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JAPS CONCEDE LOSS OF ATTU

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ONE'S first comment this morning, after getting a look at the news, is apt to be: "Well, it hasn't happened YET."

THE general tenseness of the dispatches, the absence of big-scale ground or naval action, the scarcity of direct reports from well-known correspondents (suggesting that they may be included in secret, big movements), the nervous inactivity in Russia, etc., coupled with the obvious fact that NOW IS THE TIME, lead us outsiders obviously to the conclusion that something of the utmost importance is in the wind.

WE must remember, of course, that our top leaders know what's coming and WHEN—barring some well-timed blow by the enemy that may upset our plans—and that keeping knowledge of just what's coming and when from the enemy is essential to the complete success of whatever operations are planned.

THE battle of Attu, we are told this morning, is OVER.

The Japs apparently perished to the last man (except for a few snipers who still hold out).

The Jap radio is telling today of their last "Banzais" to the emperor and their final ceremonial bows toward Tokyo—and their (alleged) concluding message: "We're going into our last fight, and only death can take our weapons from our hands."

DRAMATIC, in the extreme—and maybe good morale stuff for the peculiar-minded Jap, who seems to be a sucker for whatever weird and bloody fate his emperor may have in store for him.

OUR national psychology is different.

Instead of dying uselessly (after it is too late to do anything else) for our country, our idea is to make the OTHER FELLOW die for HIS country.

Without discounting the amply-proved fighting ability of the Jap, this writer will place his long-pull bets on the American way of doing it.

ON Saturday night Wuppertal, in the narrow valley of the Wupper river, leading into the Rhine just to the south of the industrial Ruhr valley, is smacked by a force of RAF bombers that may have numbered as many as 600 or 700. Thirty-three were lost.

Wuppertal (not hitherto bombed) is a chemical and roller bearing factory center.

NOTE the every-other-night pace of last week's bombing—Sunday night, Tuesday night, Thursday night, Saturday night. Each time at a different target, leaving the Germans to wonder where next.

Goering's boast that enemy bombs NEVER WOULD FALL on German soil must be rather a ghastly joke by this time.

THIS writer, who isn't ferocious-minded, and gets little personal satisfaction out of the mangling of ANY KIND of human beings, can't escape the conviction that constant bombing of Germany is a good object lesson for Germans—who, since Napoleon, haven't seen their country invaded and so have come to think that the horrors of war are something that GERMANS inflict on OTHER PEOPLE.

GIRAUD and De Gaulle get together in Algiers and appoint a seven-man executive commission for the handling of French governmental affairs. Algiers, in effect, becomes the provisional capital of the France that remains as a spiritual rather than a practical entity.

(Let's never forget that the France that fell in 1940 had been undermined and eaten out by the politicians. That's what happens when countries sink to the point where they are governed by self-seeking political demagogues.)

GEN. GIRAUD, DE GAULLE TO LEAD FRENCH

Navy at Alexandria Comes Over to Allies

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALGIERS, May 31 (AP)—A seven-man executive committee was set up today under the joint presidency of Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Gen. Henri Giraud to govern liberated Frenchmen and French territory and to direct the French war effort until their homeland is freed.

The members, in addition to De Gaulle and Giraud, are Rene Massigli and Andre Philippe, who were designated by De Gaulle; Gen. Alphonse Georges and Jean Monnet who were named by Giraud; and Gen. Georges Catroux, who was accepted by both.

Two Vacancies

Two places were left vacant and perhaps they will be filled by leaders who may arrive in the future.

All those on the committee assembled in a secret place in Algiers. In effect the committee created itself and, while the meeting started only as a session of a group of men, it ended as the assembly of France's new governing body.

Members Told

Catroux, high commissioner for Syria, is a five-star general who served as liaison officer between De Gaulle and Giraud in preliminary negotiations for unity.

Georges, the western front commander of French armies before the fall of France, arrived in Algiers only recently from France.

Massigli was fighting French foreign commissioner.

