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REDS BLUNT NAZI DRIVE ON VOLGA

Rommel Bases Hit

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Germans today are pounding down toward Rostov. Their drive on Stalingrad and the Volga appears to have been blunted and bent around toward the south—but it seems still to have plenty of power. Timoshenko is reported today to be drawing on the strong armless garrisoning the Caucasus to form a new defense line which London military quarters think will extend from Rostov to Rospopsk, on the Don, 80 miles northwest of Stalingrad. Back of this line would be a railroad running from Moscow to Stalingrad and from Stalingrad southwesterly into the Caucasus.

STALINGRAD is immensely important for two reasons. It is a big manufacturing city, and its capture would cut the Volga river transport line over which oil moves from the Caspian sea to the whole vast Russian front and war supplies move back from Moscow and elsewhere to the Caucasus. River transport is extremely important in Russia. Cutting the Volga and thus isolating the Caucasus from the rest of Russia is certainly one of Hitler's major objectives for this summer.

THE situation in Egypt appears to be somewhat better—chiefly because Rommel has been prevented from receiving adequate reinforcements. U. S. General Brenton, with heavy American bombers brought with him from India, is pounding Tobruk today, and British fleet units again join the air forces in shelling Matruh. The fact that the fleet is getting into it indicates that the British (and we) still have command of the air. Otherwise the warships wouldn't dare to get that close to land.

Also failure to reinforce Rommel indicates that Hitler has his hands too full in Russia to do much about Egypt at the moment and is leaving help for Rommel to the Italians.

AT long last, a newspaper correspondent (Keith Wheeler, of the Chicago Times) is permitted by the navy to give the American people a brief glimpse of the importance of the Jap operations in the Aleutians. Read his story in this newspaper today. It is obviously heavily censored, but he makes it clear that out there at the tip of the Aleutian chain Japan has been definitely making a bid for CONQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES.

That is no mere sideshow, as we have been generally led to believe.

ANTHONY J. DIMOND, Alaska's delegate to congress, says today in Washington that the navy should LONG AGO have given the public a resume of Japanese activities in the Aleutians. He asserts: "The Japanese have sent altogether too much power into the (Continued on Page Two)

Man Takes Life After Army Turned Him Down

PORTLAND, July 20 (AP)—La Verne Hutchins, 34, Gresham, took his own life last night with a rifle after being rejected by the army for military service. Deputy Coroner Gideon Snook reported today. Snook quoted the man's father, I. B. Hutchins, as saying his son was despondent because he had been classified 4-F by examining physicians.

Dimond Raps Navy for Late Aleutian News

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Anthony J. Dimond, delegate from Alaska, expressed the opinion today that the navy long ago should have given the public a resume of Japanese activities in the Aleutians.

Referring to the navy's communique Friday giving account of operations in the northern Pacific, Dimond said: "The Japs sent altogether too much power into the Aleutians for that move to be a mere sideshow operation. I wonder why we had to wait this long to find out the facts. It all could have been made public without giving any information to the enemy. As far as the enemy's power is concerned it doesn't help them if we are told what they have." Dimond said it had been reported to him that the Japs have 25,000 troops on the captured islets in the western Aleutians but that he had been unable to confirm the report.

US AIRMEN BLAST JAPS AT CANTON

Chinese Inflict Major Setbacks on Enemy In Chekiang

CHUNGKING, July 20 (AP)—United States bombing planes blasted a Japanese airfield at Canton Saturday, planting their bombs among between 50 and 60 planes on the ground and leaving six great fires blazing. Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's headquarters announced today. In a second attack the American airmen yesterday bombed Linchwan, Japanese base in Kiangsi province. All the planes returned safely from both raids. The communique said Japanese headquarters were attacked with "excellent results" at Linchwan in this second raid upon that base. It first was attacked July 10.

Airborne Attacked
Canton last was attacked by U. S. bombers on July 4 when (Continued on Page Two)

Committee Gives Sub Enlistees Raise

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—A measure giving all officers and enlisted men on duty aboard a submarine 50 per cent above the regular pay for their rank was approved today by the house naval committee. Five enemy aircraft, attempting to land during the raids were reported shot down by British fighters escorting a strong force of light bombers which carried out the assault.

McNutt Says Word Coming On College Men in Draft

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt said today the government would announce soon a definite policy on college men in the draft and coordination of America's 1800 colleges and universities with the war effort. George E. Zook, president of the American Council of Education, had charged the government with failure to use the institutions. Zook wrote McNutt, the secretary of war and navy, and draft headquarters that this "failure" had confused students and educators. McNutt said he had not yet received the letter which had also been sent to the press. He declined comment on it, except to say that Zook certainly knew that the manpower commission and the office of education had

U. S. BOMBERS MAUL TOBRUK; BRITISH HOLD

Royal Navy Joins in Sally Against Matruh

By EDWARD KENNEDY
CAIRO, Egypt, July 20 (AP)—The big four-motored bombers of the United States army air forces, bombers and fighters of the RAF and warships of the Royal navy struck advanced axis airfields and bases in a series of devastating raids and bombardments over the weekend, the British announced today. Firmly holding their positions in a week of dusty fighting on the ground in the battle for Egypt, the British reported they had captured 4000 prisoners in the seven days of give-and-take west of El Alamein.

