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Nazis Hurl 500 Planes At Kursk; Red Gunners Knock Down 123

NEW AXIS DISPLAY

Latest Drive By Foe Arouses Speculation On Foe's Intentions

FIGHTING CONTINUES

Enemy Held Kuban Bridgehead Still Under Fire From Red Army

LONDON, Thursday, June 3.—(AP)—The Germans hurled 500 planes against the big central Russian base of Kursk yesterday in five attacks, losing 123 of them, Moscow announced early today. The Russians reported losing 30 defending fighters in the series of battles.

Announcement of this display of Axis sky strength caused immediate speculation on German intentions at a time when Allied observers were seeking the answer to two questions—the reason for a delay in the expected summer German offensive in Russia, and the disposal of the major part of the carefully-husbanded Axis air fleet.

No Essential Changes

The broadcast, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, preceded issuance of the regular midnight war bulletin which told as usual without details that "fighting continued" in the German-held Kuban bridgehead of the Caucasus; otherwise there were no essential changes on the long land front.

Casualties and an undisclosed amount of damage was acknowledged by the Russians at Kursk, which is a feeder point for Red army units long threatening Orel to the north and the southern approaches to Bryansk to the northwest.

Both sides have strong forces assembled in this critical triangular area above the German-held

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Japanese Are Annihilated In Hupeh Province Sector

CHUNGKING, China, June 2—(AP)—Chinese troops smashing forward all along the Yangtze front in central China were declared officially tonight to have annihilated all Japanese remnants surrounded in a Hupeh province sector south of the river and to have launched an attack on the town of Changyang below the main enebase of Ichang.

Northeast of Ichang, said a Chinese communique reporting a series of sharp successes in the counter-offensive against the Japanese invader, a number of points were recaptured.

In north Hunan province, it was added, Chinese forces had regained three towns above the city of Lihsien and in this area, too, it was declared that the retreating Japanese had been surrounded and many of them annihilated.

Well to the north of all this action, in Shangsi province west of the Taiheng mountains, the Japanese were counter-attacking.

The Chinese announced that in fighting between May 11 and May 24, more than 5,000 casualties had been inflicted upon the Japanese in the mountainous regions east of Shantung.

One of the main accomplishments of the Chinese comeback—which has turned back a Japanese offensive in what China calls her biggest victory

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ALLIED SINKINGS OF SUBS RISING

British Sea Lord Declares Rate Above Axis Replacement Capacity

LONDON, June 2—(AP)—Allied destruction of Nazi undersea raiders has been stepped up to the point where the German losses apparently are in excess of new production and where the number of submarines operating in the Atlantic seems to be definitely on the wane, A. V. Alexander, first lord of the Admiralty, told the the House of Commons today.

Pointing out that destruction of submarines reached a new high last month, he said that the "number of U-boats destroyed in May will exceed the number which the enemy will have been able to bring into the war."

He added that the sinkings in the last 12 months exceeded the number sunk in all the previous months of the war and that in the last six months the number was 25 per cent greater than in the previous half-year period.

This damage inflicted upon the enemy undersea fleet more than balanced off the merchant shipping losses suffered by the United Nations, he said, explaining that even during the month of March when Allied losses were heavy "owing to a high output in new tonnage achieved in the United States there was a substantial net gain in that month."

Paying tribute to the work of the U. S. Air Force and the RAF

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ROYAL NAVY HITS PANTELLERIA ISLE

Shells From British Warships Shriek Into Italian Held Harbor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 2.—(AP)—Shrieking shells from British warships have crashed into the harbor defenses of Pantelleria in two heavy bombardments and American Flying Fortresses have delivered coordinated air blows within two days on that nearest Italian outpost to Africa, it was announced today.

In neither of their successful bombardments of the island, which lies 45 miles off the Tunisian coast and 60 miles short of Sicily, did the British suffer casualties. The Italian fleet appeared powerless to come in and fight.

The harbor area, Italian barracks and batteries of Pantelleria were hard hit overnight on Sunday-Monday and again yesterday. The first bombardment, said the Allied communique, was carried through without effective opposition. In the second enemy shore batteries replied weakly.

This disclosure that the fleet had gone to work with new blows against the islands flanking Mussolini's homeland in cooperation with the Allied air offensive was accompanied by announcement that yesterday's surface attack on Pantelleria had been supported by aviolent bombing assault by Flying Fortresses.

Pantelleria was raided from dawn to dark yesterday without letup, American medium bombers and fighter bombers joining the Fortresses in sweeps carried out on the average of every two hours.

