Erwin Rommel's flanking scheme.

The British were making final dispositions in their plan to hurl the invaders back, however, and there was every indication that if the axis armies should lunge into Egypt one of the desperate and decisive battles of the war would ensue.

Smashing at Rommel's supply lines by land and sea, British and south African bomber and fighter planes were in operation day and night in an attempt to impede the reorganization and massing of axis assault forces.

A communiqué reported repeated attacks on enemy transport concentrations between the coast and the El Abd track west of the Egyptian border. The big Ain El Gazala was bombed in force with good results last night, the war bulletin said.

Extending their operations to the supply lanes across the central Mediterranean, British torpedo carrying planes were said to have scored several hits on two medium sized merchant ships as well as a hit causing an explosion on one of four escorting destroyers.

A powerful enemy force of all arms was on the march south of Gambut, a desert town midway

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Dimond Proposes Alaska Highway

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—The threat made by the Japanese in their invasion of the Aleutian Islands has led Delegate Dimond of Alaska to propose the construction of a coastal highway to Alaska with the greatest possible speed.

Dimond yesterday introduced legislation directing the president to order construction of the highway along the "A" route from Prince George to White Horse, Canada, recommended by the Alaskan international highway commission.

The legislation calls for an appropriation for \$23,000,000 for the road.

Lighthouse Keeper's Quick Action Saves Estevan Point

VICTORIA, June 24 (AP)—The Victoria Colonist, in a dispatch from its west coast Vancouver Island correspondent, today gave the first descriptive story of the shelling of the Estevan Point Dominion radio and telegraph station last Saturday night by enemy craft.

The newspaper's correspondent, G. M. Campbell of Port Alberni, B. C., stated that the quick action of Robert Mitchell Lally, lighthouse keeper, in climbing a 50-foot light tower to extinguish the powerful beacon while shells screamed around him, is credited with saving the remote little settlement from serious damage.

(In the house of commons on Monday Defense Minister Ral-

Retailers Will Open Campaign With "Whiteout"

A spectacular campaign for war stamps and bond sales will be started by Klamath retailers on July 1, when a nationwide "whiteout" will be held, it was announced Wednesday by Nick Long, chairman of the retail trade bureau, and A. M. Collier, county bond chairman.

At 12 noon on July 1, all business will be stopped for 15 minutes. There will be music, whistle blowing, and other features, followed by store-wide selling of stamps. Throughout the month, stores will ask customers to accept change in war stamps instead of cash.

The Klamath county chamber of commerce on Wednesday endorsed the campaign, which has been worked out by the United States treasury department and nationwide retailers' organizations. Complete public cooperation was urged.

CIO, PIRC OKAY HOURS, VACATIONS

WLB Decision Interpreted in Windup Meeting Here

Hours of labor and vacation conditions for over 4500 Klamath area CIO lumber workers today had been agreed upon by both the union and employers following the windup session Tuesday of negotiations extending back to April 9.

The agreement will be passed on to local unions and individual employers in the form of a recommendation for separate collective bargaining contracts, according to a joint announcement by the Pine Industrial Relations committee, employers' bargaining group, and the CIO. It follows a wage decision reached by the parties two weeks ago which raised pay scales 71 cents per hour.

Machinery Set Tuesday's meeting also resulted in the establishment of machinery for handling future issues between employers and employees.

The announcement said the vacation period, beginning this year, will be between May 1 and November 1. Vacation pay will be on a sliding scale dependent upon each employee's term of service with his employer.

The announcement listed the following schedule: 1. An employee must have worked not less than 1400 hours during the vacation year of April 1, 1941 to March 31, 1942 to be eligible for one week's vacation with pay.

2. An employee must have worked not less than 1120 hours during the same vacation year to be eligible for one week's vacation with four days pay.

3. An employee must have

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SCRAP RUBBER TOTAL REACHES 100,438 TONS

Ickes Says Far West Response So Far Is Very Good

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—The petroleum industry war council reported to President Roosevelt today that 200,881,000 pounds of scrap rubber had been collected in the first six days of the nationwide collection drive.

This was 1.52 pounds per capita. The equivalent in tons was 100,438.

William R. Boyd Jr., chairman of the council, submitted the progress report and told reporters the over-all total was encouraging, but Interior Secretary Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, commented that the drive was "very disappointing" in the populous eastern and southern states, but was very good in the far west.

