

NAZI TANK ARMY CAUGHT IN TRAP

Axis Forces In Libya Are Battling To Extricate Selves

CAIRO, Egypt, June 1.—The two armored divisions which form the core of Axis forces in Libya are battling to extricate themselves from a British trap south of Tobruk but after more than two days the major part is still held fast by encircling British minefields, artillery and tanks, the British announced today.

Since noon of May 30 the forces of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel have been making violent attempts to hold two gaps for escape through minefields of the 50-mile British line behind which they were caught while Lieut. Gen. Neil M. Ritchie's guns, tanks and planes hammered them from all sides and from the air in an effort to knock them out.

A casualty of the battle, fought on a burning field of sand swept by duststorms and littered by the black wrecks of tanks, planes and trucks and the dead, was Gen. Ludwig Cruewell, commander of the African corps under Rommel and the most important German army prisoner to fall into British hands in this war. Splattered by the blood of his dead pilot, he was taken captive when his reconnaissance plane was shot down in the midst of the British.

The British, who failed in their objective of destroying Rommel's African corps in their last offensive, were thus presented with a second opportunity as the result of the offensive which the Germans started six days ago.

They were not ready to claim a victory, for they remembered that the slippery Rommel neatly escaped their traps before, but they were confident his drive no longer threatened Tobruk.

The "Battle of the Gaps" on which depended Rommel's fate, centered upon two narrow lanes 15 miles apart through the British line running from Ain El Gazala, on the coast, to Bir Hejmel.

The Nazis, concentrating large numbers of anti-tank guns in these gaps, had held them open despite heavy British attacks. The main German forces swept around the south end of the line toward Tobruk Tuesday night. Then, when the RAF and Mobile units swarmed upon their supply columns, they attempted to withdraw and today were 20 miles east of the line and west of the trails crossing Knight's bridge.

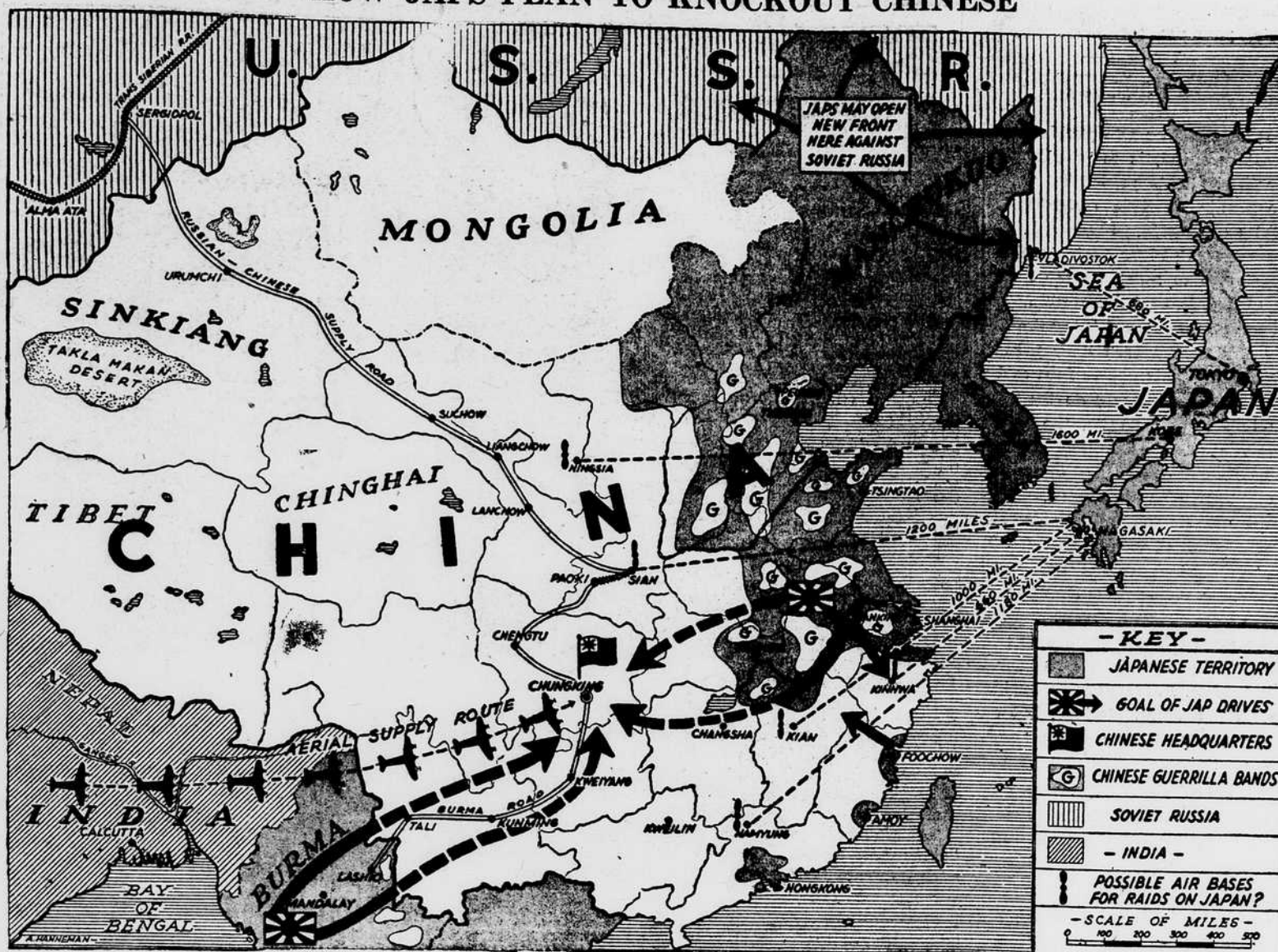
The RAF, putting in some of its heaviest blows, continuously bombed, machine-gunned and shelled the milling armored forces; ranged on to blast supply and air centers at Martuba; Derna, El Tmimi and Messina in Sicily; and apparently encountered heavier opposition, for it reported the destruction of 19 of its own planes, as against four of the enemy.

