

U.S. Airplanes Stop Raiders At Chungking

Roar Out To Meet Jap Force Attacking Capital Of China NONE REACH CITY Not Known Whether Interceptors Contacted Enemy Bombers

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, July 27.—(AP)—United States warplanes which roared out to meet a squadron of perhaps 30 Japanese raiders saved this often-bombed Chinese capital from attack tonight while its tens of thousands of people huddled anxiously in caves and shelters for two hours and five minutes through their first air raid alarm in 11 months.

It was not known immediately whether the American planes actually engaged the Japanese. However, not a single one of the raiders which streamed in at dusk from across the eastern border of Szechwan province reached the vicinity of the capital. The alarm sounded at 7:10 p. m. (7:10 a. m. Eastern War Time) and sent the city's residents streaming in long lines—each family carrying its most precious possessions—to the cramped caves where vegetable oil lamps flickered in the heat.

The scene was familiar. For the last three years the Japanese have subjected the crowded city to

COUNTY TO REVEAL COMMUNICATIONS To Publish Letters Written To Lennon On Question Of Saturday Court

The county commission voted to have the letters written to Recorder Alton A. Lennon, requesting that Recorder's court be held six days a week in compliance with the law, published in the newspaper on motion of Commissioner Harry R. Gardner "so the public may know the issue at stake" at the Monday meeting.

In referring to an article released to the press July 14 by Recorder Lennon, Commissioner Gardner declared "he is trying to confuse the mind of the public in that we tried to dictate the policy of the court. He has evaded the issue and I would like to see the original letters published."

After Tax Collector C. R. Morse reported that 85 per cent of 1941 taxes had been collected at present, the board voted to authorize the tax collector to advertise for sale all property on which 1941 taxes are uncollected.

WLB REFUSES WAGE INCREASE TO 1,200 Applies Wage Stabilization Formula For The First Time Since Start

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—Applying its wage stabilization formula for the first time since it was promulgated in the little steel industry, the War Labor Board today granted a general wage increase to 1,200 employees of the Wilmington Rand Company plants at Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Nazis Claim Capture Of Rostov



As Moscow announced a withdrawal in the Novocherkassk area, Berlin claimed that Nazi troops entered important Rostov. With progress of other German drives obscure, heaviest fighting has been reported recently at Novocherkassk and Tsimlyansk. Shaded area represents approximate German gains since June 28.

Allies Pounding Axis Bases With Big Guns

WITH THE BRITISH FLEET IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, July 27.—(World)—British warships are giving the Axis seaborne supply lines a steady pounding which is putting a serious crimp into Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Egyptian campaign. Along with frequent shelling of the advanced Axis supply base at Matruh, this work at present is the most important part of the Navy's contribution to the desert war.

Supply ships laden with gasoline, ammunition, and foodstuffs have been sunk within the last two weeks, ships whose safe arrival would have meant another "shot in the arm" for the weary enemy forces. With them probably went a dozen smaller craft—lighters, schooners and such—which were blasted to bits by Navy bombers and the guns of the fleet.

The enemy's feverish efforts to move batteries of heavy guns into a line of steel around Matruh so far have proved singularly ineffective in halting the rain of high explosive from the British warships. Location of the bases from which the British vessels suddenly have wept into broadside position a few miles off Matruh six times within two weeks has been a carefully guarded secret. This strategy has worked well.

HIGGINS LOSES ANOTHER ROUND Shipbuilder From New Orleans Hears House Table 'Resolution'

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—A ruddy-faced Irishman from the deep south, hopeful of "revolutionizing" the ship-building industry, lost today a new round in his fight to block cancellation of his Maritime Commission contract for construction of 200 Liberty ships.

WEATHER FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Continued warm and humid Tuesday with only a few thundershowers at widely scattered places.

(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. 77; 7:30 a. m. 79; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 81; maximum 89; minimum 76; mean 82; normal 78. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 92; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 68. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 3.60 inches. (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington High 4:53a. 10:37p. 5:08p. Masonboro Inlet 7:51a. 1:51p. 8:26p. 1:59a. Sunrise 5:20a; sunset 7:16p.; moonrise 8:02p.; moonset 6:11a. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 6 a. m., July 27, 9.96 feet.

