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ALLIES STRADDLE BIZERTE ROAD

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE fighting in Tunisia is still a battle for commanding hills, with the Germans stubbornly defending every crest.

DON'T get impatient. The Germans are fighting in positions that are NATURALLY strong and have been MADE STRONGER by every device known to the military engineers. Much expenditure of time (and lives) is required to crack a nut like that.

THE big axis airdrome at Bari on the Adriatic side of the heel of the Italian boot is heavily attacked again by our bombers.

One smells a rat. Things like that don't just happen. They're PLANNED. And always for a reason. The probable reason is a concentration at Bari of German airplanes designed for use in Africa. We're hitting them (one guesses) BEFORE THEY CAN GET THERE.

THE Russians pulled the same useful trick the other day. The Germans concentrated heavy air power in the Crimea to back up their land assault in the Kuban delta across the Kerch strait in the Caucasus, back of Novorossiysk. The red air force smashed these assembled Nazi planes before they could get into action. As a result, the dispatches of a few days ago told us, the German offensive in the Kuban COLLAPSED.

WE read today (believing or not, as we choose) that Berlin and Rome are tickled pink over the Russian-Polish ruckus—which, they allegedly think, has driven a wedge of suspicion between the United States on one side and Russia on the other.

A Swiss newspaper in Geneva says the Russian-Polish incident, which was touched off by GERMAN charges that the Russians had slain 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk, has proved to be one of Germany's NEATEST diplomatic (propaganda) successes.

IF it is a success (assuming that it was a German trick) it is because WE are complaining about something the Russians have done.

IF we are wise, we won't complain too much about the way the Russians are running their end of the war against the Germans (as long as they fight as hard as they're doing) or be too suspicious of Russian motives after the war.

The big job now is to LICK THE GERMANS, and the Russians are doing their full share of that essential job.

Let's put no stumbling blocks in their way.

WHAT of the Poles, you ask? Well, history tells us they have been regularly murdered and ravaged at recurring intervals for generations by first one side and then the other—being permitted to exist merely as a BUFFER state in what has been known as the "European system." (A "buffer" state is a LITTLE place in between for the BIG fellows on either side to fight on.)

It's rather hard to say at this moment in history just where the real interest of the tragic Polish people—that is to say, those who do the fighting and the dying—lies.

WE of America will do well if we refrain from worrying too much about what Russia is going to do AFTER Germany is licked.

We might even go so far as to remember that Russia did nothing whatever about it when we took Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, etc., away from Mexico.

We'd have FOUGHT RUSSIA then if she had tried to do anything about it, for we were all set to realize what we regarded (Continued on Page Two)

WAGE DISPUTE MAY DEVELOP COAL STRIKE

58,000 Miners Stay Away From Work Today

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—The war labor board announced today it is referring the soft coal wage controversy, which already has 58,000 men idle, to the president because its own orders and appeals have been ignored by the UNITED MINE WORKERS.

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—More than 58,000 soft coal miners stayed away from work today in a wage dispute threatening to develop into a full scale strike in the industry, which supplies fuel and power for war plants and motive power for trains.

Talk of the possible use of troops as guards to protect those who might want to work was heard as after another in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama, and West Virginia.

The war labor board took up the case in closed hearings, as yet the walkouts were not officially regarded as strikes.

Lewis' Promise
But John L. Lewis promised that his United Mine Workers would not work after midnight Friday unless their demands were met and the full WLB debated whether that constituted outright defiance calling for action—or whether it should be ignored, pending an actual shutdown.

The panel had received instructions from the board to begin hearings and proceed until further orders before the UMW president announced in New York that the miners would not work without a contract after Friday midnight when a 30-day temporary continuance expires.

Lewis raised the strike threat after the UMW policy committee demanded withdrawal of the dispute from the WLB, charging the board with "malicious" (Continued on Page Two)

Parent Arrest Cuts Child Delinquency Cases, Says Bridge

Not one case of curfew violation has been reported to the office of Dave Bridge, city juvenile officer, since charges were filed last week against three parents who entered pleas of guilty in police court to allowing minor children to be out after hours.

"I've had numerous phone calls this week from parents asking if their children could go to school functions," Bridge stated. "We want them to attend school affairs, but they must go directly home from the place of entertainment."

Ickes Charges "Lack of Understanding" During Gas-Synthetic Rubber Squabble

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Petroleum Administrator Ickes told senators today it would take "a catalogue of Washington" to list the persons in high authority who have displayed "a really baffling lack of understanding" of the importance of the high-octane gasoline program.

"Some of them were military, some of them naval," Ickes said, "but in the final analysis we couldn't go ahead without new materials, and there is only one source of new materials in Washington."

Conflict Investigated
This obvious reference to the war production board came in Ickes' testimony before the Truman committee which is investigating conflicts between the synthetic rubber and 100-octane gasoline programs. When the inquiry opened yesterday, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson testified that over Ickes' opposition he had given a green light to 55 per cent of the rubber

General McNair Wounded in Africa



Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair (right), commander of all United States army ground forces, wounded on the Tunisian war front, is shown talking with Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the second army when the two generals visited the Ranger school at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Gen. Lear has been ordered to take temporary command of the U. S. army ground forces pending Gen. McNair's recovery.

