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## U. S. PLANES INTERNEDED AT TURK FIELDS

BASED ON EGYPT  
Lost In Midway Battle

Four Had Been Bombing  
Axis Bases On Black Sea  
Coast Of Russia

STEINHARDT SILENT

First Indication Of Power-  
ful U. S. Bomber Force  
In Middle East

LONDON, June 13.—Four mysterious United States bombers, reported by official Turkish sources to have landed in Turkey yesterday with American crews, were described in British press dispatches tonight as members of a U. S. squadron based on Egypt which had been bombing Axis bases on the German-occupied Black sea coast of Russia.

This said an exchange telegraph agency dispatch from Ankara, a "small" item seems to be the first indication that a powerful American bomber command exists in the Middle East.

In Ankara, United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt declined to make any statement concerning the incidents.

First Indication  
Not only was this the first indication that United States air forces as such were in combat in the Middle East, but it was the first hint of direct action by American fighting services in the battle of Russia.

Turkish sources of information were most circumspect. The official radio stated merely that four American planes had made forced landings at various villages. Informed sources added that the crews—estimated variously at from 21 to 23 in all—had been wounded. Three, it was stated, were wounded.

The Reuters correspondent in Ankara reported, however, that he had seen three of the bombers at the Ankara airport, that they were Consolidated four-engine aircraft, and that they were believed to have attacked Odessa and Nikolayev, both Black Sea ports in occupied Russian territory.

Crew at Ankara  
Twenty-one crew members, the Reuters correspondent added, were reported in the outskirts of Ankara. It was reported, this source went

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## 8 JAP CARRIERS OUT OF ACTION

Half Of Nipponese Carrier  
Power Believed Knocked  
Out Of The War

PEARL HARBOR, June 13.—(AP)—Probably eight Japanese aircraft carriers were sunk or so badly damaged in the Midway and Coral sea battles that they will be unfit for early action, it was shown today by communiqués and reports of battle participants.

This appears to be more than half of the known carrier power of Japan's navy.

In most cases the decks of the carriers were filled with warplanes, indicating the loss in aircraft runs well into the hundreds. Personnel losses to the Japanese in these two battles were tremendous. While no official reports have been made on personnel casualties, unofficial estimates from authoritative sources, based on reports of eye-witnesses, are that 5,600 Japanese were killed in the Coral sea and 10,000 more lost lives in the Midway battle.

At least six of the carriers which were sunk or damaged in the Midway battle were reported to have been destroyed by torpedoes and bombs blasted out of the war either per-

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## Tveit Dies Of Wounds: Authorities Hold Wife

Charles Tveit, 40-year-old electrician, died of gunshot wounds at 8:30 o'clock last night in James Walker Memorial hospital and police held his 27-year-old wife, Nell, in connection with the fatal shooting.

Tveit was shot once in the left chest while in the kitchen of his home at 411 North Second street at 7 o'clock Friday night and was admitted to the hospital shortly afterward.

His wife first told investigating officers J. R. Sellers and H. Hayes that her husband's wound was self-



The Army has announced that Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker (above), commander of the Army air force in Hawaii, was lost in action in the mid-Pacific battle of Midway Island. A remote possibility existed that Tinker and the crew of his plane might still be alive but a thorough search if the sea failed to find them.

## OKLAHOMA STORM TAKES 29 LIVES

Red Cross And Other Relief Agencies Care For 250 Homeless Victims

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 13.—(AP)—Red Cross and other relief agencies cared today for 250 homeless victims of a tornado that killed 29 persons in a southwest residential district and roared off "whistling like 10,000 devils."

That description came from Pvt. G. J. Prince of Will Rogers air field who saw the funnel dip down last night out of a stormy sky, lift a huge truck and lay it down near him in a ditch where he had taken refuge.

The army sent soldiers from the air base who toiled through the night bringing dead and injured from the debris, then stayed on through the day to help tend the survivors.

An area two blocks square in the southwest corner of the city was scooped bare of houses, and only a few trees, limbs and leaves wrenched away by the wind, still stood.

Survivors told of a half-dressed man who had seen the funnel bearing down and ran through the streets, sounding a police whistle to give the alarm.

But there were not enough storm cellars, and many of the dead and the 25 critically injured were caught in their automobiles as they tried to escape the storm's wrath.

A school outside of the storm's path was turned into an emergency shelter and here the Red Cross set up cots and passed out food.

