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RAF BLASTS BREMEN IN HUGE RAID

Showdown Battle In Egypt Looms

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS seems to be the situation in Egypt today:

The main force of the British army has withdrawn to Matruh, where it is apparently preparing to make a stand. Matruh is about halfway between Tobruk and Alexandria. It is at the end of the railroad that runs westward from the mouth of the Nile. (If interested, you'd better consult your map. Only the map can tell the story.)

Rommel has followed swiftly after the retreating British and his main force is about 30 miles west of Matruh.

TWO lighter German columns are reported to be swinging to the south, hoping to encircle the British.

If and as the British are forced to withdraw from Matruh, they will probably make a final stand on the 30 or 40 miles wide strip of hard ground lying between the Mediterranean and the Qattara depression, an area of soft sand lying below sea level and difficult for tanks and other motorized equipment to negotiate.

Today's dispatches say the British fully anticipate that as soon as Rommel comes in contact with the Eighth (British) army the Germans will attempt an air-borne invasion from Crete, hoping thus to surround and destroy the British forces.

The dispatches add that in large measure British hopes of holding Alexandria and the Nile basin depend on getting substantial AIR reinforcements.

SEVASTOPOL still holds out. It is a wreck. Its civil population has retired into catacombs cut into the rock some 80 feet below the surface. This roof of rock has so far enabled them to withstand the German bombs. From these catacombs the defenders are supplied.

It seems unlikely that Sevastopol can hold out indefinitely.

ON the Kharkov front, the Germans are pushing the Russians slowly back. The Russians say that by falling back slowly they have kept their line in a straight, UNBROKEN front. That is highly important, if true.

The typical blitz method is to send in tanks and aircraft, working as a team, followed by motorized infantry to break through and fan out in the enemy's rear. If the Russians are holding their line UNBROKEN they are stopping the blitz.

RED STAR, the Russian army newspaper, relates that at one point the Germans, using heavy concentrations of tanks supported by artillery batteries and more than 400 planes, penetrated deeply into the Russian line.

At this moment the Russians counter-attacked with tanks and Russian planes WRESTED CONTROL OF THE AIR from the Germans and helped the red tanks break up repeated attempts by German reserves to widen the initial wedge.

YOU will appreciate the significance of all this when you remember that since the war began ONLY THE RUSSIANS have had any success at all in stopping these German blitz assaults by plane-tank-motorized infantry teams.

THE German purpose is to break through the defending Russian armies and get to the Caucasus, where the oil is. The (Continued on Page Thirteen)

AXIS FORCES SURGE FORWARD OVER BORDER

Nazis Advance in Ukraine; Sevastopol Still Resists

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor
Germany struck furiously toward the riches of the middle east today along two routes, southern Russia and North Africa, amid indications that a great showdown battle for Egypt was imminent.

Cairo dispatches said the main force of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's mechanized armies, climaxing a 100-mile advance in two days, now was confronting the British about 30 miles west of Matruh.

British Imperial headquarters previously had announced that axis vanguards advanced within 30 miles of Matruh last night. In the interim, the main axis army surged forward, dispatches said, but so far had not yet collided with the new British defense lines.

The decisive battle was expected to start at any moment. Latest reports said the heavy axis armored columns, supported by mobile infantry, were rumbling along a wide natural avenue about midway between the Mediterranean sea coast and a desert plateau rising 25 to 30 miles inland.

The main British forces were described as drawn up about 20 miles west of Matruh, key railroad 160 miles west of Alexandria.

Sevastopol Holds
Russia's red armies lost ground in the new Kharkov battle but held fast in the siege of Sevastopol.

London military experts said the swift axis drive into Egypt. (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball
AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Philadelphia 1 6 2
Detroit 3 7 3
Knott and Swift; Benton and Tebbets.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 2 6 5
New York 4 6 0
Sewell, Dietz (8) and Lopez; Melton and Danning.