MacArthur's Warplanes Use Good Jap Raiding Weather

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 28 (AP)—A 4000-ton Japanese merchant ship was blasted by a 500-pound bomb and a wireless station was destroyed Tuesday as General Douglas MacArthur's heavy and medium bombers took advantage of improved weather to range far over enemy bases.

A Liberator on armed reconnaissance attacked two 4000-ton vessels in the Arafura sea 50 miles northwest of Dobo, on the Aroe Islands. The American-manned bomber scored a hit on the bow of one ship and two near — perhaps damaging — misses on the other.

Follow Up
A Flying Fortress, following up a raid Monday in which the tower of the Japanese wireless

Navy Transport Plane Crashes Into Bay Hill

OAKLAND, Calif., April 28 (AP)—A navy twin-engine transport plane nosed into a hill 10 miles east of the Oakland airport and exploded last night, killing eight of the 10 men aboard and seriously injuring the other two.

Newsmen visiting the scene today under naval guard found the burned fuselage pancaked on the hillside with both wings sheared off.

The explosion scattered bodies over a 60-foot area. Clipped tree trunks and torn earth indicated the ship had skidded a like distance from the point of impact. The plane was headed into Oakland airport and apparently on the beam. A wingtip scraped near the top of the 1500-foot cliff, spinning the craft to earth.

LONG WAR

LOS ANGELES, April 28 (AP)—Father Bernard R. Hubbard, known as the "glacier priest" for his Alaskan explorations, predicts that the war with Japan will last from six to 10 years.

"That may sound too pessimistic, I hope I am wrong," said the priest in an interview here after returning from the Aleutians, where, he declared, American troops are anxious to fight the Japanese.

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POLAND PLEAS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS

No Hitler Contacts, Says Exiled Government

LONDON, April 28 (AP)—The Polish government in exile appealed today "for the release" of all fighting Polish males now on soviet soil and in a statement declared "the Polish government and nation have no need to defend themselves from any suggestion of contact or understanding with Hitler."

The 550-word statement was issued immediately after a cabinet meeting presumably called to consider a formula aimed at closing the Russian-Polish diplomatic break. But in the opinion of diplomatic sources it was believed the statement might only pour oil on the flames despite its reaffirmation of a policy aimed at "friendly understanding" with Russia.

It declared "the Polish government never claimed and do not claim any soviet territories."

Appeals Release
In addition to appealing for the release of fighting men needed for reinforcement of the Polish army, the cabinet statement asked "for the release from the USSR of thousands of families of the Polish armed forces and tens of thousands of Polish orphans and children."

British Ships Sink Two Nazi Supply Vessels

LONDON, April 28 (AP)—Two British destroyers, attacking "an unusually large number" of German escort craft in convoy off the coast of Brittany before dawn today, torpedoed and probably sank two supply vessels, and almost certainly sank two of the escorts and caused a motor torpedo boat to blow up with their shell fire, the admiralty announced today.

The destroyers Gothland and Albrighton "pressed home the attack at close range in the face of intense fire," the admiralty's communique said, and scored shell hits on the two supply ships after they had been torpedoed.

"The attack caused considerable confusion among the enemy forces and several of their ships were seen firing on each other. During the ensuing melee which lasted for more than an hour the Gothland and Albrighton scored hits with gunfire on two convoy escorts."

Baseball NATIONAL

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	9	0
Pittsburgh	1	5	0
Riddle, Beggs (9) and Mueller; Herbert, Brandt (6) Dietz (8) and Lopez.			

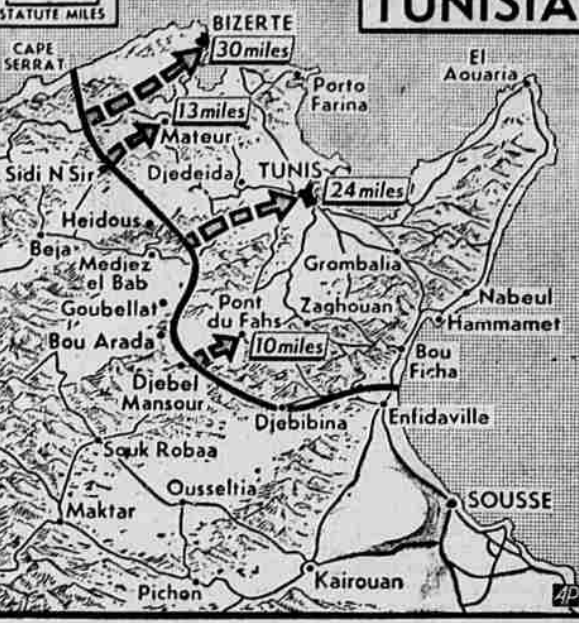
	R.	H.	E.
Boston	3	9	1
New York	2	7	1
Javery, Stout (7) and Kultz, Masi (7); Wittig and Mancuso.			