Col. Earl H. Deford of Will Rogers air base took command of 400 soldiers who piled into 30 army trucks, ambulances and civilian buses and rushed to the scene.

With them went wrecking trucks, floodlights and other army emergency equipment.

Base headquarters told of heroism and hard work among the soldier rescuers. Among them was Mess Sgt. Toni Bobola, Nanticoke, Pa. He had finished a day's work, but stayed on for 12 more hours to serve coffee and sandwiches to rescue crews.

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## Soviets Hurl Back M German Drive

Meet Offensive With Great  
Counter-Action Along  
Kharkov Front

LOSSES ARE GREAT

Intense Land, Sea And Air  
Actions Reported From  
Other Sections

By HENRY C. CASIDY  
MOSCOW, Sunday, June 14.—(AP)—Soviet forces meeting the greatest Nazi offensive of the year with strong counter-action in a narrow death trap on the Kharkov front hurled back German tank and infantry attacks in savage fighting all day yesterday, the Russians reported early today.

The Soviet Bureau of Information declared that the Red army inflicted great losses on the Germans. The Nazis were said in Russian accounts to be throwing men into the continuing battle from a huge pool of reserves built up after the recent fighting on the Kharkov front.

Other Action  
Intense land, sea and air actions were reported by the Russians from other sectors of the long front, which, with the Russian-German war almost one year old, is seeing some of its most bitter fighting. These included:

1. The valiant Sevastopol garrison still held its ground firmly in the face of mounting German attacks.

2. Red army infantry and artillery killed and wounded at least 900 German men and officers in an all day battle on the Kalinin front northwest of Moscow.

3. A Soviet ship sank a 6,000-ton enemy ship in the Black sea near Axis-occupied Odessa.

4. The Soviet air force on Friday sank an enemy motor torpedo boat, damaged tow submarines and destroyed or damaged 210 motor trucks.

5. Stormovik bombers in a surprise raid on a railway junction wrecked several German military trains and returned home without a loss.

React Quickly  
The Russians lost no time in reacting violently against the full force of German planes, tanks and motorized infantry thrown into the arrow Kharkov sector by the Germans, reported from the battlefield indicated last night.

These accounts said the Red army appeared to have the situation under control.

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## RUBBER CAMPAIGN TO START MONDAY

Wilmingtonians Urged To  
Take Scrap Material To  
Filling Stations

The city and county-wide scrap rubber drive will start Monday morning, it was announced yesterday by Alexander Sprunt, chairman of New Hanover county salvage committee.

"All who have scrap rubber of any kind," Mr. Sprunt said, "are urged to take it to the filling station nearest their home where they will receive one cent a pound for it."

Rubber articles desired include tires, tubes, hose, stoppers, boots, footwear, heels, hot water bottles, gloves, mats, rubber toys and bands.

