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AXIS PUSHES 60 MILES IN EGYPT

Crimean Attack Slackens

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news of today leaves little doubt that the big push against the Russians is beginning.

The spearhead of the push is at Kharkov. The purpose is undoubtedly to break through the Russian lines, dash on to the head of the Sea of Azov and so encircle and trap the Russian armies in the south.

Your map will make this purpose fairly clear.

THERE is plenty of evidence of USE of the typical German blitzkrieg technique. Today's dispatches tell of 200 German tanks massed on a narrow front. Presumably they are paced by dive bombers from bases prepared by the Germans during the past winter and spring—the two forces acting as a team and striving to smash a hole in the Russian lines and fan out to the rear.

As these words are written, there is no mention of the result the Germans HOPE FOR as a result of these methods. There seems to have been as yet no breakthrough. Up to noon today, the Germans haven't even claimed such a success.

THERE is much mention of terrible slaughter of the attacking nazis, who are said to be throwing men recklessly into the struggle. History tells us that in such a battle victory is likely to go to the side with the LAST RESERVES.

THE Russians are said today to be meeting the German tank assaults with heavy anti-tank fire and to be leading the enemy tanks into disastrous TRAPS. (That is how Rommel whipped the British in Libya.)

LITTLE news comes today from Egypt.

Rommel is said to be getting reinforcements from across the Mediterranean. The dispatches tell of heavy pounding of Benghazi by British and American bombers. It is probably at Benghazi that Rommel's reinforcements are being landed and they are being attacked from the air by the British and the Americans.

This, of course, is guesswork.

CHURCHILL and Roosevelt have been talking to the leaders of congress, who are reticent as to what has been said. (Properly so, as these disclosures have undoubtedly dealt with military plans.)

Congressman Joe Martin, Republican house leader, does however tell the reporters that Churchill "indicated that Britain would hold and that there is no danger of losing Egypt and Suez."

Churchill knows more than anybody in the world about the preparations that have been made for holding Egypt and Suez. We can only hope that he is right in his prediction (as reported by Martin).

A home, 21 critics have asked the house of commons to condemn the "central direction of the war"—meaning Churchill. The challenge has been accepted and a two-day debate will be held.

A good guess is that Churchill will be severely chastised, but RETAINED.

Who is there to succeed him?

A SHIP bearing eye-witnesses of the Jap attack on Dutch Harbor arrives in Seattle. The eye-witnesses are reserved in their disclosures, but they indicate rather clearly that the attack was in considerable force. The scanty official news we have had on it has indicated that (Continued from Page 12)

STRUGGLE FOR UKRAINE AREA INTENSIFIED

Attackers Suffer Big Losses, Russians Report

By HENRY CASSIDY

MOSCOW, June 25 (AP)—The gigantic German offensive against Sevastopol is slackening somewhat, because of the great losses suffered by attackers, Russian dispatches said today, but the battle still is violent against a severely outnumbered garrison of the Crimean port.

Already, in the 2-day assault, six German and Rumanian divisions have been defeated, three others have suffered staggering losses, and 150 Nazi tanks and hundreds of planes have been destroyed, said the Russian accounts.

Dispatches from the beleaguered port said the Germans had penetrated into fortifications at the north and south of the city, but said the Russian army and naval infantry still held the inner defenses.

New Weapon
Among the heavy artillery trained on the city, Russian dispatches said, was "a 615-millimeter weapon never before used."

This would be a 24-inch gun, far larger than any artillery rifle or howitzer known. Such a weapon might be a mortar, used for hurling large mines. While the Russians thus held doggedly on at Sevastopol, there was a developing struggle for the Donets and Oskol basin southeast of Kharkov in the Ukraine.

A communique which told of overnight operations on the Kharkov front, where the Germans have been attacking since June 22, said only that "our troops fought against the enemy," but gave no details of the course of the battle.