The attack of the heavy United States bombers, now commanded by Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, recently transferred from India, was delivered in daylight against the stronghold of Tobruk Sunday.

Fires Set
British air sources, reporting the action, said three fires were started in the dock area and that this blow followed a blasting attack by the RAF's medium bombers Saturday night, when other fires were started and a ship set burning. While the United States heavyweights were mauling Tobruk the fighters and fighter-bombers of the British were carrying out one of the heaviest attacks ever delivered against an axis airfield in the desert. This was near El Daba, close behind the front lines.

The admiralty in London told of the Royal navy's sallies against the axis, and said two consecutive bombardments from the sea were carried out Friday and Saturday nights against Matruh, German Marshal Erwin Rommel's most advanced sea base.

Light Damage
No details of damage were given, but the admiralty said its light warships encountered in consequent replies from axis shore batteries and easily beat off a motor torpedo boat which tried to attack.

At least six tanks were knocked out of action by British fighter bombers on the southern sector of the 40-mile front and many enemy aircraft were smashed by a heavy bombing attack on a German airbase west of the battle area, a communique said. Five enemy aircraft, attempting to land during the raids were reported shot down by British fighters escorting a strong force of light bombers which carried out the assault.

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Here's one result of hard-hitting retaliation by U. S. forces against Japanese invaders of the Aleutian Islands. A Jap transport in Kiska harbor burns fiercely after receiving a direct hit from an American bombing plane. The picture, an official U. S. navy photo, was made from a navy plane shortly after the bombing.

RAF SWEEPS FRANCE IN FOLLOW-UP RAID

German Sub Works at Vegesack Hit in Night Bombing

LONDON, July 20 (AP)—Many squadrons of British fighters swept over France this afternoon in swift follow-up of an overnight bombing of the German submarine works at Vegesack.

Boston bombers also attacked a power station in northern France, it was said authoritatively.

Vegesack is 10 miles northwest of Bremen. "Three of our bombers are missing from these operations," the air ministry said.

Fourth Blow
The blow against northwest Germany was the fourth in as many days, having been preceded by three daylight smashes against the Ruhr and submarine construction centers at Luebeck and Flensburg.

(The German high command said Nazi planes scored direct bomb hits on a British war plant northeast of London in a daylight raid. The Italian radio broadcast a Berlin dispatch identifying the target of this attack as Chelmsford, small manufacturing plant.) (Continued on Page Two)

Howard to Resign Unless Given An Assistant

County Engineer Frank Z. Howard has notified the county court that he is resigning, effective Wednesday, unless he is provided with an assistant.

"Unless the court can pay the assistants I need and unless I am allowed to direct the office as I best see fit, I shall be obligated to resign. . . . If you wish, you may consider this as a resignation," said Howard's letter to the court.

Howard put in a budget estimate this year for \$200 per month for an assistant. It was not placed in the budget by the court and budget committee. Howard is also county surveyor. He said in his letter that he is not resigning as surveyor, an elective office. He is republican and democratic nominee for reelection as surveyor.

County court members said the matter will be taken up in regular court session Wednesday. If the court accepts Howard's resignation, it can appoint a regular engineer or employ an engineer from time to time as work demands, court members said.

Kiska Harbor May Be Remembered As Tomb of Jap Dream of Empire

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of stories by Staff Correspondent Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times on action in the Aleutian Islands. Wheeler, attached to the U. S. Pacific fleet since shortly after Pearl Harbor, arrived in Alaska with a fleet unit shortly after the Japanese first struck at Dutch Harbor on June 3 and was the first accredited correspondent to reach Alaska.)

By KEITH WHEELER
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AT SEA WITH THE PACIFIC FLEET, (Delayed)—Kiska Harbor may earn a place in history as the dreariest tomb ever to receive the corpse of an invader's hope to conquer the world. It may be that Honshu's hopeful little men have chosen the foggy bay under the black peaks

of Kiska's hills to launch their last serious attempt to invade and conquer the United States. It now seems more likely they have chosen a place to die.

Midway was their first choice and they failed there. Now despite repetitious punishment by American bombers they are doggedly assembling in Kiska. If they fail here they may not have strength to try again.

Already the emperor's high-powered ships are going down at their moorings, victims of bombs falling day and night from big brown and gray planes running a shuttle service of destruction along the Aleutian chain.

The big PBV Catalina flying boats first located the Japanese in Kiska harbor June 10. They had moved in during a stormy week and had captured or otherwise disposed of 10 American

weather observers stationed there.

Began June 11
The battle began June 11 when the first flights of navy Catalinas and army Fortress and B-24 Liberators began freight-bombing Kiska.

The weather at Kiska that day was better than usual—cloudy and overcast with only ravelings of fog blanketing out stretches of sea and land below. The aerographer looked it over and charitably called it a high pressure area. "Ideal for torpedoes," was his opinion.