REDS ADMIT EVACUATION OF ROSTOV AND NOVOCHERKASSK; ARMY OF NILE CONTINUES AGGRESSIVE DESERT WAR

ALLIES ARE DRIVING ON Offensive In Northern Sector Results In Capture Of Prisoners BOMBERS HIT TOBRUK Big Sunday Night Raid Touches Off Huge Fires In Supply Base

By EDWARD KENNEDY CAIRO, Egypt, July 27.—(AP)—Renewing the aggressive tactics which pushed the Germans and Italians off a number of strategic ridges west of Al Alamein last week, Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck's forces drove forward in the Egyptian desert again last night and today.

The limited offensive opened last night in the northern sector, following a week-end pause, resulted in the capture of prisoners and was continued today, British sources said.

The attack was launched while both sides were feverishly building up forces and supplies in expectation that a big operation will be undertaken shortly by one side or the other, and while the Germans and Italians were still under the disadvantage of hard and repeated blows by American and British airmen who delivered some of their mightiest assaults over the week-end against Marshal Rommel's supply lines and bases.

Both sides lost somewhat heavily last week when the British pushed forward in a number of actions to seize a series of strategic ridges that dot the sandy landscape between the sea and the Qattara Depression.

ENEMY SUBS SINK 400 ALLIED SHIPS Latest Destruction Of Little Onion Boat Boosts Atlantic Total

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The sinking of an obscure little onion boat by hungry Nazis, announced yesterday by the Navy, boosted to 400 the unofficial associated press tabulation of Allied and neutral ships torpedoed to the bottom of the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

The ironic sinking of the 55-foot craft was reported by Capt. Walter Broward Crosland, who said a low-raided U-boat hijacked his boat just off Havana, forced himself and two other crewmen out and then helped themselves to 40,000 pounds of onions, canned goods and a quantity of diesel oil. The three survivors heard an explosion later and presumed the craft was sunk.

Thus in 233 days Axis underwater raiders have averaged nearly two victims daily on the basis of reported sinkings on the western Atlantic front. With the loss of the 400 ships went the lives of more than 2,000 seamen.

CENTRAL AMERICA HELPING ON ROADS Six Republics Cooperating With U. S. On Highway Construction

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—Six central American republics are joining with the United States in an emergency job of road-building to bypass the submarine menace and provide an overland route from this country to the Panama Canal.

British Bombers Hit Hamburg Leaving Entire Port Ablaze



Take a look at the eyes behind the flight goggles of this student aerial gunner in training at the Harlingen Army Gunnery school in Texas. They're steely and cold, the kind the U. S. Air Force is looking for to squirt through the sights of a machine gun, and knock Axis planes out of the air.

BIG CARGO PLANES PROPOSED BY LEE Tells Colleagues Air Borne Transport Offers Only Chance To Win War

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—A fleet of giant cargo and troop-carrying planes was proposed in the Senate today as the only answer to the submarine menace.

Youthful Senator Lee (D-Okla.) solemnly told his colleagues that air-borne transportation offered the "only possible chance we have of winning this war."

His resolution, calling for a special board to start immediate construction, was referred to the Military Affairs Committee.

Lee said it had been estimated that 10 per cent of Hitler's airplane production was devoted to giant flying boats, but that percentage

London Has Raid Alert As Several Planes Fly Over City; No Bombing

LONDON, Tuesday, July 28.—(AP)—An air raid alert sounded in London early today shortly after anti-aircraft fire was heard and several planes were believed to be German flew over the city.

No bombings in the metropolitan area were reported but the bursts of anti-aircraft fire were heard distinctly.

One of the planes, identified by the sound of its motor as German, was heard crossing and re-crossing London as anti-aircraft gunners blazed away at it.

Alaskan And Aleutian Defenses To Be Checked

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BY DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, July 27.—(AP)—At least six hundred RAF bombers which swarmed upon Hamburg in a powerful overnight assault left Germany's prize port and greatest submarine building center ablaze today from a shower of two-ton explosives and more than 175,000 incendiary bombs in another flaming answer to the U-boat challenge.

Air Marshal Arthur Harris described the assault as "one of the outstandingly successful attacks of the whole war."

Returning airmen said that although the size of the attacking force was short of the 1,999-plane standard set in June, perfect visibility and the weight of the 4,000-pound explosives dropped made the results "better than the 1,000-bomber job on Bremen."