(The German high command acknowledged today for the first time that its forces had undertaken a Ukraine offensive southeast of Kharkov on June 22.) (Continued on Page Two)

AVG Sinks Jap Ship at Hankow

CHUNGKING, June 25 (AP)—With a force of its fighting planes doubling as bombers, the American volunteer group has attacked Hankow, Japan's major inland base in occupied China, and sunk one Japanese warship and three transports in the broad Yangtze there.

An AVG communique announced today that other vessels probably were damaged and military establishments were blown up on Tuesday in the Flying Tigers' debut over Hankow, which is in Hupeh province and is China's greatest interior city.

Evacuees Tell First Story Of Dutch Harbor Bombing

By JIM HUTCHESON

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—In the first dramatic report of what happened at Dutch Harbor, evacuees and seamen told upon arrival of a transport here how the Japanese air attack at 5:45 a. m. June 3 caught civilians by surprise and how the gallant gunners on their ship and shore laid a deadly screen of anti-aircraft fire about the raiding planes.

While army and navy men manned the anti-aircraft guns, some of the ship's crew snatched up rifles and blazed away at the dive bombers.

Lifting of the veil of Aleutian fog and military restrictions disclosed for the first time that the commander of the Dutch Harbor naval base issued a commendation for courageous duty under fire by the army transport's crew and the gunners.

Libya Debate Will Begin in Parliament

LONDON, June 25 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's government accepted the challenge today of 20 critics who have asked the house of commons to condemn the "central direction of the war."

After the motion was placed before the house by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, a conservative, and 19 other members, Sir Stafford Cripps, leader of the house, said debate on the Libyan campaign would begin on the motion and not on a proposed motion of confidence of the government's own wording.

Sir Stafford said two-day debate would be held soon and that it was hoped Churchill himself would speak on the developments in North Africa and the Mediterranean. The prime minister now is in the United States. The date of debate is a secret under parliament's wartime security rules.

The motion was signed by eight conservatives, seven laborites, four independents and one liberal.

MATERIAL SHORTAGE ACUTE, NELSON SAYS

Metal Fences, Gates, Statuary May Have To Be Scrapped

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Production Chief Donald M. Nelson told congress and the nation today that raw materials shortages, admittedly due in part to a "too little and too late" policy, eventually might force the scrapping of metal fences, gates, statuary and other decorative works.

"There are very few important materials concerning which the government does not need to take positive action," Nelson declared in a report to the special senate defense investigating committee.

"Some programs we now realize, with the benefit of hindsight, were clearly undertaken too late, and others were conceived in far too niggardly a fashion. Lack of foresight in requirements has certainly been all too prevalent, whatever the cause, of such lack may have been."

While asserting that production of raw materials was steadily increasing, Nelson cautioned that scrap collections would have to be stepped up markedly. "We may indeed find it necessary before we are through to go well beyond what is normally considered scrap," the war production board head asserted. "As you know, a section of our salvage group has been working on special projects for bringing into the scrap market so-called dormant scrap, such as unused elevated railway structure."

This was the statement of Past (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Consolidating Aleutian Positions, Tokyo Report Says

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts), June 25 (AP)—A communique reporting that Japanese naval and military forces in the Aleutian Islands had occupied Kiska on June 7 and Attu a day later said today "they are at present consolidating their positions in neighboring islands."

The announcement, made by Imperial headquarters, said that Kiska henceforth would be known as Narumaki and Attu as Atsuta. Crews and equipment were selected carefully and even large quantities of seeds and potatoes were transported to the Aleutians for planting, he reported, saying "this alone reveals that our action was not meant to be merely temporary."

VFW PERFORMS REAL SERVICE, HOUSTON SAYS

200 Veterans, Wives, Welcomed at Joint Morning Session

"The entire community joins me in welcoming you to the finest encampment you ever had," Mayor John H. Houston told more than 200 Veterans of Foreign Wars and their wives this morning in a joint session of the Oregon department and auxiliary in the Fremont school gym. The meeting preceded this afternoon's official opening of the 22nd annual VFW encampment in the school and the 15th meeting of the auxiliary in the armory.

