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 Normal 11.11 Last year 17.02
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Heaviest Blow Hits Coast

NEW CONTROLS OF MANPOWER SLATED JULY 1

Channeling Labor to Meet War Needs McNutt Aim

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—Sweeping new controls over the nation's dwindling supply of male workers were ordered today by the war manpower commission to be placed in effect by July 1.

They provide that virtually every job-seeking man in America will be required to apply to the United States employment service for assignment to the war plant where he is most needed, regardless of where that plant may be located. Employers, on the other hand, will be permitted to hire only those men referred to them by the USES.

"Priority Rationing" of the war now requires the channeling of all available male labor in the nation to jobs of greatest war production urgency, and the retention of such labor in those jobs," War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt declared in announcing the new program.

It extends on a nation-wide basis the WMC's voluntary program already in effect in a dozen areas of critical labor shortage.

"We propose," McNutt declared, "to accomplish the channeling by a system of priority referral, effective throughout the nation, but varying among communities by such adaptations as may be found desirable."

Farm workers are not restricted, nor are businesses with eight or less employees.

McNutt said the program would make it possible for a worker anywhere in the country to "take his most useful place on."

3 Girls Out for Rodeo Queen

Two young Klamath county girls and one girl from Siskiyou county have announced their candidacy for queen of the Fourth of July Buckaroo days, it was announced Friday by O. D. Matthews, president of the local rodeo association.

Total Victory Demand May Prolong War, Pius Warns

LONDON, June 2 (AP)—Pope Pius XII, in a speech to the College of Cardinals, expressed the hope today that peace soon would appear on Rome's hills and over the whole world but added that a demand for total victory might prolong the war.

Damage Great as Train Explodes

LONDON, June 2 (AP)—An ammunition train exploded today in an East Anglia market town, lifting roofs from adjacent houses, turning the railroad station into a shambles, and injuring a number of persons.

Russia Rebuilds In Wake of Nazis



Although pretty busy with the war, Russians lose no time in rebuilding destroyed industrial installations. Photo above shows soviet workers at Yankiv reconstructing huge plant demolished by Germans before they fled from red army.

PAVING TO GO ON BARRACKS HIGHWAY

The navy has approved a \$145,000 grant for the paving and improvement of access and secondary roads leading up to and within the Marine Barracks, it was learned today in telegrams from Senator Guy Cordon and Representative Lowell Stockman.

Roads included are the Old Fort road from the city limits to the Barracks and all the roads running within the marine rehabilitation and training area.

Meanwhile, work is progressing rapidly on construction of a navy air station access road along Altamont drive, on which C. A. Dunn is contractor.

Ship Repairmen Faint at Brooklyn

NEW YORK, June 2 (AP)—A gang of 25 men repairing a United Nations freighter at a Brooklyn pier, were overcome today in the unventilated hold as 195 persons crammed hospitals after being stricken by chlorine gas fumes which affected an estimated 1000 persons yesterday. The accidents were not related.

Rains Continue, Bring Farm Smiles

Continued rain Friday dampened city shoppers' clothes and spirits but was received gratefully by Klamath county farmers and ranchers.

Elk Hills Deal Gets House OK

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—A unanimous house voice vote sent to the senate today legislation authorizing the navy department to enter into a new contract with the Standard Oil Company of California for use of petroleum in the Elk Hills reserve of California.

AERIAL SWEEP FAILS TO STIR UP OPPOSITION

Pas-de-Calais Bashed; Armada Hits Rails In Hungary

By GLADWIN HILL LONDON, June 2 (AP)—Up to 1500 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters struck the heaviest single blow yet at the French invasion coast today and another great armada of 500-750 four-engine planes from Italy bombed five railway yards in Hungary and Transylvania.

Mediterranean air force headquarters reported "good" results in the assaults upon Miskolc, Szolnok and Szeged in eastern Hungary and upon Cluj and Simerian in Transylvania, the mountainous Romanian province which Germany ceded partially to Hungary in 1940.

The Mediterranean strikes were in direct tactical support of the Russian armies massing in the Carpathian slopes. German troops and material had been funneled to the front over lines passing through the five tangled yards.

The Britain-based planes struck the Pas-de-Calais department of France and reported no sign of German fighter opposition.

Before dawn, allied fliers struck over 2000 miles of airways from Scandinavia to France and from Hungary to Crete.