One American member of a Canadian unit which took part in the attack said the great German town of 1,700,000 population was so ablaze with fires, searchlight beams and bomb-bursts that it "looked like Coney Island on a Saturday night."

The air ministry news service said that the 29 bombers lost in the raid were "well under five percent of the total number of bombers employed," indicating that at least 600 planes were used.

It described the losses as relatively light, especially considering that "at the present stage of the war Hamburg is probably the most important target in all Germany" and is "without doubt the best defended town in Germany."

(The Germans said they shot down 37 attacking aircraft. They reported "fairly heavy casualties" and said "a number of buildings, almost all in residential quarters, were destroyed or damaged.")

Faced with the prospect of United States squadrons soon adding to the fighter strength of the RAF, the German air force struck back at Britain with breakfast-time bombings in western and southern England, the Midlands, and into the home counties within 50 miles of London.

Two brief daylight alerts were sounded in the capital while residents of inland communities saw black-crocodile-marked bombers for the first time in many months.

About 30 German planes participated in the scattered raids, striking out of cloud cover. Casualties were reported in a number of sections, but the air ministry said relatively little damage was caused.

The big Blohm and Voss shipping yards, said to be capable of building 25 submarines at a time, were

OPA HEARS SOLONS ON GAS RATIONING Say Denial Of Additional Fuel Would Imperil Business

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—Denial of additional gasoline to traveling salesmen would imperil vital businesses, OPA officials in charge of gasoline rationing were told today.

Limited now to only enough gasoline to permit 470 miles per month of travel, the salesmen seek easing of the restrictions to allow them at least 1,500 miles per month of business travel.

Several congressmen who addressed the group denounced the OPA's provision that political candidates might get unlimited quantities of gasoline, and said they would give up theirs if it could be

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WILEY ADVOCATES BIG TAX INCREASE Senator From Wisconsin Proposes Huge Revenue From Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—A huge increase in taxation, so that half the government's expenditures would be met out of current revenue instead of borrowing was advocated today by Senator Wiley (R-Wis.).

"We should not consider for one moment passing on to the following generation more than 50 per cent of the cost of this war," he said in a Senate speech. "If we do we are pikers."

The pending \$67,211,000,000 would bring total federal revenues to a total of only \$22,000,000,000 he said as against prospective war expenditures of \$720,000,000 during the next twelve months.

Wiley suggested that "timid, mincing steps" be abandoned; that Congress raise \$36,000,000,000 by taxation and insist that Americans buy \$36,000,000,000 in war bonds.

All senators voting for this plan he said, could demonstrate leadership by pledging one-third of their net income to the purchase of government bonds.

The Senate Finance committee heard a proposal for "advancing the clock" on income tax collection.

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AIR CORPS WORKS IN MANEUVER AREA Planes Criss Cross 5,000 Square Mile Carolina Terrain

WADESBORO, July 27.—(AP)—Light bombers and fighter planes criss-crossed the Carolinas maneuver area today as Red and Blue forces of the Sixth Army Corps moved into positions for the air-ground co-ordination problems if the Army's first wartime maneuvers.

The pilots sought to acquaint themselves with the terrain of the 5,000-square-mile maneuver area in order to better detect camouflage positions.

Blackout operations were ordered tonight as thousands of troops began occupying well-concealed bivouac areas in order to avoid detection by dawn patrols of both air forces.

Maj. Gen. E. J. Dawley, maneuver director, announced that Maj.

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'SO SORRY FOR YOU BUT WE NEED THIS' Is Jap Attitude As Yellow Race Tightens Grip On City Of Shanghai

BY MORRIS J. HARRIS AND JAMES D. WHITE LOURENCO MARQUES, Portuguese East Africa, July 27.—(Delayed)—Still maintaining their traditional "So-Sorry-For-You-But-We-Need-This" attitude, the Japanese have steadily tightened their grip on Shanghai's historic international settlement.

Just to keep the record straight, the Japanese occasionally remind the public and themselves that perhaps the settlement is still supposed to be international, but this in no way hampers them from doing or appropriating anything they wish.

Immediately after war was declared the tentacles of Japanese control reached into the farthest

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CD NEEDS

Table listing needs for decontamination squads, including duties, training, and enlistment statistics.