Houston said the VFW had a real service to perform in maintaining morale of the folks at home. "Our boys are complaining less about dying than many of us are about living," he said.

He was followed on the gym rostrum by Earl Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, who gave the veterans a brief description of Klamath Falls and its place in Oregon affairs.

Responses to both addresses were given by Ethel Keck, auxiliary president, and Department Commander Louis E. Starr. Dr. R. W. Price, representing the Veterans' administration in Portland, addressed the group briefly near the close of the morning meeting.

Brief Address
Introduced for brief messages were Dwight Alderman, past department commander and aide-de-camp to the national commander; Tom C. Watson, aide-de-camp, and Rev. Perry Smith, past national chaplain.

This afternoon an introduction of distinguished guests and roll call of officers followed formal opening of the department's encampment. Scheduled for later were the appointment of committees and committee reports.

Tonight the veterans and their wives will meet in the Willard hotel for the encampment's main banquet.

Memorial Service
"The religion of the peoples of the United Nations, the religion of the American people, and the firm belief in the right of democracy, will defeat the purpose of Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini. It is religion that will win or lose the war!" This was the statement of Past (Continued on Page Two)

Air War Returns To Midlands Area

LONDON, June 25 (AP)—The air war returned to the industrial west Midlands after a lull of more than a year last night when a "fairly strong" force of German planes bombed two towns.

Five of the attacking planes were shot down there and over east Anglia, where lighter enemy bomber groups scattered incendiaries at several points. Some persons were trapped in the wreckage of buildings in the stricken Midlands communities, but rescuers dug many of them out alive by daybreak today and it was believed that there would be relatively few fatalities.

VESSEL TORPEDOED
WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—The navy announced today that a medium sized Norwegian merchant vessel had been torpedoed several hundred miles off the southeast coast of the United States and that survivors had been landed at an east coast port.

Rubber Bathtub Goes for Defense



Little Sue Sessler, 2353, Vine street, brought an ancient rubber bathtub to a local service station Thursday and turned it into the rubber scrap collection. The tub had belonged to her grandfather. Sue also brought an assortment of other rubber articles, keeping only one small rubber doll for herself.

WAR COUNCIL SAYS SITUATION HOPEFUL

Egypt, Suez "Not in Too Great Danger," Churchill Says

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Members of the Pacific war council and of the senate and house discussed war conditions and war plans today with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and, with complete unanimity, said they received definite impressions that there was reason for encouragement in the over-all situation.

This applied particularly to Egypt, they indicated. Just what the reasons for this were could not be definitely ascertained, but Representative Martin, of Massachusetts, the house minority leader, said the British prime minister had indicated that Egypt and the Suez canal were not in too great danger.

And Walter Nash, New Zealand's minister to this country, asserted that the situation in North Africa was not so bad as it might appear. He made that statement, he said, not alone on the basis of evidence presented by Churchill, but also from information of his own.

All Fronts
While the Pacific theatre of war naturally received major attention at the latter party, the scope of the discussions clearly transcended that restricted area (Continued on Page Two)

Boy Scouts Will Help Wind Up Rubber Campaign

A sweeping, final push where in the mountain comes to Mohammed will feature one of the windup days of the national scrap rubber campaign in Klamath Falls, it was announced today as the city's total was estimated at more than 250,000 pounds.

R. O. Snodgrass, chairman of the drive, disclosed that a fleet of trucks, commanded by Boy Scouts, will cover the city Sunday in a street-by-street collection of household scrap rubber. He urged all residents to conduct an intra-house "treasure hunt" Sunday morning and dig out every available piece of unused rubber for the scout cleanup. The trucks will begin to roll at 1 p. m., Snodgrass said. Rubber may either be donated or sold to Boy Scout collectors, he said, but urged that as much as possible be donated for it later will be purchased by oil dealers. Profits will accrue to the scouts' fund, he said.