Some mystery still attached to the reasons for Rommel's offensive at the beginning of the hot season. A diary of Gen. Cruewell's which was found on the 55-year-old commander, disclosed that he had conferred with Adolf Hitler in Germany only a week before the attack. Leaving Africa March 24, he had returned May 24, only two days before the zero hour. His wife died in Germany three weeks ago. A captured order of the day at the start of the offensive, however, disclosed great confidence in Rommel's part. To his men Rommel declared that Axis superiority in numbers and arms "guarantees your victory."

Navy Will Swear In Recruits At Mass Ceremony On Sunday

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Navy announced tonight that thousands of recruits would be sworn in Sunday, June 7, in mass ceremonies all over the nation as "avengers of Pearl Harbor." They will take the oath in unison at 2:25 p. m. E. W. T. The hour at which the first Japanese bombs were dropped on Pearl Harbor.

HOW JAPS PLAN TO KNOCKOUT CHINESE



Japan's latest drives in China have one major goal. They must knock Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies out of the war. If that aim can be achieved new pathways of conquest will be opened to India and perhaps to Russia. If the Jap drives succeed they will also do away with the menace of numerous potential "Shangri-Las" in eastern and central China—daggers pointed at the heart of Japan proper.

ATTORNEY SLASHES POLICE OFFICERS

Three Wounded While Taking Winston-Salem Man Into Custody

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., June 1.—John C. Wallace, former prominent Winston-Salem criminal attorney now awaiting sentence in U. S. court at Greensboro on subornation of perjury charges, was taken into custody here this afternoon at his home after he had wounded three officers with a pocket knife.

The officers injured were: Chief of Police W. F. Anderson, slashed wrist; assistant chief of police R. G. Simpson, knife wound in the temple and special agent P. G. Greer stab in the hand. All received treatment at hospitals. Chief deputy U. S. Marshal Fred M. Lomax also suffered a sprained hand, but did not require treatment.

Chief Anderson said Wallace "walked out of court" in the U. S. district court at Greensboro this afternoon in defiance of a bench warrant issued by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. He came to his home here. Lomax said he came to Winston-Salem with Greer and Deputy Marshal R. E. Stafford and read the bench warrant to Wallace. Lomax quoted Wallace as saying he had no intention of submitting and if the officers set foot on his property he would kill them. Lomax said Wallace then slashed away at the trio with a knife, striking Greer.

Labor Disturbance Is Hinted In Nassau

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A member of the Duke of Windsor's party said tonight he understood there had been "some sort of labor disturbance" at Nassau, capital of the Bahama island group governed by the Duke.

Sidney Farrington, an aide to the Duke, said members of the party had talked with officials at Nassau and were assured that the situation was not serious. The character of the labor disturbance was not explained.

Sterilization Law Invalidated By Court

Tribunal Holds Important Questions Of Human Rights Involved

By WILLIAM R. SPEAR, WASHINGTON, June 1.—Declaring that important questions of human rights were involved, the Supreme court held unconstitutional today an Oklahoma law for the sterilization of certain habitual criminals.

