

Nazis Prepare For 2nd Front War By Allies

Sending Battle Trained Soldiers To The 'Invasion Coast' Of France

INVITATION IS ISSUED Goebbels Gives Hearty Welcome To Attempt By British And U. S.

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS BERN, Switzerland, July 29.—(P)—The Germans sent battle-trained and newly-rearmed SS Elite Guard troops wheeling down the Champs Elysees in Paris today en route to the "invasion coast," and to this widely-advertised gesture Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels added the declaration that the opening of an Allied second front would be "an act of madness."

In the article in the weekly Das Reich giving the official stamp to the increasing propaganda in Germany concerning a second front, Goebbels issued a "hearty welcome" to the British and said he hoped some Americans would join them in trying invasion.

"Those MacArthur," he wrote, "when for the first time would make the acquaintance of German soldiers who, although not carrying tennis rackets and golf clubs, would carry first class weapons and would bring with them a vast store of war experience collected on all the European battlefields."

"They would gladly take the opportunity of making it plain to the Yankees that entrance to Europe is forbidden. He discounted the speculation that developed through the winter to the effect that a Germany would be forced to withdraw her troops from the west, at the expense of their garrisons in the occupied

JAIL 'CLEAN-UP' RECOMMENDED

Grand Jury Submits Report On Conditions In County Detention Cells

Recommendation that the county jail be given a "general cleaning and painting," ventilators be installed in the skylights and additional fans be provided was included in the grand jury report submitted to Judge Luther Hamilton Wednesday.

In commenting on the report, Judge Hamilton said "your report is a fair reflection of conditions existing in the various departments of county government and I commend you heartily for your dispatch of business pertaining directly to the court and for your thoroughness in your investigation of the county jail and county home and other departments. I do not congratulate county authorities for letting such conditions as your report shows exist."

Judge Hamilton ordered that copies of the report be sent to the chairman of the county board of commissioners, the county attorney and the clerk of court.

EXPERTS CAUTION ON PLANE OUTPUT

Warn Against Expecting Impossible Feats Of Cargo Liner Production

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(P)—Aviation experts agreed today that huge fleets of cargo carrying planes would add tremendously to America's war potential, but cautioned against expecting impossible feats of production.

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I ace who became president of Eastern Airlines, told a Senate Military Affairs subcommittee he believed it would be wiser to build such planes in factories designed for the purpose than to attempt immediate conversion of shipyards into aviation plants.

Russians Defend Vital Railway



Taking positions on a hill, Russian soldiers battle in defense of a vital railroad somewhere in the region just north of the Caucasus during the current German drive toward that important oil region. The Soviets admitted the thrust has cost them the strategic city of Rostov.

Chinese Counter Attacks Progressing In Kiangsi

CHUNGKING, July 29.—(P)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese counter-attacks were making further headway in Kiangsi province and that Chinese forces in Hupeh had repulsed all Japanese thrusts against the Tachung mountains.

Chinese troops were said to have encircled the "outer regions" of Kweiiki along the Chekiang-Kiangsi rail line in Kiangsi province, forcing the Japanese to withdraw inside the fortifications of the town.

Fighting also continued south of Yingtan, another station on the railroad, the high command said. Chinese troops attacking Linchwan, 60 miles southeast of Nanchang, the provincial capital, were said to have reached the outskirts of the city Sunday, and a communiqué reported that they "now are launching a fierce assault upon the city."

In the southern top of Nonan province, the Chinese reported taking a heavy toll of Japanese troops northwest of Sinyang, important Japanese base on the Peiping-Hankow railway. The Chinese withdrew before Japanese reinforcement could be brought up.

BIDDLE FLAYS NAZI SABOTEURS

Calls Axis Enemy Aliens Who Came To U. S. Bent Upon Destruction

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(P)—Attorney General Biddle denounced the alleged Nazi saboteurs in the Supreme court today as enemy aliens who came to this country bent upon destruction but who, now that they are caught, seek to avoid wartime penalties by appeal to the Civil Court.

Emphatically, he urged the High Tribunal to refuse to issue a writ of habeas corpus demanded by counsel for seven of the eight defendants.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature with scattered thundershowers today. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 78; maximum 82; minimum 77; mean 84; normal 79. 541p Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 90; 1:30 p. m. 50; 7:30 p. m. 62. Precipitation: ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 3.63 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): High Low 11:48a. 6:31a. 5:50p. 3:28a. 10:07p. 5:41p. Wilmington Masonboro Inlet 9:37a. 3:28a. 9:23p. moonset 8:24a. Sunrise 5:22a; sunset 7:15p; moonrise 9:23p; moonset 8:24a. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Wednesday at 8 a. m., 9.69 feet. (Continued on Page Twelve; Col. 3)

Attack Supplies With Bombers

Strike At Suda Bay, Crete And Battered Tobruk With Air Raids

SCOTCHMEN ARRIVE

Two Weary Highlanders Trudge Into Desert Post After Tobruk Fall

By STEPHEN BARBER CAIRO, Egypt, July 29.—(P)—United States and RAF bomber attacks on German and Italian supply bases at Suda Bay, Crete, and on battered Tobruk were reported officially today while desultory artillery drills provided the major action on the Egyptian land front.