The Pas-de-Calais section, probably the most intensively bombed area in the world for its size, is about 25 miles across the channel from England where Gen. Eisenhower's invasion armies are massed and eager. The department extends 90 miles to the French interior and along 35 miles of the coast and contains such familiar points as Calais; the World War I embarkation port of Boulogne; and Cape Griz Nez, terminal for channel swimmers.

RAF heavy bombers concentrated on southwest French rail yards at Saumur, 150 miles from Paris, and the French coast last (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Smash Nazi Line Assaults

LONDON, June 2 (AP)—Red army troops have smashed all German attempts to crack the Russian lines north of Iasi in Romania and have even counterattacked in some sectors, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, Moscow announced today.

OPA Controls Get Extension Okeh

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—The house banking committee voted unanimously today to extend wartime price controls for a year beyond June 30, after deciding that present food subsidies should be continued and defeating a modified "bankhead amendment" that would have provided special price treatment for the textile industry.

Baseball Scores NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0	3	1
Boston	4	4	0
Heuser and Mueller; Tobin and Masi.			
	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	4	7	3
New York	6	7	0
Roche, Cuccurullo (4); Fischer, Adams (7), Polli (8) and Davis, Lopez (8) and Manuso.			

Boot Top Barricades



With allied troops making headway in their drive on Rome, German Marshal Albert Kesselring is undoubtedly making plans for a stand farther up the Italian boot. Striped areas in the above map indicate the best natural positions where he can attempt to stem the tide of allied advance up the peninsula.

Japs Concentrate Power To Take Vital Railroad; Yanks Gain at Myitkyina

By J. B. KRUEGER Associated Press War Editor The Japanese have concentrated 280,000 troops to pry the Chinese loose from the Hankow Canton railroad and to clear the way for new blows elsewhere in China, a Chungking military spokesman said today.

In manifest alarm over Japan's widespread offensives in north-central and south China, Maj. Gen. C. C. Tseng said the enemy had embarked on a new strategy "as the allies apply greater pressure against Japan, Japan will exert greater pressure against China."

Greater pressure against Japan seemed imminent in the Central Pacific, on the strength of a three-way aerial offensive which took U. S. fliers to the Kuriles north of Japan, to Wake, Guam and the string of Caroline islands including Ponape and Truk.

Such far-reaching raids might be the forerunners of a new fleet-borne offensive in the Central Pacific, the intent being to immobilize enemy bases adjacent to the principal target. This strategy was followed in preparation for the Marshalls invasion last January.

Committee Okes Halved Road Bill

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—The house roads committee today approved a bill by Chairman Robinson (D-Utah) to authorize expenditure of \$1,500,000,000 for a vast, post-war program of highway construction.

Shuttle Bombing Program Starts

MOSCOW, June 2 (AP)—American bombers with American crews escorted by American and Russian fighter planes landed at United States bases in the soviet union today on the first leg of a shuttle bombing of eastern Europe between Britain, Italy, North Africa and Russia.

Soviet ground crews, working alongside American ground crews, raced to the first planes and went about the job of conditioning them for the second leg of their mission: dropping more bombs on industrial and military targets in eastern Europe on the way back.

VALMONTONE AND VELLETRI GO TO ALLIES

Fifth Army Straddles Via Casilina, Cutting Off Enemy

By SID FEDER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, June 2 (AP)—The German wall before Rome began to crumble today as the Fifth Army captured both Velletri and Valmontone, the two biggest fortress cities guarding the eternal city.

The fifth army was firmly astride the Via Casilina after cutting it near Valmontone, threatening to cut off whatever troops the Germans had been unable to withdraw of the nine divisions battling on the lower front.

Wide Arc Fifth army vanguards were spreading out in a wide arc, from the northern Alban foothills to an area between highway 6 and Highway 5 (the Via Tiburtina). The Pepini mountains south of highway 6 were almost completely cleared of the enemy, the AP's Daniel De Luca reported from the front.

Total prisoners taken since the allied offensive started May 12 were approaching 20,000. Velletri is an Appian way junction 18 miles from Rome. American troops are fanning out beyond it into the Alban hills, fighting within sight of Rome's prized buildings.