Philippe was fighting French (Continued on Page Two)

Survivors Tell How Sub Sank Swedish Ship

MIAMI, Fla., May 31 (AP)—

A Nazi submarine torpedoed the Swedish motor ship Industria in the South Atlantic March 25 and took aboard as prisoners the three ranking officers of the neutral vessel, survivors reported here today.

Crew members who described the attack said Sweden had protested to Berlin against the violation of her neutrality.

They said the ship was running with navigation lights only and did not have the Swedish flag illuminated at the time a single torpedo struck, without warning, in the darkness of early morning.

But Second Mate Eric Olander of Brooklyn, N. Y., declared the Germans knew full well the nationality of the ship by the time they ordered the officers to board the submarine.

7000 Tons of RAF Bombs Blast Nazi War Industries in Last Week's Raids

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—

Stations chucked up a new record today for the RAF as a resume of operational reports showed that British fliers had dumped more than 7000 tons of bombs on Germany during the past week in the most furious aerial offensive in history.

The precedent-smashing total of high explosives was concentrated on five German industrial centers—Dortmund, Duesseldorf, Jena, Essen and Wuppertal, all of which are engaged in the production of materials vital to Adolf Hitler's war machine.

Wuppertal Latest

Wuppertal, a Ruhr valley city of 411,000 situated between Essen and Duesseldorf, was the latest to feel the might of the RAF, which unloaded 1500 tons of bombs on this target Saturday



Successor

Judge Fred M. Vinson (above) of Kentucky was named economic stabilization director, succeeding James F. Byrnes, as President Roosevelt set up a new war mobilization board headed by Byrnes. Vinson also will be a member of the new board.

OPERATORS, MINERS SEEK PAY SOLUTION

Underground Travel Issue Baffles Conferees

PHILADELPHIA, May 31 (AP)—Ralph E. Taggart, spokesman for anthracite operators in negotiations with the United Mine workers, said today he expects that "developments in Washington" late today will eliminate the danger of a strike in the nation's coal fields tomorrow.

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—

Working against a midnight deadline and no certainty that it will be extended again, soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers returned to the bargaining table today to seek a solution of the portal-to-portal (underground travel) pay issue.

The conferees, after two hours of joint conferences this morning, announced a recess until 3 p. m., but would make no other statement.

Although directed by the war labor board to maintain production while negotiating and to report back on or before June 9, the UMW leadership shows no more inclination to heed the board now than it did prior to the decision which sent the portal-to-portal problem back to collective bargaining.

Work Under Truce

The coal industry, bituminous and anthracite, has been working under a truce agreed to by the union leaders. It was expected to last through June 9.

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Street Car for OPA Chief, too

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—OPA Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, who has been making sharp cuts in eastern gasoline rations, arrived at work this morning by street car.

AIR BATTLES LEAD FIGHT IN RUSSIA

Germans Said to Have Lost 456 Planes Last Week

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—A DNB dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio tonight said German troops had stabbed successfully into red army lines today east of Velikh, midway between Russian-held Velikie Luki and Nazi-held Smolensk, "with the aim of straightening the line on a fairly large front."

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN

MOSCOW, May 31 (AP)—

Fierce aerial battles continued to predominate in fighting in the Kuban sector of the Russian front today following a week of bitter struggles in which 456 German planes were downed at a loss of 118 to the Russians, front line dispatches said.

A German propaganda agency war correspondent, in an account broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press, asserted that the German air force yesterday "frustrated repeated Soviet attempts to get in the rear of the German defense front" in the Kuban area with landing boats from the Sea of Azov. He claimed that 15 (Continued on Page Two)

Pelican Bomber War Bond Sale Nets \$372,500

Final figure for May sale of E war bonds was \$372,500—the biggest sale of E bonds here since the war began, County War Savings Chairman A. M. Collier announced Monday.

Collier said the record is a tribute to the "splendid bond selling program" put on by the Lions club, head of the May drive. He said that the Lions "concentrated energy and talent" to put over the campaign to buy the Klamath Pelican bomber, going far over the quota.

Sales have been certified to the treasury department and the Pelican bomber should be designated early in June.