American and British air forces, although operating on a reduced scale in the battle area, hit shipping and trucks carrying material by which Marshal Erwin Rommel hopes to build up his forces for a renewed assault towards Alexandria.

The heavy Allied bombers which attacked Suda bay scored direct hits on ships, it was reported. At Tobruk, the British reported, one vessel was hit and many large fires were started in the harbor area. Both raids occurred Monday night.

Other bombers were active over Matruh and Galai, behind Rommel's line in Egypt. During daylight yesterday long range fighters and light bombers attacking coastwise barges sank one and probably sank another, the British said.

2 SHIP CAPTAINS DIE IN SINKING

Both Masters, One A Passenger, Sucked Down When Vessel Hit

AN EAST COAST PORT, July 29.—(P)—Two ship captains, one traveling as a passenger, died with 16 other officials and men July 24 when Axis torpedoes blasted a small United States merchant vessel to the bottom in the near-record time of one minute.

Fourteen men survived, including two seamen traveling as passengers. Two of the ship's officers were among them. They came here after landing on a large West Indian island.

Two torpedoes exploded in rapid succession against opposite sides of the ship, indicating that two submarines teamed up for the attack. "Both captains went down with the ship," said Third Officer Russell Dennis of Mathews county, Va. "The ship sank as our master, Capt. George Dewey Hodges, descended a ladder from the bridge. The visiting skipper was lost as he attempted to cut loose a life raft."

The guest captain's name was (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Army Air Force General Now Stationed In Africa

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(P)—Brigadier General Shepler W. Fitzgerald, until recently head of the advanced training command of the southeast Air Corps tactical command at Maxwell Field, Ala., is now in Africa on an assignment for the air transport command.

Officials of the War department would not give location of his headquarters or the exact nature of his duties with the command, which ferries combat planes to war zones and which has charge of the Army's air and cargo flight operations.

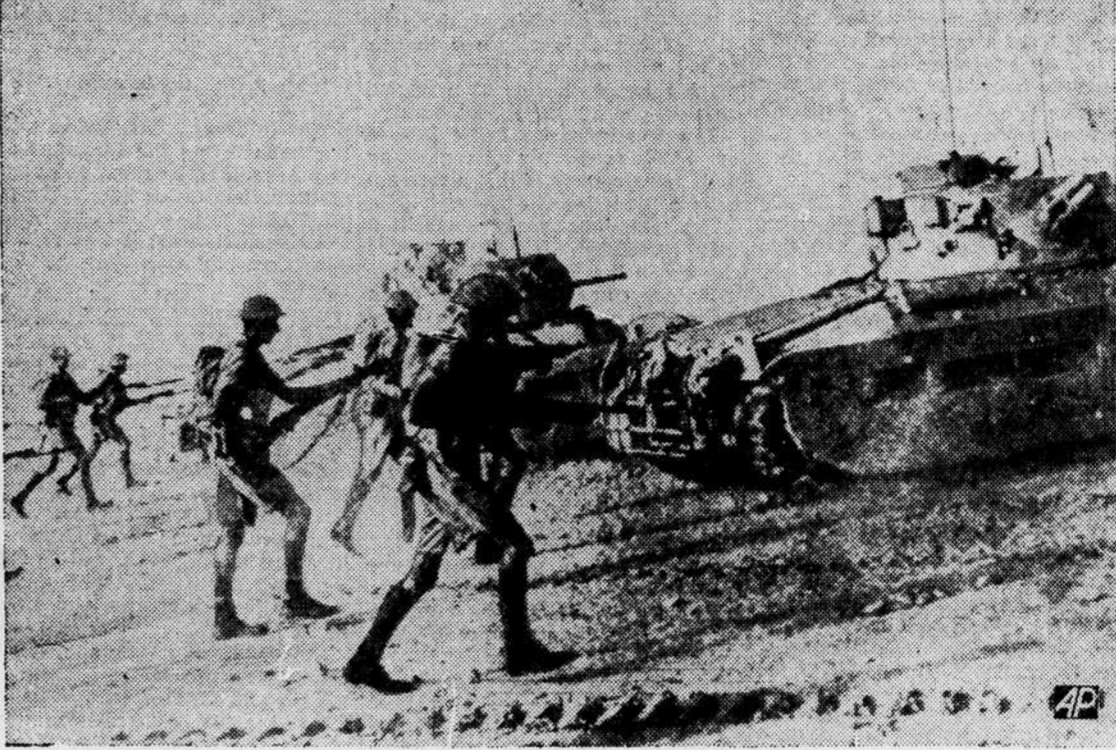
All Fuel Oil Deliveries To Be Stopped August 3

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(P)—Acting to build reserve stocks for winter consumption, the War Production Board today ordered all deliveries of fuel oil for heating and air-conditioning equipment stopped in the east between August 3 and September 15.