Snodgrass said Sunday's drive is expected to push the city over its 300,000-pound goal.

MILL BURNS

MEDFORD, June 25 (AP)—The 25,000-board foot daily capacity Prospect sawmill near Prospect on the Crater Lake highway was destroyed by fire Tuesday, James Dole, owner said. Only a small amount of lumber was burned.

Family Men, War Workers Will Be Last on Draft Call

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Previously selective service boards had been asked only to defer essential workers who actually had key jobs.

In Line With Bill
The draft headquarters ruling was in line with the bill President Roosevelt signed yesterday granting allowances for soldiers' dependents. The ruling established general groups to be inducted in the following order: "Category 1. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have no bona-fide financial dependents. "Category 2. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have financial dependents (Continued on Page Two)

EISENHOWER TAKES COMMAND IN EUROPE

Maj. General to Head European Theater For U. S. Forces

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower has arrived in London and taken command of the European theatre for American forces, it was announced today by the war department, which defined a theatre of operations as "an area where combat is in progress or will be."

Eisenhower, a native Texan and an armored force expert, went to his post in London from an assignment as chief of the operations division of the war department's general staff. The department spokesman who defined "theatre of operations" explained that such a theatre usually is divided into the combat or front line zone and the line of communications but added that "with air power so important there is little difference now between front and rear areas."

No Cpeculation

The brief announcement was made without reference to current speculation on the possibility of a second front in Europe. Major General James E. Chaney has been in command of (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH FALL BACK UNDER COVERING FIRE

U. S. Army Fliers Deal Punishing Blow At Bengasi

By EDWARD KENNEDY

CAIRO, June 25 (AP)—Powerful axis tank forces thrust more than 60 miles into Egypt today, forcing the British to fall back under a covering fire, but United States army fliers dealt the enemy a punishing blow with a second raid on the big supply base of Bengasi, 350 miles to the rear.

British army headquarters announced that the British eighth army had abandoned the frontier strongholds of Salum and Sidi Omar and that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel's advance forces were southeast of Sidi Barrani, with British mobile units fighting a fierce rear-guard action.

The RAF disclosed that the Germans and Italians in heavy strength were moving across all day yesterday to the south of Bir Sheferzen, which is 15 miles south of Sidi Omar and about 40 miles from the Mediterranean.

The enemy then swung north-eastward, being kept under continual and damaging attack by bombers and fighters of the RAF and the South African air force.

Meanwhile the United States fliers in their four motored consolidated Liberator bombers teamed with the RAF for the second time this week to launch a heavy overnight bombardment of Bengasi, principal entry port in Libya for axis supplies.

The RAF announced that shipping in the harbor was the objective as Rommel raced to make good his earlier Libyan losses in anticipation of his drive toward Cairo and Alexandria, now only about 300 and 220 miles, respectively, away from his advanced elements.

The axis drive surged up to, if not past, the highwater mark of the Italian offensive of the fall of 1940.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Boston	3	10	0
Detroit	7	9	0
Hughson, Brown (8) and Conroy; White and Tebbets.			

	R	H	E
Chicago	2	5	0
Washington	0	6	0
Hudson and Early; Ross and Turner.			

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	1	5	0
Cleveland	4	7	1
Wolf and Wagner; Smith and Denning.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	7	8	1
Philadelphia	1	5	0
Lee and Hernandez; Podajny, Pearson (4) and Livingston.			

Senate Probes

War Appropriation

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—A searching examination into the immediate need of a record-breaking \$42,820,000,000 army appropriation was reported under way by a senate committee today as Senator Truman (D-Mo.) announced he would seek to cut down any expenditures that did not appear to be fully justified at this time.

In a move regarded in some quarters as the first serious congressional questioning of huge military appropriations, Truman told reporters he and other members of an appropriations subcommittee were interested in determining the actual need of making available all of the amount in the house-approved bill—the largest cash outlay ever proposed before the legislative body.

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