The Kiwanis club has taken over the June drive and will undertake to buy four fighter planes to go along with the May bomber.

Early impetus to the Kiwanis campaign will be provided by the Polack Brothers circus, which will stage downtown shows late this week to help sell bonds. Elephants, tigers and seals will perform on the street. Further details of the circus feature will be announced tomorrow.

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U. S. BOMBERS LEAVE SMOKING RUINS IN ITALY

Naples, Foggia Hit By Twin Attack In Daylight

By DANIEL DE LUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 31 (AP)—More than 150 U. S. four-engine bombers, cooperating in twin attacks against Axis bases in southern Italy, blasted Naples and Foggia by daylight Sunday and left smoke-shrouded ruins in their wake, it was announced today.

Explosions and fires raged at Naples, hit by a force of more than 100 B-17 flying fortresses of the North African command. More than 50 B-24 Liberator bombers of the Ninth U. S. air force struck from middle east bases at the airfield of Foggia, 80 miles northeast of Naples.

Major Forays

These were the major forays of a day which included renewed attacks upon Sardinia, potential stepping stone of invasion, and Pantelleria, the battered Italian bastion in the Sicilian Straits.

Communicates told the story of the powerful American thrust in an air offensive maintained for more than a fortnight against Mussolini's homeland and island outposts. It was the second raid on Foggia in three days and, by Italian broadcast accounts, the 70th against Naples, which was said to have suffered casualties and "great damage."

A large force of B-17 Flying Fortresses yesterday attacked Naples, said the war bulletin issued at allied North African headquarters. "Bombs were dropped on an aircraft factory and a storage depot, and many fires were reported."

A Cairo communique said the Liberators thoroughly covered the Foggia airfield and scored direct hits on hangars and barracks.

"Numerous aircraft in the dispersal areas were destroyed, including some six-engine craft," it said. "Black smoke was observed rising from oil fires and buildings were left burning throughout the target area."

Planes Destroyed

For all operations of the day (Continued on Page Two)

Wewak Airdrome Hit by Thirteen Tons of Bombs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 31 (AP)—

Thirteen tons of bombs dropped on Japanese airdromes in the Wewak, New Guinea, region Sunday, set off explosions that continued for ten minutes and started numerous fires in fuel dumps and airplane dispersal areas.

The raid, against the Boram and Wewak airdromes, was made by flying fortresses just before dawn.

It was the second heavy attack in that area in three days. Last Friday 19 tons of explosives were loosed on these same airdromes and on nearby Dagua.

Both fragmentation and incendiary bombs were used in the Memorial day blow.

Titus Murder Trial To Open Tuesday

The trial of William Titus, charged with first degree murder after the alleged shooting of his wife, Erma, at Bly some months ago, will open Tuesday, June 1, in circuit court at 10 a. m.

Motions filed by both the defense and prosecution attorneys last week for a postponement were denied by Circuit Court Judge David B. Vandenberg, and the trial will start as scheduled. J. C. O'Neill will handle the defense and L. Orth Slesmore and Clarence Humble will present the state's case.

Davies, Stalin Shake Hands



Joseph E. Davies (left), President Roosevelt's envoy, shakes hands with Premier Joseph Stalin, of Russian, at the Kremlin in Moscow. This picture was radioed from Moscow to New York.

Impressive Ceremonies Dedicate Klamath Memorial

Undeterred by unfavorable weather, a large crowd of Klamath people gathered Sunday around the memorial on the courthouse lawn for simple and impressive ceremonies dedicating the white obelisk to the memory of the dead of World War II.

A gentle drizzle which fell on the scene failed to cool the warmth of the sentiment expressed in memory of the fallen fighting men and the sympathy for their relatives and friends here.

The day's exercises began with the ceremony at Link River bridge, conducted by the American Legion, honoring naval dead. The various participating groups then marched to the courthouse lawn for the memorial services, conducted by the veterans' organizations and the citizens' memorial committee.