The court struck down the statute because it singled out only certain types of criminals. Such "clear, pointed, unmistakable discrimination" was called as "invidious . . . as if it had selected a particular race or nationality for oppressive treatment."

The act provides for the sterilization of men or women three convicted of felonies but specifically excepts "offenses arising out of the violation of the prohibitory laws revenue acts, embezzlement, or political offenses."

The case at issue involved Jack T. Skinner, 34, of Pittsburg county, Okla., who was convicted once of stealing chickens and twice of armed robbery and ordered in 1937 to be sterilized. The court pointed out that Oklahoma treats larceny and embezzlement the same as far as fines and prison terms are concerned and that if Skinner had embezzled the chickens as an employee of the owner instead of stealing them as a stranger, he would not have been subject to sterilization.

This situation, said the majority decision by Justice Douglas, violates the 14th amendment to the constitution which guarantees all citizens equal protection of the laws. There was no dissent, but Chief Justice Stone and Justice Jackson wrote separate concurring opinions.

Stone thought the act should be held unconstitutional because it failed to provide "due process of law" in that there was no provision for a hearing to determine whether the subject's alleged criminal tendencies were "of an inheritable type."

Jackson agreed with both Douglas and Stone and added that there were "other constitutional questions of gravity," Douglas listed other objections that had been raised to the act but said it was unnecessary to consider them since the "equal protection clause" was violated.

"We are dealing here," he wrote, "with legislation which involves one of the basic civil rights of man. Marriage and procreation are fundamental to the very existence and survival of the race."

Results Of Primary To Be Canvassed By Elections Board Today

Results of Saturday's primary, indicating stiff contests in the runoff for state senator and district solicitor in the second primary June 27, will be canvassed by the county board of elections at 11 o'clock this morning in the courthouse.

Solicitor David Sinclair of Wilmington, who trailed Clifton L. Moore, Burgaw attorney, by 449 votes in the returns from the four counties of the Eighth judicial district, is expected to request a runoff as is Jack Q. LeGrand, Wilmington attorney, who was only 42 votes behind James E. L. Wade, local realtor and former city commissioner, in the race for state senator.

The totals in the race for the solicitorship gave Moore 5,568 votes, Sinclair, 5,019 and Alton A. Lennon, retiring recorder here, 3,996.

Final returns for the county in Saturday's primary were as follows: For United States Senator: Josiah W. Bailey (D), 4,282, Richard T. Fountain (D), 1,003; Stoner W. Klutz (R), 15, and Sam J. Morris (R), 23.

For District Solicitor: David Sinclair, 2,563, Alton A. Lennon, 1,772, and Clifton L. Moore, 1,017.

For State Senator: J. C. Hobbs, 1,145, Jack Q. LeGrand, 2,000, and J. E. L. Wade, 2,042.

For State House: R. M. Kernon, 2,620, Clayton C. Holmes, 2,425.

For Superior Court Clerk: T. A. Henderson, 3,332, Norwood S. Westbrook, 1,907.

For Sheriff: Harry E. Fales, 1,144, C. David Jones, 3,962, and Ernest R. Mayhan, 252.

For Recorder: H. Winfield Smith, 3,113, W. K. Rhodes, Jr., 1,150, W. Jack F. Canady, 370, W. L. Farmer, 324 and E. Fred Banck, 319.

For County Solicitor: J. A. McClelland, 2,447.

PIPELINE BILL IS TURNED DOWN

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Today's procedure permitted no amendments, and it was because of this that most of the expressed opposition developed. Many of the opponents said they desired to knock out the canal provision as unnecessary, but approved of a pipeline. Some of them called the bill a camouflaged Florida ship canal project.

"There is no reason for either one alone," Mansfield contended. "The pipeline alone cannot furnish all the oil the east needs. To do that we must have the canal, and the bill without the canal is impractical."

At the same time, Mansfield said the pipeline could provide enough oil to meet the fuel needs of the eastern states this winter. The canal and pipeline together, he said, were capable of furnishing all the east's normal oil needs.

The pipeline, to extend from Port St. Joe, Fla., to Jacksonville, would carry oil across the Florida peninsula to where it could be moved to the eastern states by barge on the submarine-proof inland waterway. The canal, from Port Ingle, Fla., to the St. John's river, would be the connecting link in a barge route from the Mexican border to Trenton, N. J.

NOT DAMNED THING LEFT IN COLOGNE

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He said the bursting bombs looked like about a thousand big guns firing.