R. H. E.
Chicago 6 12 1
Boston 4 6 1
Flemming, Schmitz (6) and Hernandez; Glantz (4); Early, Erickson (1) and Lombardi.

R. H. E.
Cincinnati 4 5 0
Brooklyn 5 10 1
Riddle, Beggs (8) and Luman; Higbe, Casey (5), French (9) and Owen.

Tokyo Raid Eye-Witness Reports Panic, Depression

ANKARA, June 26 (AP)—An eye-witness to the United States air attack on Tokyo last April 18, who was in a Tokyo street when the raid occurred, said today the Japanese were thrown into panic and depressed by the feeble defense.

The story was told by a national of a neutral country who has just arrived here. "The daylight raid," he said, "was a complete surprise and shook the people's confidence as the government had boasted that American planes would never be seen over the capital."

"Tokyo's close-packed, highly inflammable buildings were spared as the planes went on to bomb targets between the capital and Yokohama and other important industrial centers."

Mrs. Garcelon Given Rationing Executive Post

Mrs. Effie Garcelon, Klamath Falls business woman, on Friday accepted appointment as executive secretary of the Klamath war price and rationing board.

The appointment became effective immediately and the board will move soon into separate quarters not yet announced. During its early stages, the board has occupied the county chamber of commerce offices.

Mrs. Garcelon has served as a member of the board from its inception. It is presumed here that another member will be appointed to serve with Don Drury and Percy Murray, the remaining members. Mrs. Garcelon resigned as a member of the board to accept the secretary's position.

The war price and rationing board operates under the Office of Price Administration, which is expected to open district offices in Klamath Falls shortly.

When the rationing board was formed a few months ago, the chamber of commerce voluntarily offered quarters and the assistance of the chamber of commerce staff to the rationing program. Secretary Earl Reynolds has served without pay as the board clerk. Work of the board has steadily expanded, and the staff now includes eight girls who are giving their time to rationing work. They are La Vonne Hodge, Louise Ward, Judith Brown, Marie McClelland, Carolyn Collier, Helen Moore, Marcella Reynolds and Donnell Wishard. It is presumed the staff will move to the new board offices when they are opened.

The county court has assisted financially in providing a staff.

Seven Klamath Girls Compete For Queen Title

Seven attractive Klamath girls, chosen for their charm and personality, will take part in Klamath Buckaroo Days "Victory" rodeo slated for Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5. From this group, selected by the Klamath Junior chamber of commerce, will be named the "Victory Girl." The remaining six will serve as her court during the celebration.

Selected by the Junior chamber are the following: Virginia Howard, Roberta Tucker, Barbara Palmer and Dale and Gale Motley, all of Klamath Falls; Virginia Hooper of Tulelake, and Betty Lou Chatburn of Merrill.

The "Victory Girl" will be selected by secret ballot Monday night at the Junior chamber meeting. Her name will not be revealed until Friday night at the Victory dance in the armory, at which time Mayor John H. Houston will crown the winning candidate.

A program of entertainment for the Victory Girl and her attendants has been outlined by the Junior chamber.

Ration Executive



Effie Garcelon, local business woman, Friday was named executive secretary of the war price and rationing board for Klamath county.

RUSS-JAP FRICTION FLARES OVER CLAIM

Chinese Prepare to Assault City of Nanchang

By The Associated Press
Smoldering friction between Russia and Japan was fanned anew today as Moscow bluntly challenged Tokyo's claim that a United States submarine had torpedoed a Soviet merchant ship, and pinned the attack on a Japanese undersea raider.

The Soviet radio quoted survivors as saying that two Japanese submarines surfaced immediately after the 4761-ton S. S. Angarstori was sunk 32 miles off the Japanese coast on May 1.

Japan had charged the sinking was an American attempt "to create friction between the Soviet union and Japan... obviously timed for provoking trouble."

"This version does not coincide with the facts," the Russian broadcast said.

Crewmen of a Russian freighter at Sydney, Australia, said they were attacked three times recently by a submarine believed to be Japanese.

Japs Cover Up
Meanwhile, Japan sought to cover up the humiliating defeat in the battle of Midway by sending a message to Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in (Continued on Page Two)

Fresh Dominion Troops Arrive at English Camp

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, June 26 (AP)—Army camps in southern England, already bulging with Canadian soldiers, made room today for a fresh contingent of dominion troops landed from a convoy escorted safely across the Atlantic by United States warships.

