

Tug Ammunition Cart Over Ridge



Two members of the Navy Shore Patrol aid in pulling a small ammunition cart over a ridge at Attu Island during the recent campaign. American troops were put ashore. (Navy Photo).

J. F. Byrnes Named Head Of U.S. Economic Control

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today centered under James F. Byrnes the government's vast wartime controls over the nation's economic life, and made him the arbiter where civilian and military needs come into conflict.

By executive order, Mr. Roosevelt created the post of Director of War Mobilization and appointed to it the 64-year-old former South Carolina senator and Supreme Court justice who left the highest court last October to become Director of Economic Stabilization.

In this position, Byrnes, who already had been dubbed "assistant president" while Economic Stabilization Director, will hold greater powers than have ever been wielded by any American outside the office of the presidency itself.

Mr. Roosevelt's order empowered him:

"To develop unified programs and to establish policies for the maximum use of the nation's natural and industrial resources for military and civilian needs, for the effective use of the national manpower not in the armed forces, for the maintenance and stabilization of the civilian economy, and for the adjustment of such economy to war needs and conditions."

He was authorized, too, to "unify the activities" of federal agencies concerned with production and distribution of military and civilian supplies, and to issue directive orders to them.

Thus Byrnes may issue orders to War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers, Secretary Ickes in Ickes' capacity as petroleum administrator, and the other government "czars" in limited fields. He is empowered, too, to issue directives to the War and Navy departments insofar as their acquisition of supplies is concerned.

In the same order, Mr. Roosevelt established what is in effect a war cabinet composed of Byrnes, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Chairman Harry Hopkins of the War Relocation Authority, and Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board, and Judge Fred M. Vinson, former Kentucky representative who is leaving the District of Columbia court of appeals to succeed

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WEATHER

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA: Little change in temperature.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

1:30 a. m., 69;	7:30 a. m., 70;	1:30 p. m., 70;	
4:30 p. m., 77	Maximum, 67;	minimum, 64;	mean, 74

Humidity
1:30 a. m., 86; 7:30 a. m., 70; 1:30 p. m., 63; 7:30 p. m., 63

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 2.55 inches.

Idea For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

	High	Low
Wilmington	5:28a	11:40a
Morehead Inlet	5:09p	10:11p
Masonboro Inlet	4:31p	10:47p
Moore's Inlet	4:30p	10:32p
New Topsail Inlet	4:09a	10:21a
Old Topsail Inlet	4:41p	10:57p

(All times Eastern Standard)

Sunrise, 5:02 a. m.; sunset, 7:16 p. m.; moonrise, 2:36a; moonset, 3:11p.

Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Friday, at 8 a. m., 18.24 feet.

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LAST JAP POSITION ON ATTU PENETRATED; ESSEN SLUGGED BY BIG BRITISH BOMBERS; RUSSIANS BEATING AT MAIN ENEMY LINES

NEW ATTACK MADE

RAF Employs Recently Devised 'Wave-Bombing' Plan Of Raids

10 SEPARATE SWEEPS

Huge Planes Roar Over Targets For Period Of 50 Minutes

LONDON, May 28.—(AP)—In great strength, big RAF bombers slugged Essen, that "most bombed city in the world," last night on a newly devised "wave-bombing" pattern of attack, carrying out the third massive bombardment of Germany in five nights.

The Air Ministry disclosed today that the wave-bombing plane sent the four-engined heavyweights roaring over their targets in ten separate sweeps ranged over a period of 50 minutes.

Strategy Kept Secret
How this aerial strategy differs in effect from the widely used saturation type attack was not disclosed.

Each wave was of about equal strength, but the bomb loads varied so that each would cause the greatest devastation at successive stages of the attack.

Well over 1,000 tons of bombs were dumped on the dense industrial area centering around the Krupp munitions works, which the Air Ministry said has been virtually at a standstill for at least a month during and after three terrific assaults of March and April.

Twenty-three bombers failed to return and the crews which came back safely agreed that the Essen ground defenses sent up the most violent anti-aircraft barrage ever encountered there.

This major blow, which continued the heaviest sustained aerial bludgeoning of the war, came while other planes mined enemy waters and within a few hours after Mosquito bombers roared 500 miles to Jena in the central German province of Thuringia to blast

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Tentative Accord Reached On FPHA Payments To City

A tentative agreement on payments in lieu of 1942 taxes on property now occupied by Federal housing projects here was reached Friday afternoon between city officials and representatives of the Federal Public Housing authority after a day-long series of conferences.