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	6	0
Detroit	4	9	0
Sundra and Hayes; Bridges, Gorsica (8) and Richards.			

	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	8	0
Boston	0	6	3
Bonham and Dickey; Dobson, Karl (9) and Partee.			

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	0	6	4
Washington	3	5	0
Christopher and Swift; Pyle and Early.			

Where Allies Threaten Axis Defenses



Arrows indicate projections of allied drives along western axis defenses in Tunisia that had forced a German withdrawal in the American-manned northern sector (arrows pointing to Bizerte and Mateur), after Germans yielded strong positions in the southern sectors (arrows pointing to Tunis and Pont du Fahs). Distances shown in boxes to right of cities are approximate distances from the battle front (solid line) before the withdrawal was announced by allied headquarters.

Klamath County Goes Over Top of Second Loan Quota

Klamath county had oversubscribed her \$1,269,000 second war loan quota by 10 per cent at noon Wednesday, and before the deadline of May 1, this figure is expected to exceed the amount set by the treasury department by another five per cent.

This was the announcement made by Andrew M. Collier and Godfrey C. Blohm, co-chairmen of the war finance committee.

With word from Washington, that American Doolittle flyers had been executed in Japan, Oregon voluntarily raised her quota 10 per cent, and Klamath county automatically followed suit.

On top of this \$1,395,000, which Klamath county individuals have bought, the First National bank and the United States National bank both subscribed for \$1,000,000 each, which brings Klamath county's contribution in this second war bond campaign to a total of \$3,995,000 today, the co-chairmen said.

Tentative purchase promises have been lined up, and it looks "quite certain" that Klamath county will reach the treasury's supreme goal of \$100 for each man, woman and child in Klamath county.

Organized labor is continuing its efforts to reach its \$500,000 sub-chaser goal and every laboring man is urged to buy an "E" bond which will entitle the holder to a ticket for the Friday night smoker at the armory.

"It will be a swell climax to Klamath county's campaign, if it could be announced Friday night that the sub-chaser was assured and organized labor had exceeded its goal by 10 per cent," Collier stated.

Red Army Asked To Prepare for Decisive Battles

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, April 28 (AP)—Izvestia, the official newspaper of the soviet union, called on the red army today to prepare for decisive battles "which are in the offing."

The plea came as the red air force carried on intensive attacks in force against German communications and maintained its sky superiority over the Kuban region of the Caucasus.

FRENCH PUNCH THROUGH NAZI ARTILLERY DUEL

Patton's Men Clean Out Von Arnim's Germans

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 28 (AP)—French forces striking forward in the Pont du Fahs sector have driven southeast of the town, 34 miles from Tunis, crossed the main road from Pont du Fahs to Djebibina, and reached the western slopes of Djebel Zaghouan, a French communique said tonight.

(This presumably placed the French between five and 10 miles southeast of Pont du Fahs, imperiling the axis hold on that town.)

"Among many prisoners taken in the sector during the day," the French war bulletin said, "was the general chaplain of Italian forces in North Africa."

Along the Mediterranean coast, the communique said, French attacks "have progressed favorably."

Artillery Action
The drive in the Pont du Fahs sector, it said, was made "in spite of violent enemy artillery action."

This was the newest development along the 140-mile battlefield where earlier it was announced that American troops stormed and captured three fiercely defended hills straddling the road to Mateur and Bizerte and the British first army battled for a commanding height at Medjerda village 21 miles northwest of Tunis.

The British first and eighth armies, the second U. S. army corps, and the French made "steady progress," an allied communique said (Continued on Page Two)

Bari Airport "Disappears" Under Bombing

CAIRO, Egypt, April 28 (AP)—Bari airport, 50 miles north of the Italian naval base of Taranto, "practically disappeared" under a hail of 150 tons of bombs from 70 United States Liberators Monday, the Ninth air force bomber command said today, and an RAF communique announced that the raid was followed that night by a heavy British assault. The communique said that large fires were started east of the airfield by the British attack on Bari, which is on the Adriatic coast.

Pictures taken of the Bari airfield yesterday showed a large number of planes—estimated at 50—received direct hits or near misses which either destroyed or severely damaged them. Hangars and repair assembly plants suffered many direct hits.

Million Dollar Damage in Wake of Cleveland Tornado

CLEVELAND, April 28 (AP)—Destruction was reckoned in excess of \$1,000,000 today after death-dealing tornadoes slashed through northeastern Ohio, killing four children, injuring more than 150 other persons, and damaging nearly 2000 homes and several war plants.

Many homes and barns caved in, roofs were carried away like leaves and power lines were thrown out of operation in the Cleveland, Akron and Fremont areas.

Orphans Killed
Two Akron orphans—Richard Paternoster, 12, and Anthony Fernbach, 9—were crushed to death as raging winds demolished a barn near Medina.