Up to People "This is putting it up to the people to determine whether they want to run their cars or not, by turning in rubber. It is not turned in—enough to take care of military needs and to some extent civilian needs—we'll have to get the rubber some way."

Boyd said that Nevada was first in the list of states based on the number of pounds of rubber collected per capita, that Montana was second, Oregon third and Arizona fourth.

Pennsylvania was last, he added, with New York and other populous states near the bottom. He said the figures did not include rubber held by about 17,000 local junk dealers, about 3000 carload lot dealers and what he called "over-all" dealers who buy from the smaller dealers, and reclaiming plants. He added it only included scrap which the oil industry collected from gas stations for the government and that no one would know the nation's total tonnage of scrap rubber until these figures were put together.

Commodity Price Lists Must Be Filed by July 1

Price lists of cost of living commodities must be filed with the war price and rationing board by all retailers handling such commodities by July 1, it was announced Wednesday.

These commodities are listed in bulletin No. 2, a limited number of copies of which are available at the war board offices in the chamber of commerce. Nicholas Long, chairman of the retail trade bureau, urged that all retailers study the bulletin immediately and prepare to file price lists before the deadline.

Argentina Head Signs Resignation

BUENOS AIRES, June 24 (AP)—Roberto Ortiz, Argentina's ailing and inactive president, today signed a letter resigning his office.

If accepted by congress, which two years ago rejected a similar resignation by Ortiz, the resignation would hand over the executive power of Argentina in name as well as in fact to Acting President S. Castillo, whose "policy of prudent neutrality" has maintained this country's relations with the axis.

GAS SALES SLUMP

SALEM, June 24 (AP)—Gasoline consumption in Oregon during May was nine per cent less than in May, 1941, while traffic deaths were down 28 per cent, the state department said today.

Commander Greeted



Louis E. Starr of Portland, commander of the Department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is greeted by two members of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps. Left to right, Ethel Storm, Commander Starr and Chloe Shipman.

War Department Waste Charges Will Be Probed

By W. F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—A sharply-split house military committee was put on record by its chairman today as determined to continue an investigation which it reported already had revealed "a sordid picture" of extravagant waste in war department contracts.

Whether the investigation would continue to be conducted by three sub-committees remained to be seen, but Chairman May (D-Ky.) intimated he was considering consolidating the inquiry into a single unit.

His intimations followed disclosure that a minority report would be filed soon by Representative Thomas (D-Tex.), chairman of one of the subcommittees.

The minority report, members who planned to sign it said, would not disagree so much with the committee's findings as made

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Western Atlantic Ship Sinkings Reach 309 Total

By The Associated Press

Survivors of a small Yugoslavian merchant vessel, the torpedoing of which about 25 miles off shore in the Gulf of Mexico was announced by the navy today (Wednesday), told one of the most laconic survival stories of the recent submarine warfare when they recounted that "We simply rowed toward port."

It took them eight hours. All hands were saved. Some men saw the attacker's periscope from their two lifeboats.

The sinking brought the unofficial Associated Press total of ships sunk in the western Atlantic to 309 since Pearl Harbor. Reports from the Caribbean area indicated that two additional ships were torpedoed but they had not been included in the total pending further details.

The announcement followed upon the navy's report yesterday that enemy submarines over a 12-day period sent 13 United Nations merchantmen to the bottom of the Caribbean.

Service Men's Pay Bill Gets FDR's Approval

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed the service men's pay allotment and allowance bill today, paving the way for financial aid to dependents of fighting men and reclassification of married men for the draft.

Providing for federal payments to supplement allotments from service men's pay checks to support their dependents, the legislation also contains a provision enjoining a congressional policy that selective service should "not break up the institution of the home."

To carry out this policy, congress wrote into the bill authority for selective service officials to defer any and all categories of men having dependents with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes.

Under this provision, members of the house military affairs committee said, selective service probably soon would set up separate groups within the registration of men.

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Navy Wounded, Dead or Missing Over 10,000

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—The announced total of the dead, wounded and missing of the navy since the war started stood at more than 10,000 today with release of casualty list Number 5 containing names of 98 recorded as dead, eight as wounded and 2101 missing.

In addition the army has reported 796 deaths in battle and the wounding of 930 American soldiers.

The new navy list covered casualties reported to next of kin between May 11 and June 6, covering the navy, marine corps and coast guard. It noted that many of those listed as missing were serving in the Manila bay area when it capitulated to the Japanese and "likely are prisoners of war."