City Manager A. C. Nichols said the conferences, the second to be held here in recent months on Federal payments in lieu of taxes on housing property, appeared to have concluded successfully although the exact sum to be paid the city and the county by the government had not been determined.

Representatives of the county government and of the Housing authority of the City of Wilmington also took part in the discussions.

The two conferences here have ranged around the basis to be used in determining the amount owed by the government to the city and county.

Annual Awards Presented To High School Students

High school awards, annually presented to students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, sports, leadership and military conduct, were announced Friday by Principal T. T. Hamilton, Jr.

The awards, given at special Honor Day chapel exercises are as follows:

American Legion citizenship awards: Dewey Hobbs and Dorothy Cameron; art awards, Al Edkridge, Julia Botesky, Hazel Barrington and Jane McEwen; Fundenberg cup for proficiency in library science, Hupert Benson and Virtie Stroup; U. N. C. Spanish award, Mary Emma Humphrey; Helen Bridgers cup, given to the senior girl most nearly exemplifying the life of Helen Bridgers, Emma Mitchell; Joseph Shrader cup, given to the senior boy most nearly exemplifying the life of Joseph Shrader, Heatwole Thomas; DAR medal, given to the senior girl voted the most outstanding in leadership and character, Agnes Morton; Sorosis award for an outstanding project on malaria control, Eugene Mauney; City Optical award for the best physics student, Pat Preston; Bible award, given for Christian leadership, T. T. Hamilton, Jr.; Martha A. Halligan award, posthumously given Martha Ann Halligan by the sophomore class, in her memory.

ROTC awards: Mr. Hamilton's award, Lt. Col. Joseph Dewey Hobbs; Sons of American Revolution award, given to the senior boy most nearly exemplifying the life of Helen Bridgers, Emma Mitchell; Joseph Shrader cup, given to the senior boy most nearly exemplifying the life of Joseph Shrader, Heatwole Thomas; DAR medal, given to the senior girl voted the most outstanding in leadership and character, Agnes Morton; Sorosis award for an outstanding project on malaria control, Eugene Mauney; City Optical award for the best physics student, Pat Preston; Bible award, given for Christian leadership, T. T. Hamilton, Jr.; Martha A. Halligan award, posthumously given Martha Ann Halligan by the sophomore class, in her memory.

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Finished Sub



Lieut. Gerard Bradford, Jr., of Mobile, Ala., teamed up with another Southerner, Ensign Thurmond Edgar Robertson of Spartanburg, S. C., to sink an Axis sub in the Atlantic several weeks ago.

COUNTY UNDER POTATO ORDER

WFA Extends Control Over Shipments In North Carolina

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—The War Food Administration extended today control over potato shipments from 90 additional counties in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, for the announced purpose of enabling the armed forces to obtain essential supplies, and of providing equitable distribution of military purchases among the areas, individual growers and shippers.

North Carolina counties included in the order are:

Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Greene, Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Cumberland, Robeson, Hertford, Gates, Bertie, Washington, Beaufort, Craven, Lenoir, Duplin, Sampson, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Carteret, Jones, Onslow, Pender, and New Hanover.

The WFA described the areas as the most important Southeastern producing districts. The control plan already has been in operation in Maine, and in five counties in Florida and Alabama. It provides

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Walter Lippmann Says:

OPA Method Based On Popular Fallacy

By WALTER LIPPMANN
Now that the OPA has broken down, the radical reorganization which is inevitable cannot be successful unless we recognize that no one could possibly have made a success of O.P.A. It is easy to put the blame on Mr. Henderson and his lawyers, on Prentiss Brown and his politicians and public relations men. But in fact O.P.A. has failed because it was founded on a popular fallacy—the fallacy that if you freeze all prices, including wages, by legal decrees you can keep them frozen at a time when war requires a radical readjustment of production and consumption.

There is no use blaming the Administration because the fallacy is now proved to be unworkable. The truth is that the fallacious doctrine was imposed on Mr. Henderson by public pressure against his better judgment, and the trouble with the Administration is that it lacked the conviction and resources to resist the pressure and to lay down a sound doctrine and to workable plan. Thus for two years it has administered badly a policy which no one could have administered well.