Rear Guard Action Valmontone, bitterly defended by the crack Hermann Goering armored division, is on the Via Casilina 20 miles southeast of Rome. The Germans were fighting a rear guard action north and west of the breakthrough on the Via Casilina by U. S. tanks and infantry forces.

The eighth army smashing up the Via Casilina pounded in to Ferentino, only 18 miles southeast of Valmontone, and also struck on the east side of the highway, winning Veroli, 15 miles northeast of Ferentino.

Beginning of End All these advances foreshadowed the beginning of the end of the battle for Rome—the city toward which the allies have been pushing, with blood and sweat, since the landings at Salerno last September.

Fall of Valmontone and Ferentino left a gap of no more than 18 miles between the eastern and western sectors of the allied fronts. With the French driving (Continued on Page Two)

Big Pacific Area Hit by U.S. Bombs

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 2 (AP)—A giant Pacific triangular area was dotted by bomb craters today—across 1000 miles of the Carolines, north to Guam, then beyond Japan in the frigid Kuriles and back to Wake—as the consequence of coordinated blows by American bombers from three war theaters.

In operations unprecedented for their swift extent, bombers from the southwest and Central Pacific combed the Carolines; Central Pacific planes flew the 1200 miles to Guam; other Central Pacific bombers pounded Wake; and Aleutian-based planes struck the Kuriles. All planes returned safely from these hazardous operations.

These blows were massed from Sunday through Tuesday and were announced today and yesterday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

WLB Orders Not Subject To Court Review, Ruling

WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—The United States court of appeals for the District of Columbia ruled today that orders of the war labor board are not reviewable by the courts.

The ruling was on an appeal brought by the employers group of Motor Freight Carriers, Inc., an association of carriers and individuals who represent about 300 trucking companies engaged in transporting freight in New England.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Italy today, we CUT ACROSS AND BLOCK Highway 6 just below Valmontone. There is another highway of rail route 7 or 8 miles to north. Kesselring has been BOTH to get his armaments of the Sacco valley pocket. now has ONLY ONE left to

THE British and the French are only 18 miles away to southeast. The speed with which they are advancing in result of the retreating German strengthens the guess that Kesselring is getting the bulk his armies out.

WHAT will happen to Rome becomes a growingly touchy problem. The Pope, in a prepared speech today, expresses hope that the city will be spared, and adds "Whoever would dare lift a hand against the matricide is mother-killer."

OUR Britain-based planes continue to hammer transportation routes in France and Belgium. The British air ministry says today that in general we're wrecking railroads faster than the Germans are able to repair them. (Unable to repair ALL damage, the Germans are concentrating on keeping the THROUGH lines open.)

DAMAGE done to railroads and highways by our planes being extensively supplemented by French and Belgian saboteurs working with explosives dropped to them by air.

THE Russians assert today they have smashed the German attacks in Romania. Moscow says there were three separate Nazi thrusts, all of which were stopped cold by Russian artillery, mortars and machine guns.

THERE are two unexplained but interesting incidents in the news. An "important" German convoy is attacked by allied planes in the Aegean sea, north of Crete. At the same time ports of Crete were bombed. Four of a German ships were left burning and others damaged.

THE British, by German admission, attack and damage German convoy off the coast of Norway. What was it doing? Was it carrying German troops IN or out of the country?

WE see these straws in the wind but don't know what they mean. In a big football game, only the quarterback knows just what he is doing and why. The spectators in the stands can only guess. It's the same in war.

WE'RE putting more reinforcements ashore on Biak, under cover of our fleet guns. Our troops on the coastal road leading to the airport are still waiting until our planes and naval guns can smash the Jap gun positions on the ridge commanding the road.

There is no word so far of reinforcements arriving on Biak.

IN northern Burma, we're attacking Myitkyina today from three sides, and are reported to have SCORED GAINS.

IN interior China, the outlook grows darker, General Tseng, Chinese army spokesman at Chungking, says today the Japs have gathered 280,000 troops for their Hankow-Canton drive of 240,000 at the Hankow end and 40,000 at the Canton end. See your map.)

He says the new Jap strategy is to stay on the defensive in EVER Y W H E R E EXCEPT CHINA. He adds: "As the allies apply pressure against Japan, Japan will apply GREATER pressure against China."

General Tseng says the Japs are massing troops on the border between Indo-China and Yunnan province, building a big base at the same point and (Continued on Page Four)