Sicily and Sardinia also remained under attack in the unbroken Allied air offensive.

Heavily damaged were the Italian seaplane base on Stagnone island, off the western tip of Sicily between Trapani and Marsala; shipping in the Sardinian harbors of Tercanova, Porto Ponte di Romano and Porto Torres.

A single Allied plane was lost in these far-ranging operations. In the one air combat of the day ten enemy fighter planes attacked a formation of American Mitchells over Terranova, but the result of the engagement was not made known.

At Stagnone, a considerable number of enemy seaplanes were destroyed or damaged. Three enemy boats were set afire in harbor before the Axis anti-aircraft guns could get going well.

Italy herself was hit overnight by British planes based on Malta, a British communique announcing that railway communication in the southern Italian mainland was attacked.

The Italians officially acknowledged serious damage to buildings in the Pantelleria bombardment, but claimed damage to a British destroyer by Italian coastal fire.

Actor Leslie Howard Reported Lost With Big British Airplane

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—British overseas transport plane, with actor Leslie Howard reported among its 13 passengers, was officially declared overdue and presumed lost today after reporting in a final message yesterday that it was being attacked by enemy aircraft while enroute from Lisbon to England.

It was apparently the victim of German planes on unusually active reconnaissance along the seldom - molested air transport lane from neutral Portugal.

The names of the passengers and crew of four were withheld from the British overseas airways corporation's announcement of the plane's presumed loss, but Lisbon reports said Howard was aboard.

In their daily communique, broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press, the Germans said: "Three enemy bombers and one transport were downed by German reconnaissance planes over the Atlantic."

FRENCH GROUP TO ACT TODAY

Committee to Declare Governorship Of All Free Territory

ALGIERS, June 2.—(AP)—The six-man executive committee headed jointly by Generals Charles de Gaulle and Henri Giraud decided tonight to meet tomorrow and declare itself the governing body of all French territory outside Axis domination.

Heated arguments between the two French blocks striving for unity caused the collapse of plans to formalize the existence of the committee today, but after further conversations a definite agreement was reached for holding the session tomorrow morning.

Of course anything may happen tomorrow, but at least tonight there was the declared aim of both groups to merge officially and settle the many problems barring the way to unity.

This decision apparently meant that de Gaulle had yielded in his demand that a purge of some Giraud officials, whom he regards as pro-Vichy, be carried out beforehand.

WEATHER

FORECAST

NORTH CAROLINA: Hot and sultry today.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Temperature

1:30 a.m., 75; 7:30 a.m., 78; 1:30 p.m., 91; 7:30 p.m., 81

Maximum, 93; minimum, 73; mean, 83; normal 75

Humidity

1:30 a.m., 93; 7:30 a.m., 71; 1:30 p.m., 44; 7:30 p.m., 77.

Precipitation

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

Total since the first of the month, 3.55 inches.

Tides For Today

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

	High	Low
Wilmington	10:08a	5:01a
Masonboro Inlet	10:32p	5:06p
	7:55a	1:54a
Moore's Inlet	8:13p	1:54p
	8:00a	1:59p
New Topsail Inlet (Elmore's)	8:18p	1:59p
	3:05a	2:04a
	8:23p	2:04p

(All times Eastern Standard)

Sunrise, 5:01 a.m.; sunset, 7:19 p.m.; moonrise, 5:44a; moonset, 7:59p.

Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Wednesday, at 8 a.m., 10.20 feet.

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1,500 Japs Die On Attu; 4 Express Love For Life

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The Navy underscored the suicidal nature of Japanese resistance in the western Aleutians today with the disclosure that only four prisoners were captured while a minimum of 1,500 Japanese were being killed in the first 20 days of the American drive on Attu island.

The death toll probably will be increased greatly when final reports are in. The figure is additionally moderate in that it represents only bodies counted and takes no account of Japanese who may have been buried under the snow by their comrades or left unrecognizable by the blasts of great shells and bombs.

It is this stubborn resistance which has prolonged the Attu struggle into its fourth week. The American forces were understood to be continuing mopping up operations today and despite the enemy's heavy casualties a number of pockets of resistance in the mountainous northeastern end of the island around Cape Khlebnikof still had to be cleaned out.

American casualties thus far announced indicated that American losses on the island were far lighter than those of the Japanese. Secretary of War Stimson said last Thursday that United States forces had lost 127 men killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing.