In no other country in the world have men imagined that all prices could be kept frozen by decree. Hitler did freeze all prices, wages and profits three years before the war. But Hitler backed up the decrees by the complete regimenta-

Moscow Silent On Trend Of Struggle In Caucasus

LONDON, Saturday, May 29.—(P)—Thousands of Russian troops, often fighting hand-to-hand, beat indecisively against the main German Kuban lines in the swampy Caucasus yesterday, Berlin announced early today, while Moscow kept silent on the outcome of the struggle to oust the invaders from the narrow bridgehead opposite the Crimea.

A Transocean agency broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said the Russians, estimated to number 150,000, were backed by scores of

tanks and planes in the swaying struggle, but thus far had failed to make "any important breaches" in Axis lines.

A midnight Russian communique for the second day announced merely that "fighting continues," although Moscow had reported earlier that 64 German planes were downed in one day over the area at a cost of 13 Soviet aircraft. The noon bulletin yesterday also said the Black Sea fleet air arm had sunk two enemy motor barges, presumably be-

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CITY ENCIRCLED BY WILD RIVER

Cairo, Ill., Not In Danger Despite Latest Flood Activity

By The Associated Press
The Mississippi and Arkansas rivers both reached all-time record heights yesterday (Friday) in their destructive rampages with the Mississippi circling Cairo, Ill., to form a second junction with the Ohio river.

The flood waters poured through an old creek bed and swept to the new confluence, seven miles above their geographical meeting of the rivers.

Cairo itself was in no danger. Highway bridges and railroad trestles over the flood basin kept traffic moving without interruption. Two villages in the inundated area already had been evacuated. The torrents spread over several thousand acres of farmland across the Ohio in Kentucky.

The Mississippi at Cape Girardeau, Mo., soared to 42.4 feet, highest there in history.

The Arkansas, on its second devastating flood in three weeks, climbed to 33.7 feet at Pine Bluff, as compared with a previous high of 33 feet in 1935. An additional rise of two-tenths of a foot was expected.

At Little Rock, where the river swept through 5 city blocks yesterday, the tide was falling, although water still was in much of the flooded area.

Sturdy levees guard the Mississippi below Cairo and the Arkansas below Pine Bluff, and Army engineers expect them to hold. However, the Red Cross began making precautionary plans in event of breakthroughs.

The Illinois river was falling at the beleaguered cities of Peoria and Beardstown, but the danger had not passed and watch on the levees was being maintained.

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ITALIAN ISLANDS BLASTED BY U. S.

Destruction Of Il Duce's Defense Ring Continues Unabated

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 28.—(AP)—Gen. Carl A. Spatz's North African command ripped important airdromes at Villacidro and Decimomannu in southern Sardinia.

Both fields are in protective range of the vital Axis supply port of Cagliari, and the American airmen had to fight off a storm of German and Italian fighters to get at their objectives.

Thirteen enemy fighters were destroyed in combat at the cost of a single American Warhawk fighter, whose pilot was rescued from the Mediterranean.

Marauder medium bombers battered the Decimomannu Airport with more than 4,000 fragmentation bombs, which crewmen said wiped off many grounded planes held operation.

Marauder machinegunners shot down seven intercepting enemy fighters and their Warhawk escorts blasted six others in an 18-minute running battle over the sea.

The other all-American team of Billy Mitchell medium bombers and Lightning fighters did the honors at Villacidro field, where they destroyed many parked planes and left columns of smoke threading the sky behind them.

Their opposition was much less intense than that met over Decimomannu.

Staff Sgt. Bernard Chouinard of Fall River, Mass., a Marauder gunner, gave a graphic description of his victory over a Messerschmitt 109 in the battle at Decimomannu. He said the German pilot came in with "his cannon firing so fast that the plane was bucking like a broncho."

"I was trading him shot for shot," Chouinard related, "and my rounds were cutting right into him and cutting right into his engine. When he got almost under us he rolled over and started down. The flames started coming out of the Messerschmitt and it exploded when it hit the ground."

Pantelleria, whose airport long since was pounded into uselessness by Allied planes and warships, was given its daily bath of fire by bomb-carrying Lightning and Warhawks. Harbor defenses and artillery installations were shaken up by the swift fighters and a big explosion was reported at the edge of Pantelleria harbor.