Included in the contingent were thousands of infantry and artillerymen, airmen and reinforcements for armored units, assembled from a score of Canadian training centers.

There also were firemen and nurses, a sprinkling of technicians from British Honduras and a force of Netherlands volunteers recruited in the dominion.

SUGAR RATIONING
WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—The office of price administration announced today it was studying the sugar situation to determine the feasibility of "a moderate increase in the sugar ration" but said stocks of sugar now in this country "do not of themselves justify any increase in the ration."

VFW IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL DRAFT SCHEME

Resolutions Voted At Friday Session of Encampment

A universal draft law providing for the conscription of property, capital, labor and industry as needed for war use was advocated today by Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars in their 22nd annual encampment in the Fremont school auditorium.

In a resolution, passed in this morning's business session, the Oregon department demanded that the national VFW organization "proceed in full force to procure enactment into law by congress now in session of the universal service principle."

Busy Session
Passage marked the highlight of a busy session which also saw adoption of eight other resolutions including the re-adoption of national resolutions passed at the 42nd encampment of the national group in Philadelphia recently.

This afternoon business sessions continued in the Fremont auditorium. They were scheduled to wind up early to permit a meeting of the "Cootie" order, honor degree and horseplay offshoot of the VFW.

The afternoon meeting was scheduled to be addressed by Max Singer, national commander-in-chief whose appearance was cancelled at the last minute. Singer is being represented here by John Schum, national council member.

Other features of the morning session were reports from committees on ritual, junior activities, credentials and auditing and the department quarter-master and officers.

Gastitis Rating Talked
Among this morning's resolutions, veterans called for the establishment of a board of Veterans' appeals within the veteran's administration and the (Continued on Page Two)

Canadian Ship Attacked Off Pacific Coast

OTTAWA, June 26 (AP)—The Canadian navy announced today that a Canadian-built merchant ship had been brought safely to a west coast Canadian port after "a determined attack" by a Japanese submarine.

There was no loss of life. The navy's brief statement gave no details of the attack because of security reasons. Similarly, there was no announcement of the place of the attack except that it occurred "off Canada's west coast."

The attack on the Canadian-built merchantman was the first reported submarine operation against shipping off the Canadian west coast, although several attacks on shipping have occurred in United States Pacific waters.

Committee Splits On War Probe

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—The house military affairs committee was split 10 to 12 today over its investigation of the war program.

In a minority report filed late yesterday ten democratic members defended the war department against charges of reckless expenditures made by nine republicans and three democratic members.

Filing of the minority report revived speculation that Chairman May (D-Ky.) might abolish the three special subcommittees that have been conducting the investigation for more than a year.



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, German veteran of desert warfare (far left camera), smiles as he chats with Italian officers in Fort Mechlil. This picture, which reached the United States through neutral Portugal, was made before the axis commander in north Africa launched the campaign which smashed Tobruk.

Jap Thrust at Port Moresby Breaks Lull

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, June 26 (AP)—Three allied air attacks upon island invasion bases, in which fires set at Rabaul were reported visible 60 miles at sea, and a new Japanese thrust at Port Moresby broke a five-day lull in southwestern Pacific fighting yesterday.

Rabaul, chief port of New Britain, and Dill, Timor, were singled out for night raids which left barracks and other buildings shattered and crackling in flames, authorities said.

Japanese troop quarters and supply points at Salamaua, New Guinea, were reported successfully attacked with bombs and machine-guns by daylight and in all of this activity General Douglas MacArthur's airman lost not a plane.

A large force of zero fighters was engaged sharply by interceptors over Port Moresby, the advanced allied base on New Guinea, the communiqué reported. "Our fighters apparently seriously damaged five Japanese fighters," it said. "Four of our planes were hit by machine-gun fire. None was seriously damaged. All returned safely."

CZECH KILLINGS

LONDON, June 26 (AP)—Reports reaching Czech government sources through neutral countries indicated today that the total of victims in the continuing Nazi reprisals since the killing of Reinhard Heydrich, gaseous chief for Bohemia-Moravia, total at least 800.