Singly or in flights of two or three, the workhorse Catalinas slid across the mile high peak of Kiska volcano and down on the ships in the harbor. That day one heavy cruiser, two light cruisers, a single destroyer and

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TORPEDO SINKINGS BOOST SUB TOTAL

Torpedo Total Now 388 in Western Atlantic

By The Associated Press
Three more torpedo-sinkings, two of them United States vessels, were announced by the navy today boosting to 388 the unofficial Associated Press tabulation of United Nations' and neutral merchant ship losses in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

Fire Destroys Lakeview Lumber Sawmill Sunday

The second lumber mill fire in southern Oregon in five days early Sunday morning totally destroyed the Lakeview Lumber company's sawmill but spared the yard and dry kilns, according to meager reports reaching here today from Lakeview.

It was reported that origin of the fire was unknown but that the mill seemed to explode in flames at about 1 a. m. Sunday. Fire fighters kept the blaze from spreading to the mill yard and kilns. The mill does not have a planer but sells its lumber in the rough to box factories and planing mills in the area.

The firm, owned by David DeArmand and operated by a Mr. Ohlsen, employed more than 50 men in two shifts. It was believed that the bulk of its production was devoted directly or indirectly to war orders. No estimate of the loss was reported.

Last Tuesday the Pelican Bay Lumber company's planing mill was totally razed by fire with a loss estimated at close to \$100,000.

Bulletin

MOSCOW, July 20 (AP)—Soviet bombers started 38 fires in a heavy raid on the East Prussian city of Koenigsburg Saturday night, the Moscow radio said tonight.

All the Russian raiders returned safely to their bases, the report added. (The German high command acknowledged the raid on East Prussia in its communique yesterday but did not specify the place. It called the attack "ineffective nuisance raids" on several places.)

HOUSE GIVES OPA \$120 MILLION

\$6 Billion War-Time Revenue Bill Goes To Senate

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—The house agreed today to provide \$120,000,000 for the office of price administration as it adopted a conference committee's recommendations to settle differences with the senate in a \$1,858,939,000 deficiency appropriations bill.

The OPA allotment amounted to \$45,000,000 more than the house had voted originally but \$5,000,000 less than voted by the senate, \$41,000,000 less than the figure approved by the budget bureau, and \$75,000,000 less than the total amount sought by Leon Henderson, price administrator.

Approval of the conference committee's report came on a standing vote of 86 to 5.

The measure now goes back to the senate, where quick approval is expected.

Shipyard to Build 70-Ton Flying Boats

NEW ORLEANS, July 20 (AP)—Andrew J. Higgins, president of the Higgins Shipbuilding corporation, said today his giant shipyard closed by the maritime commission last Saturday, would be reopened to construct 70-ton flying boats.

Higgins said he would leave tonight for Washington to meet Henry J. Kaiser, Pacific coast shipbuilder, and confer with President Roosevelt and the maritime commission.

AXIS MAKES MIGHTY BID FOR ROSTOV

Timoshenko Gathers Forces for Stand Near Millerovo

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, July 20 (AP)—The red army fell back toward Rostov in the gigantic, warring battle of the Don steppes today as the Germans rushed up superior numbers of men, tanks and other weapons in an impressive bid for that key to the Caucasus.

Marshal Semeon Timoshenko was assembling all his available forces in an orderly retreat for a stand somewhere along a 40-mile stretch from abandoned Voroshilovgrad to the battleground south of Millerovo.

While the stage thus was being set for a momentous new struggle, the Russians reported significant new successes around their anchor bastion of Voronezh to the north which now resembled a doubled fist in the German flank.

In hand-to-hand fighting the Russians took one main German bridgehead pointed across the Don at Voronezh after a heavy defeat of the invaders' 75 division.

Other counterattacking defenders of the city grappled with the Germans south and west of Voronezh on the banks of the Don.

(This appeared to mean that the Germans had been driven back from the city's environs on all sides. Previous dispatches have indicated the Germans had been routed to the north of the city and held at bay to the south but had held on to the western outskirts. Voronezh is about 10 miles east of the Don.)

(The Germans' communique declared Russian attempts to "recapture Voronezh" had been beaten off.)

The red army above Rostov, while yielding ground slowly, refused to let its lines be broken despite the fury of German armored attacks, dive bombing and parachute landings in its rear, said Russian dispatches from the front. These asserted that the forces which retreated from Voroshilovgrad were being absorbed in an orderly manner into the main forces.

Meanwhile it was reported that the Russians had had time to bring up help from the strong armies garrisoning the northern Caucasus to bolster Timoshenko's fighters, who have been retreating for ten days in the area between the Donets and the Don.

Russian reports made no attempt to minimize the territorial losses suffered in the Donets and Don Valleys. The Germans now are in the midst of 8600 square miles of bituminous and anthracite coal mines, containing cities with important foundries and metal working plants.

FDR Will Tackle Anti-Inflation, Senator Says
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt soon will "step in to prevent a general break-through in the administration's anti-inflation program," Senator Lister Hill (D-Ala.), the democratic whip, said here today.

"An overall ceiling covering wages, commodities and all other major factors in living costs will be asked by the president," Hill said. "And if the president asks for immediate action congress will forego the proposed mid-summer recess and pass the measure he believes necessary to preserve the war price structure."

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