Lightnings also shot up a 150-foot freighter in the Gulf of Palmas on Sardinia.

An Italian broadcast reported some damage was done to buildings in the attacks on Sardinia and Pantelleria and claimed nine Allied planes were shot down during the day against a loss of two Italian aircraft. It said Bizerte

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'Materials Chaser'



No more footlights for the duration, says Mickey McCormack as she goes about her war job of "materials chaser" in the U. S. Steel Federal shipyard at Port Newark, N. J. (International)

BATTLE IN CLOUDS

Much Of Fighting Now In Mountains Of Aleutians Island

ARMY GOES FORWARD

Advance Patrols Continue To Probe Defense Of Invader

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Attacking after preparation by deadly artillery and mortar fire, U. S. Army troops have penetrated deeply into the center of the area held by Japanese remnants on Attu island, the Navy announced tonight.

Advances were reported in the sector between Lake Corries and Lake Canrica on a line roughly marking the base of a peninsula at the northeastern tip of the embattled island. Much of the battling in this wild, mountainous territory was reported to be above the clouds.

Troops Attack Ridge
In the same general area, a communique said, troops attacked a ridge extending to the east of Fish-Hook ridge, "after artillery and mortar preparation." The effect of this advance apparently was to outflank and thereby neutralize a Jap stronghold on Fish-Hook ridge itself.

Meanwhile, said the communique which covered operations of Thursday, Army patrols continued to probe Jap positions on what was described as "the lower ridge extending eastward from the Chichagof valley floor."

Moreover, it was announced that Army bombers and fighters supported ground operations for the second consecutive day, an advantage which authorities believed would hasten the end of the mopping up operations which have been underway for approximately a week.

The communique also announced a new raid on Kiska island on Thursday. Kiska is the main Japanese base in the Aleutians area. Due to poor visibility, the official report said, results were not observed.

Generally, it appeared that the enemy remnants on Attu are being slowly annihilated. Organized Jap resistance is gradually breaking down into isolated pockets of opposition, each of which must be cleaned out with bayonets and grenades.

Many of these miniature strongpoints had been dug into the peaks in the Fish-Hook ridge sector at the base of Attu's northeastern peninsula. To attack them, it was learned, American troops have had to fight their way out of the fog-filled valleys, along the snowy slopes and upward into the sunlit above the cloudline.

This fighting—now under the clouds, now above them—with its concurrent changes in temperature, terrain and light intensity, added the final touch of fantasy to a battle that has developed from its start 16 days ago against a wierd background of mountainous, treeless landscape, violent winds, biting cold, and rain, sleet and snow falling interchangeably.

A Navy communique gave the latest combat reports from Attu and disclosed also that Army medium bombers and Warhawk fighters had made three attacks on Kiska island, main Japanese base 172 nautical miles to the southeast. The attacks were carried out on Wednesday, the Navy said, and numerous hits were observed on the main camp and runway.

Meanwhile, other American bombers, Army Liberators, Mitchells and Lightning fighters, "effectively supported the ground operations" on Attu.

The air attacks on Kiska were considered here to have potential significance. It may be the beginning of a campaign to soften up that big base for the final drive

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Eden Declares Bombing Of Italy Will Continue

PORTSMOUTH, England, May 28.—(P)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden expressed encouragement today over the turn in the Atlantic battle against U-boats and declared that Italy particularly, now lying "wide open to air attack," would be bombed ceaselessly until the Italian people call quits.

Eden said the anti-submarine campaign "continues to be encouraging," and added:

"Our own new construction of merchant ships is mounting. Our merchant shipping losses still are decreasing and sinkings of U-boats still are increasing.

"The battle of the U-boats still rages. It is not yet decided but at least we feel better about it than we have done."

Speaking to a "Wings for Vic-

tory" luncheon, he emphasized the vulnerable position of Italy, but also promised bombs for Germany as well "until the utter defeat of the Nazi and fascist regimes and all they stand for."

The newest British ultimatum carried the hard-hitting support of the African-based United States Air Force, which underscored the foreign secretary's words with a grimly methodical battering of Italy's Mediterranean outposts, and of the RAF's devastating raid last night on Essen.

Recalling vaunted ruin strewn by the German air force on Warsaw and Rotterdam and Mussolini's request for a share in the blitzing of London, Eden scorned

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