Rev. L. K. Johnson of the Klamath Lutheran church gave the principal address, building

Germany Probe For Information About Churchill

By The Associated Press

Germany displayed intense preoccupation with the movements of British Prime Minister Churchill over the weekend, the Berlin radio—perhaps fishing for information—reporting that he had been at Gibraltar Thursday and Friday conferring with allied military leaders.

If the Germans were hoping to provoke a statement concerning Churchill's whereabouts they were disappointed, however, for the broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, brought no alluded reaction.

The Berlin radio also reported yesterday that additional United States forces had landed at Cyprus, possible jumping-off place for an invasion of the Balkans, and that the 23,000-ton British aircraft carrier Formidable and four destroyers had returned to Gibraltar from a one-day cruise in the Mediterranean.

Delegates Ask Food Conference To Consider Fish

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 31 (AP)—Delegates of four countries interested in fisheries jointly proposed to the United Nations food conference today that any recommendations concerning food and other agricultural products be declared applicable to fish and marine products.

Canada, Great Britain, Iceland and Norway submitted for conference action a resolution stressing that fish and marine products are essential to the diet of many countries and vital to the economy of certain countries.

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Jap Lines Cut by Chinese "All Front" Counter Move

CHUNGKING, May 31 (AP)—Chinese troops, supported by the United States 14th air force which heavily damaged Japanese installations near Ichang and at Yochow, occupied a number of points in the Hupeh-Hunan border region in an "all front" counter-offensive in central China and cut heavy communications at many points east of Lake Tungting, a Chinese communique said today.

Only yesterday, the Chinese announced the recapture of Yuchang, 35 miles south of Ichang where 2000 Japanese casualties were inflicted in the greatest Chinese success since the invaders started thrusting along the Yangtze valley toward Chungking.

A communique from Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's U. S. headquarters said a Warhawk fighter and Liberator bomber "operating in collaboration with Chinese air and ground forces" had attacked the two important

FIERCE FIGHT ANNIHILATES LAST OF NIPS

Few Snipers Remain; Kiska Virtually Cut Off

By HAMILTON W. FARON

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The battle of Attu is over, and the Stars and Stripes once again fly over the barren but strategically important little island at the western end of the Aleutians.

Scattered snipers and possibly a few isolated machine gun nests are all that remain to oppose United States troops who freed from invaders the first American soil to be recaptured in this war and started the northern route march toward Tokyo.

The latest report on the mopping-up operations, which may require days, was told by the navy today in a one-sentence communique No. 386:

"North Pacific: 1. On May 30, United States forces on Attu Island continued in the mopping-up of the remaining Japanese pockets of resistance."

The loss of Attu, which has been conceded by the Japanese, leaves the enemy garrison on Kiska virtually cut off.

A battle in which American troops struck with guns, bayonets, rifle-butts, fists, and knives marked the end of the 20-day campaign.

Big Battle

"It was the biggest battle on Attu," said a navy spokesman in reporting annihilation of the last large enemy force on the island. "The Attu battle is won," declared Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, chief of the war department's (Continued on Page Two)

India Commander Confers With European Chief

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, United States commanding general in China, India and Burma, has arrived in London and immediately "discussed integration of military plans in the global war" with Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander in the European theater of operations.

An announcement today from headquarters described Stilwell's visit as a stopover on a trip to the Orient.

Accompanying Stilwell were Major Gen. R. D. Olds, chief of staff of the tenth air force, and Col. Frank Merrill, Stilwell's assistant chief of staff in charge of operations. They were met by Major Gen. Idwal Edwards, chief of staff of the European theater of operations and representatives of the British army and the RAF.

Extensive Damage

"Preliminary reports indicating extensive damage" to Yochow objectives, the U. S. communique said. The Liberators "heavily bombed island artillery and supply concentrations of Ichang in the Yangtze" on Saturday. No American plane was lost in any of the missions.

The Chinese bulletin said Chiang Kai-shek's troops broke into the east gate of Sinyang, a Japanese base in south Honan province, Friday night and inflicted serious damage.

The Chinese declared the Japanese were being pursued toward Niehchico after being ousted from Yuyankwan. The capture of Changyang, 12 miles below Ichang was declared imminent.