Corp. Robert L. Miller, United States marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Miller, formerly of this city, has been listed as missing by the war department, according to word received from navy headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The Miller family lived at 1320 Oak street during their residence in Klamath Falls, but friends said they moved recently to Vallejo, Calif., where Miller is in defense work. The father was employed here as a painter.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R. H. E.
St. Louis	2 11 1
Boston	6 8 0
Gumbert, Krist (6), Dickson (7) and Odear, Tobin and Lombardi.	

509 Japanese Arrive at Center

A group of 509 persons of Japanese ancestry arrived yesterday at the Tulakee war relocation authority center. Population of the center now is 5482.

VETERANS ARRIVE FOR ENCAMPMENT

Memorial Service Tonight Open to Public Attendance

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Registration of delegates to the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual encampment was proceeding steadily Wednesday afternoon, with 200 expected here for the three days of meetings of the VFW and the VFW auxiliary.

First event on the program, and the principal meeting of interest to the public, will be the memorial service to be held at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Wednesday. This is open to all interested and Klamath citizens were urged to attend.

The program includes invocation by Rev. E. V. Haynes, ritual service conducted by Department Chaplain Windus, a song by the Klamath Lutheran octet, the memorial address by past National Chaplain Perry Smith and a benediction by Father B. J. Scott.

Veterans began pouring into

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Roosevelt Schedules War Council Meet for Thursday

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt today called a special meeting for tomorrow of the Pacific war council, which Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada will attend.

Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, in announcing the call, did not say for what purpose the meeting was arranged. There was to have been, however, a regular meeting of the council today.

It was announced that MacKenzie King was en route here for the meeting. Special importance was believed to be attached to the meeting, because of his planned attendance, since Canada usually is represented in

NAZIS DRIVE WEDGE INTO KHARKOV LINE

Overpowering Forces Thrown Against Crimean Base

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, June 24 (AP)—Reckless charges by hundreds of Nazi tanks followed by infantry have driven a wedge into the Red army defenses on the Kharkov front in the Ukraine and are bringing overpowering strength to bear against the far outnumbered defenders of besieged Sevastopol in the Crimea, the Russians conceded today.

At a single point on the Kharkov front, the Germans massed 200 tanks in an onslaught which began on June 22, first anniversary of the German invasion, and has been increasing constantly in fury and force, said Russian dispatches from the battlefield.

Dispatches to Izvestia from besieged and hard-pressed Sevastopol declared that the fight for the important port "continues with unabating ferocity" and said "superior enemy forces are furiously pressing toward the town."

At Sevastopol, the overwhelming force of the German offensive was indicated by a report that the Nazis sent two divisions of infantry (up to 30,000 men) and numerous tanks into the attack in a single narrow strip.

The infantry crept forward under camouflage and through ditches and shell craters behind the tanks, but the Sevastopol garrison managed to establish a flanking fire that checked the enemy. Then a counter attack forced the Germans to retreat, said the Russian account.

(This apparently was on a peninsula in the bay north of Sevastopol, where the German high command claimed Russian "remnants" were annihilated.)

On the Kharkov front the story was similar.

The strong attack on the Kharkov area began Monday and has gained in vigor ever since, the Russians said.

"The enemy is supporting his troops with large numbers of aircraft, raiding many advanced lines of our defenses and the adjoining rear," said Red Star.

For the first time the soviet information bureau told today of night combat about the Crimean citadel, saying the outnumbered Red army men, marines, sailors and guerrillas fought on against the Germans through the hours of darkness.

Nazi gains in the Kharkov region apparently were limited, for the noon communiqué reported no material changes overnight on the mainland.

Chinese Recapture Kweiki, Push Back Jap Pincer

CHUNGKING, June 24 (AP)—The Chinese command announced tonight that its armies in Kiangsi province had recaptured Kweiki, thus pushing back the western claw of the Japanese pincer which had come within 50 miles of closing on the strategic Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

At the same time a communiqué said that 15,000 Japanese troops had started a new drive in Chekiang province, east of Kiangsi, aimed toward Lishui, important highway center 175 miles south of Hangchow and midway between the coast and the rail line where fighting previously has centered.

(Japanese broadcasts described the new thrust as a strong offensive and said Lishui was "the last airport still in enemy hands" in Chekiang province.)

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