While this did not cover as long a period as the Navy's report on Japanese losses, authorities said

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Compromise Tax Measure Goes To FDR

Senate Approves Pay-As-You-Go Plan For Nation's Taxpayers

62 TO 19 BALLOTING

Roosevelt Reported Ready To Allow Bill To Become Law

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—Four months of bitter congressional battling ended today as the Senate stamped final approval, 62 to 19, on a compromise pay-as-you-go tax bill abating 75 to 100 per cent of a year's payments.

Representing a compromise between Democrats and Republicans, the comparatively brief but complicated measure goes to President Roosevelt, who is reported to have assured Congressional leaders that he will let it become law, either by signature or otherwise. If he elects to veto it, these leaders concede the bill will die.

Some Denunciation

Approved by the House yesterday, 256 to 114, the revised measure sped through the Senate with an explanatory discussion by Chairman George (D.-Ga.) of the Senate Finance committee and some denunciation by those who have opposed any tax "forgiveness."

Promising an increase in individual income tax revenues to about $16,000,000,000 in the new fiscal year beginning July 1, the measure makes radical changes in the revenue system in use since 1913. Some of these changes:

1. Puts into effect July 1 a 20 per cent withholding levy on wages and salaries, above basic exemptions of $12 weekly for single persons and $24 weekly for married, plus dependent allowances.

2. Abates a full year's tax (the lesser of 1942 or 1943) for all persons owing $50 or less in that year. A "notch" provision gives everyone owing up to $66.67 a $50 cancellation.

3. Cancels 75 per cent of the lesser of either 1942 or 1943 taxes for other persons, with provision that they pay the remaining 25 per cent in two equal installments in March, 1944 and March 1945.

4. Requires persons with more than $100 income outside wages and salaries, and all single persons with $2,700 income and married persons with $3,500 income, to estimate their earnings for 1943 in a return filed before September 15, and to pay quarterly beginning

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Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds voted for the compromise tax measure in the Senate Wednesday.

Roosevelt May Order Miners Back To Jobs

Miners Scan Papers For News Concerning Work Stoppages

Miners at the Red Lion mine near Uniontown, Pa., scan a newspaper for information on the work stoppage at the soft coal mines which began Monday midnight.

WILL UPHOLD WLB

President Expected To Take Action In Strike This Morning

AT CURRENT PAY RATE

Chief Executive Reported Contemplating No Immediate Raise

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was authoritatively reported tonight to be prepared to order the nation's striking coal miners tomorrow to go back to work at current rates of pay pending settlement of their demands through peaceful channels.

Such action, if taken, would fully sustain the War Labor Board's position in the coal wage controversy with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

Secretary of Interior Ickes, as fuel administrator and government operator of the mines, may be directed at the same time to have all mine properties open and to make work available on a given day specified by the President, informed sources said.

Receives Full Report

The President tonight received a full report on the strike at a conference lasting more than an hour and a half. At the conference were James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director; Secretary Ickes, seven members of the War Labor Boad, and Abe Fortas, undersecretary of the interior.

Ickes, it was reported, advocated offering the miners $1 a day immediately as a settlement of their portal-to-portal (underground travel) pay demand. It was understood the proposal was rejected on grounds it would be a circumvention of the WLB and the generally accepted processes for settling labor disputes.

All the conferees brushed aside inquiries from reporters, and presidential Secretary Stephen Early said "there is nothing to say."

The case landed at the White House in a bitter exchange of words between the War Labor Board and John L. Lewis, leader of the 500,000 idle miners.

The board, calling a halt to further collective bargaining till the strike ceases, turned the case over to the president, declaring that the United Mine Workers headed by Lewis were flouting the law of the land the "no-strike" pledge.

Then the White House made public a letter from Wayne L.

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PIPELINE WORK SEEN BY MAYOR

City Officials Inspect Production Plant For Water Conveyor

Although held up by delays in delivery of materials, finished 16-foot sections of reinforced lock-joint concrete pipe for the city's new water supply will come rolling off the Lock-Joint Pipe company's assembly line at Navassa this week, R. W. Jones, manager of the plant, told Mayor Bruce B. Cameron, City Manager A. C. Nichols and City Engineer J. A. Loughlin during an inspection of the Navassa plant by the three city officials Wednesday morning.

A number of sections of pipe have been completed, up to the concrete pouring stage, and Manager Jones said he hoped to be able to begin pouring Thursday.

Five hundred feet of 30-inch pipe will come from the plant each day for the pipeline from the present city intakes at Toomer's creek, on the other side of the Cape Fear river from Navassa, to a temporary pumping station and intake on Hood's creek. Plans are to extend the 30-inch line eventually to a salt-free source of water above U. S. Lock and Dam No. 1 at King's bluff in Bladen county.