Petroleum coordinator Harold L. Ickes recommended the move, which affects 17 eastern seaboard states and the District of Columbia. The area already is under gasoline rationing.

RUSSIANS THROW RESERVES AGAINST GERMANS; HEAVY FIGHTING STILL UNDERWAY

Scots Go Into Battle On Egyptian Desert



Behind heavy tanks moving through a smoke screen, Scots Guard go into battle against Axis forces in the El Alamein sector, north of the Qattara Depression, in the fight to save Egypt. It was on this line the British Empire forces stopped Axis units under Gen. Rommel and then began to edge westward.

City-County Resolution Wants TWP Rate Probe; Bellamy Says Errors In Winborne Statements

The city council and Board of county commissioners passed a resolution yesterday morning, which in effect demanded an investigation of the rate structure of the Tide Water Power company in answer to the proposed rate reductions set forth last week by utilities commissioner.

Quoting from a pamphlet published by the Federal Power Commission, on typical electric bills in North Carolina, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy showed yesterday that Wilmington's power rate is considerably higher than other cities of comparable size in the state.

For residential service, with a watt-hour, Wilmington ranked power consumption of 25 kilowatt-hours, Wilmington stands thirteenth in a list of 19 cities, with all higher rates in cities whose power thereby aiding the city and county pointed out.

For a consumption of 100 kilowatt-hours in a list of 21 cities, all below being publicly owned. In a consumption of 250 kilowatt-hours, the city ranked seventeenth in a list of 21 cities, all below municipally owned plants.

While the rates quoted in the pamphlet list Wilmington among the cities of 10,000 to 50,000 population, having been published in 1941, Mayor Bellamy pointed out that the rates for towns of 50,000 population or more, were for the most part, much less.

According to the latest estimate for the population of Wilmington, it ranks about second largest city in the state.

The rate for Charlotte, largest city, for a consumption of 25 kilowatt-hours, is \$1.33, as compared with Wilmington's rate of \$1.44. (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 1)

WAR NURSERIES TO BE STARTED

Establishments Will Care For 50,000 Children Of Working Mothers

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(P)—WPA announced today that in order to make additional thousands of women available for war production jobs, 6,000,000 had been allocated for "war nursery schools to care for 50,000 children of working mothers."

"With the opening of new schools under the war-time program," the WPA said, "Mothers in increasing numbers are being freed to go into bomber plants, munitions works and other war production activities. The program will be sponsored by local educational authorities. Its development followed a statement by war manpower chief Paul V. McNutt that the war production effort would demand the services of more women WPA. Figures showed that of 1,700,000 persons who were given new employment (Continued on Page Eight; Col. 7)

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE

Red Communiques Indicate Slowing Of Nazi Armored Steamroller

2,000 ARE 'WIPED OUT'

Kill Many Invading Officers And Men On Battlefront At Bataisk

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Thursday, July 30.—(P)—The Russian armies of the south were reported throwing reserves into the bitter battle against the Germans today and the Soviet midnight communique indicated the Nazi steam-roller had made little if any progress in the last 24 hours.

While dispatches from the battlefield said the Russians finally were beginning to put their huge manpower reserve into action, the communique merely said that "fierce engagements" with the enemy were fought in the Tsimlyansk and Bataisk areas of the Don and Caucasus and on the north end of that flaming front in the Voronezh area.

On the critical Caucasian battlefield at Bataisk, 15 miles below Rostov, the Russians said heavy fighting continued throughout the day. Infantry troops defending one important position, supported by tanks and planes, wiped out about 2,000 German men and officers.

The communique announced for the first time that the Germans were attacking west of Kletskaia, 120 miles northwest of Stalingrad and well to the north of the Don-Caucasus battleground. Kletskaia is on the Don river well below Voronezh. (This opening of a new front might indicate (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

BRITISH CONTINUE SCOURGE OF NAZIS

Follow Harris' Declaration With Tons Of Explosives Over Hamburg

LONDON, July 29.—(P)—Big, black four-motored British bombers, implementing their commander's threat to "scourge" Germany from end to end poured tons of explosive and incendiary bombs on Hamburg last night and left that great port and U-boat cradle covered with flames.

It was the second mass raid on Hamburg in three nights. An RAF commentator said it was "very successful, even more so than we anticipated."

He added that the continuing bomb raids of such a large scale are causing the German government "increasing concern." While Hamburg was put under the massed bombs of perhaps 600 planes, 32 of which were acknowledged lost, British fighters attacked German communications in western Europe in night-long raids.

Then today the RAF struck at targets in western Germany in the fourth successive daylight raid, and spittires bombed locomotives (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)



CD NEEDS

- Drivers Corps: 212 (Men and Women)
Duties: Cars and drivers assigned to first aid squads, casualty stations and control center.
Training: General course, gas defense B, first aid—10 hours. Enlisted to date: 38. Quota: 250.
Enlistments yesterday: Air Raid Wardens 17 Control Room 2 Total 19