"In rural districts collections will be made by the WPA and the

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## WEATHER

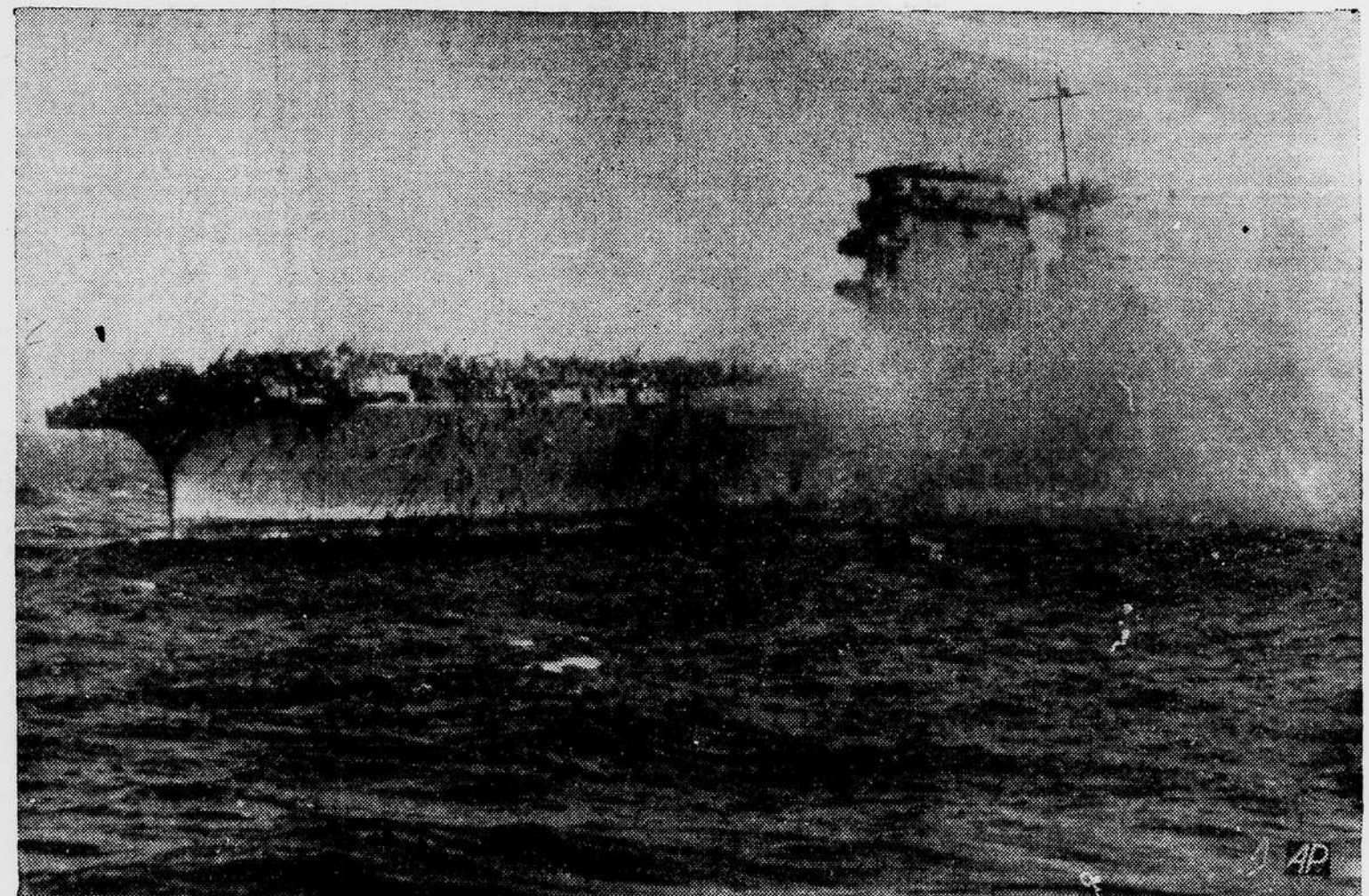
FORECAST:  
NORTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature, with scattered thundershowers Sunday, except slightly cooler mountains and north central portion in afternoon.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):  
(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Temperature:  
1:30 a. m. 79; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 75; maximum 83; minimum 72; mean 78; normal 77.  
Humidity:  
1:30 a. m. 89; 7:30 a. m. 83; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 82.  
Precipitation:  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.51 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.99 inches.

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## AMERICAN AIRMEN FIGHT TO DRIVE JAPS FROM THEIR FINGERTIP HOLD ON END OF ALEUTIAN ISLAND CHAIN

LEXINGTON ABANDONED WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE



This stirring U. S. Navy photo shows members of the crew lined up on deck and some going over the side on ropes in abandoning the United States aircraft carrier Lexington which was sunk by the Japanese in the Battle of the Coral Sea. The ship went down shortly after this picture was made but not a life was lost in abandoning her. Some of the crew members were taken off by the destroyer, dimly visible in the smoke at the right. U. S. forces won a smashing victory and prevented the Japs from either invading or isolating Australia.

## Roosevelt Organizes 'War Information Office' With Elmer Davis As Director

New Agency To Consolidate  
Functions Of Other Bureaus

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today created an "Office of War Information," headed by Elmer Davis, the writer and radio commentator, who was given authority to handle all the information functions of the government.

The new agency will consolidate all of the functions and duties of the Office of Facts and Figures, now headed by Archibald MacLeish; the office of government reports, headed by Lowell Mellett; the division of information of the office for emergency management, in charge of Robert W. Horton, and the foreign information service of the office of coordinator of information, directed by William J. Donovan.

Authority Defined  
Director Davis of the new office also will have authority, subject to policies laid down by the President himself, to "issue directives to all departments and agencies of the government with respect to the information services."

"He will have full authority," said a White House statement, "to eliminate all overlapping and duplication and to discontinue in any department any informational activity which is not necessary or useful to the war effort."

Davis, 52, is a native of Aurora, Ind., but has lived in New York for many years. Since 1939 he has been news analyst for the Columbia broadcasting system. Earlier, he was for several years on the staff of the New York Times.