The chief executive, in citing (Continued on Page Two)

550 Natives Evacuated From Pribilofs and Atka Island

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 26 (AP)—Evacuation of 550 natives from the Pribilofs and from Atka island was reported in a dispatch released for publication by navy and army authorities today.

The evacuees were taken, under orders, to an old cannery at Funtar bay, Admiralty island and to an abandoned saltery at Killisnoo, in the Alexander archipelago, both in southeastern Alaska.

Most of them were from the Pribilof islands. The Pribilofs, a Bering sea group, are often called "the Fur Seal Islands" because of the immense herds (estimated in recent years at 1,500,000) which

FDR REVEALS BIG PRODUCTION GAINS

Figures Will Give No "Aid or Comfort" To Enemy

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that America's mighty war effort, in the single month of May, had turned out nearly 4000 planes and more than 1500 tanks. Releasing official war production figures for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the chief executive asserted in a statement that this country also turned out nearly 2000 artillery and anti-tank guns in May, and these were exclusive of anti-aircraft guns and those to be mounted in tanks.

The May output of machine guns exceeded 50,000 weapons of all types, including infantry, aircraft and anti-aircraft. If submarine guns are added on, the total passes 100,000.

Mr. Roosevelt released these figures because, he said, they are going to give the axis just the opposite of "aid and comfort."

"We are well on our way," he declared, "towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals."

The last announced objectives of the war production program, told of in the president's annual message to congress last January, were 185,000 planes in 1942 and 1943, 120,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns.

The chief executive, in citing (Continued on Page Two)

GREAT FIRES STILL RAGING IN NAZI PORT

Flights of 1130 to 1036 Bombers Reported

LONDON, June 26 (AP)—Reconnaissance planes flying at great height over Bremen this afternoon observed fires still burning in that German port city, it was announced tonight. Bremen was the target of a 1000-plane raid last night.

LONDON, June 26 (AP)—Great fires were set by the RAF last night in the big German port of Bremen, principal target of a devastating assault which probably was the largest in the history of aerial warfare.

Indications were that the number of planes participating exceeded the flights of 1130 and 1036 bombers which laid Cologne and Essen in ruins on May 30 and June 1.

American-made Lockheed Hudson bombers belonging to the RAF participated in the Bremen attack, while Douglas Havoc fighter-bombers were used in other forays.

Canadian airmen, returning from Bremen, said that the glare of many extensive fires against Bremen's low clouds hindered appraisal of damage to Bremen. "We got tired of trying to see through the clouds so we went down below and saw the town blazing merrily in a dozen places," said a sergeant from Manitoba.

An air ministry communiqué told of one bomber force of "more than 1000 planes" whose main target was Bremen and reported intensive attacks on air fields in the low countries by "a second force of bombers and fighters."

This force was believed to have been numbered in the hundreds. Fifty-two planes were missing, the highest one-night loss ever experienced by the RAF, but informed sources said this was (Continued on Page Two)

Anti-Nazi Feeling Breaks Out in Argentina Today

BUENOS AIRES, June 26 (AP)—Anti-German hostility surged in Argentina today, sparked by the first street outbreaks in the capital, as Argentine neutrality apparently hung on Berlin's response to a formal protest over the U-boat sinking of the freighter Rio Tercero.

Informed sources said Germany must give satisfaction if friendly relations are to continue. The strongly worded note insisted on reparations for loss of the Argentine ship and five of its crewmen, assurances against a repetition and a gesture of respect for the Argentine flag.

The Rio Tercero, second Argentine merchant marine victim of a German torpedo, sank after Nazi apologies had been received for what Berlin called an accidental attack on the tanker Victoria.

VFW Parade Starts At 7:30 Tonight

A parade will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m., on Main street as a feature of the Veterans of Foreign Wars encampment. VFW officials urged that all organizations who can possibly do so arrange to participate in the parade.

It will start from The Herald and News office, Main, Pine and Esplanade streets, and will disband at Second and Main streets.

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