Honychurch formerly was an engineer for a Bridgeport, Conn., hotel, explained Cardinal.

"Don't ask me what they wanted an engineer for in a hotel," he said. "All I know he's nuts about the Brooklyn Dodgers. If I've heard about Whit Wyatt once, I've heard about him a hundred times."

Honychurch attended Erasmus High and Brooklyn college.

Cardinal, who was a second string guard at Southern Methodist University in 1938-39, took this correspondent over to meet Leonard Johnson, 23, of Corpus Christi, another "Royal Texas" airman—but a disappointed one.

Even before introductions, Johnson said sourly: "Don't ask me, I never reached Cologne. One of my motors conked out and I had to turn back. A hell of a motor. I've been over five times on big raids but I miss the brass ring."

"Don't worry, you'll get a crack," Cardinal said.

Johnson brightened and agreed: "Yeah, we'll be going back and with just as many if not more."

"Look, you know when Commander Harris said a thousand bombers a night would knock the Germans out of the war," Johnson went on. "Well tell 'em at home that's right."

"Tell 'em to send some stuff, real stuff over here and we'll knock these Krauts off the map."

Both Cardinal and Johnson agreed that "the British are good."

"They get you down some time because they're so anxious to be correct," said Johnson. "But after the way they organized this raid and carried it out, I take off my hat to them."

"They got guts, too," Cardinal put in. "Though they don't go around hollering about it."

"A kid in my plane got a machine-gun bullet through his leg Saturday night. We didn't know about it until he collapsed getting out of the plane."

"The British learned this business the hard way and the right way. And say, these mass raids are the thing."

"Those Krauts didn't know what to do the other night. Fighters and Flaks all fired wild. If we keep rollin' and our air force comes in we'll end this war sooner than you think."

"That'll please Honychurch," Johnson commented. "Then he can get home to Brooklyn for the world series."

JAPS BROADEN CHINESE FRONT

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Chinese forces which had landed on Yuhwan island, off the south Chekiang coast, had been forced back to their ships after 200 of the invaders were killed or wounded.

But farther inland, today's communique acknowledged loss of Showchang, 30 miles northwest of Kinwha, fallen capital of Chekiang.

(In its version of the new drive in Kwangtung, the Domei news agency said Japanese forces were making "a steady drive northward" above Canton against a Chinese army of "tens of thousands" under General Yu Han-Mou, commander of the Chinese seventh war zone. Japanese warplanes ranged ahead of the invading columns and heavily bombed towns along the Peh river and around Tsungfa, about 50 miles northeast of Canton.)

(The Kwangtung operations apparently another phase of the large-scale thrusts which many observers believe are designed to knock China "out of the war, were following the parallel lines of the Peh river and the Canton-Hankow railroad.)

On the southwestern battlefield, the Chinese reported fighting on the outskirts of Lungling, 25 miles from the Salween river and advance point of the Japanese penetration up the Burma road.

Chinese troops intercepted Japanese reinforcements trying to reach Lungling from Wanting at the Burma-China frontier, advices reaching here said. Two hundred casualties were inflicted on the enemy and eight tanks and cars knocked out.

Japanese attacks in the Tengyueh sector, north of Lungling and west of the Salween, were reported repulsed. The Japanese hold Tengyueh and the Chinese have been closing around the city.

MANOR THEATRE

LAST TIMES TODAY
Frederic March - Loretta Young
in
"A BEDTIME STORY"
with Robert Benchley
Feature at 11:05 - 1:06 - 3:07 - 5:17
7:27 - 9:37

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\$1,000,000 Damage Caused By Tornado

GUYMON, Okla., June 1.—(AP)—Tornado-scarred Guymon counted its property losses at \$1,000,000 today as cleanup squads repaired damages suffered in the Sunday storm that swept through this panhandle city and vicinity.

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With Richard Whorf
Shows 11:25 4:37
7:03 9:09

CAROLINA Today Only!
On Stage: 2:30 4:30 7:30 9:30
Gags! Gags! Gags!
"HOLLYWOOD SCANTIES"
On Screen - Dennis O'Keefe
Ruth Terry in "AFFAIRS OF JIMMY VALENTINE"
Mat. 33c; Nite 44c; Chil. 17c

ROYAL Starts Today!
"THIS TIME FOR KEEPS"
With Ann Rutherford, Robt. Sterling, Guy Kibbee,
Virginia Weilder
Shows 11:24:40 2:30 4:20
6:10 8:30

BIJOU Today Only!
Laugh Special
"BROADWAY LIMITED"
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6:00 7:45 9:30

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