He is the author of many short

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## 27 Japanese Bombers Stage Raid On Darwin

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, June 14.—(AP)—Twenty-seven Japanese bombers escorted by fighters raided Darwin yesterday but did little damage, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The raid was carried out while Australia with the rest of the Allied world was celebrating MacArthur Day.

One enemy and one Allied plane were lost, headquarters announced.

## CHINESE BATTLING JAPS AT TSUNGJEN

CHUNGKING, China, June 13.—(AP)—Chinese soldiers bitterly contesting a concerted Japanese move to gain complete control of the Chekiang-Kiangsi rail line in eastern China have killed several hundred Japanese troops in a sudden attack on Tsungjen and are engaging the enemy in southwestern Chekiang province, it was reported today.

The Chinese high command said the Chinese attack on Tsungjen, a city 60 miles south of Nanchang, western terminus of the railroad, occurred at noon last Wednesday. Military supplies were reported seized. Tsungjen was occupied by the Japanese last Tuesday.

The Japanese command said the fighting east and west of Kiangshan, a station on the rail line 10 miles inside the Chekiang border and 50 miles west of the Japanese-occupied city of Chuhshien, and the battle southwest of Changshan, 25 miles west of Chuhshien, were continuing "with ferocity."

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## STRIKE THROUGH DIRTY WEATHER

Navy Stands On Announcement  
That Attacks On  
Japs 'Continuing'

ENEMY IS REPORTED  
IN HARBOR OF KISKA

Army And Navy Circles  
View Attacks As Nothing  
To Arouse Concern

BY ELTON C. FAY  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—American Army and Navy aviation, striking whenever the dirty weather of the far north permitted, were at work today to drive the Japanese from their fingertip hold on the outermost end of the Aleutian Island chain stretching westward from Alaska.

The progress of operations, however, was obscure. The Navy, for the time, stood on its original announcement that attacks against the Japanese in the islands "are continuing."

The Japanese, the Navy said, had made a small scale landing at Attu, westernmost of the islands, and enemy ships had been reported in the harbor of Kiska, in the Rat Island group.

Only Achievement  
The Japanese landing at lonely Attu was the only achievement salvaged from Nippon's grand scale offensive attempt in the North Pacific.

The southern wing of that offensive was broken and sent limping away in the action of Midway.

In army and navy circles, the Japanese landings were viewed as nothing to arouse concern. Whatever Japan's original intentions, it was believed the heavy losses of Japanese warships off Midway had undertaken to expand and exploit left the enemy in no position to the footholds.

Most naval men apparently included to the view that no real threat to Alaska was involved. Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, told reporters at Baltimore that the Japanese action was of "no real importance" and might even become an enemy liability.

But there were those who pointed out that a position on Attu could be of definite military value to Japan, even if it did not become eventually the first stepping stone for an attempted full-scale move on Alaska and the North American mainland.

It could be a listening post along the route from Alaska to Japan—or to Siberia—relieving to some extent the necessity for Japanese reconnaissance by submarine, surface ship and aircraft.

Japan has a naval base at Paramushiro Jima, at the northern end of the Kurile island group and something less than 700 miles from Attu. Russia, America's ally in the war with Germany (although still at uneasy peace with Japan), has a base at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka peninsula. Should the time come when Russia and Japan fight, it would be to the interest of Japan to know what air and surface ship movements were occurring between Alaska and bases in Russia's maritime lands. Attu would be a good spot for that observation.

Grim View  
In Canada, there was a disposition by at least one high official to view the Aleutian island attack in grim manner. Vice-Admiral

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## WAR-STIRRED AMERICANS HONOR FLAG, MACARTHUR

(By The Associated Press)  
Across the length and breadth of the nation war-stirred Americans paid tribute this week-end to a flag for which they fight, and a sister United Nations in reaffirming their will to final victory.

In populous cities and in tiny villages bands played, troops marched and the "home front" paraded yesterday in honor of General Douglas MacArthur and Flag Day.

From his headquarters in Australia, the hero of the Philippines

sent a message calling the designation of June 13 as "MacArthur Day" a rededication "to the immortal ideals of West Point: Duty, honor, country."

Celebration of the anniversary of his entrance into West Point "fills me with humble thanksgiving," he said.

Emphasizing the comradeship of the 27 nations united against the Axis powers, their representatives will meet with President Roosevelt at the White House today (Sun-

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