Sixty men have already been

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Anti - Strike Bill Placed Before House By Victory

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—Advocates of Congressional curbs on wartime strikes won a major victory today in a roll-call vote of 211 to 163 which brought the Smith-Connally bill to the House floor.

Amid charges of political chicanery, warnings of adverse effects on production of arms and other necessaries, and condemnation of John L. Lewis, the chamber began consideration of the measure to outlaw strikes in government-operated plants, to curb them in other war industries, require unions to file annual financial and membership statements, and strengthen the power of the War Labor Board.

With numerous amendments pending, there was little prospect of a final vote before late Friday on the measure passed a month ago by the Senate and sharply revised by the House Military committee.

Opponents of the bill, contending it would antagonize labor and endanger production while not solving the coal strike sought unsuccessfully to block action on the measure by voting against a rules committee resolution making its consideration in order.

The vote by which the resolution was adopted crossed party lines, with leaders of both parties supporting it and its supporters insisting that Cogress no longer delay in enacting strike legislation.

One hundred six Democrats and 105 Republicans voted for the resolution, with 88 Democrats, 71 Re-

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CITY TO ENFORCE AUTO DIMOUT LAW

Police To Conduct Campaign Against Violators Next Week

After this week, the city police department's traffic squad and all patrol cars will conduct a rigorous campaign against all motorists whose automobile headlights have not been painted or obscured to conform with the recent city ordinance adopted at the request of Army and civilian defense officials, Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen warned Wednesday night.

All drivers caught failing to comply with the ordinance will be arrested and cited to appear in recorder's court where, under the ordinance, they may be fined up to $20 in the discretion of the court.

The ordinance requires that all vehicle headlights conform by having the upper half of each lens painted or obscured with dark cloth.

Any motorist whose car or truck headlights do not conform may have the job done free of charge at any of the city's five fire stations, City Manager A. C. Nichols said Wednesday.

A number of automobiles here, the chief warned in issuing his statement, once met the requirements of the ordinance but fail to now since rain and weather has disolved the paint on the lenses.

The ordinance was adopted at a special session of the council on

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Bank Clearings Show Decline During Past Month In This Area

Bank clearings for the month of May in Wilmington took the downward trend, and were nearly $10,000,000 short of the clearings reported for April, D. M. Darden, secretary of the Wilmington clearing-house association announced Wednesday.

The May figure, however, was almost $9,000,000 in excess of the amount handled in May, 1942.

According to Mr. Darden, local banks handled $35,841,579.69 during the past month. The April total was $45,597,561.54.

$2,000,000 WAR HOUSING SEEN

Private Firm To Construct 500 Apartments For Workers Here

The John R. Crosland company of Wilmington and Charlotte, has completed arrangements with the Federal Housing Administration for the construction of a $2,000,000 war worker housing project here, it was revealed here Wednesday night.

The privately - owned project, sponsored by the FHA, will consist of 76 apartment houses of frame construction with a total of 500 apartments for war workers in the Wilmington area.

The 76 apartment houses will be located in an area in Sunset Park, approximately three blocks from the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and two blocks off the Carolina Beach highway, north of the new Winter Park-shipyard highway.

Start of actual construction is pending the final arrangement of

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Walter Lippmann Says:

America's War Goal Has Now Been Made

By WALTER LIPPMANN

Mr. Churchill is said to have remarked while he was here in Washington that "nothing succeeds like excess." He was talking of the air raids in which such a tremendous weight of bombs is delivered that the defenses are overwhelmed. But the saying has a wider application, and those who wish to keep their opinions abreast of events will be assisted if they fix it in their minds that in spite of all the issues, controversies and crises we have heard so much about. the great goals which were set shortly after Pearl Harbor have been reached. The American mobilization is in fact a prodigious success. In the days to come Americans will look back to it with pride.

The volume and power of our military output are now so large that problems which a few months ago seemed insoluble, controversies which until recently seemed irreconcilable have become rational and manageable. The season is here when we begin to have enough for everybody. As that happens, it is much easier to satisfy everybody.

Not very long ago, for example, there was a stubborn conflict in Washington among the men charged with synthetic rubber, aviation gasoline, escort vessels. The three programs drew upon the same apparently restricted source of supply. But now, due at bottom to hard work by devoted officials and to the immense resiliency of American industry, and also in a measure to the willingness of the people to do without the use of their automobiles, we find that the conflict is disappearing. The wartime rubber problem has been mastered. Our air force and mechanized ground forces are being supplied the fuel they must have. The strategically decisive battle with the submarine has taken a great, perhaps the decisive, turn for the better.

Under these circumstances it is reasonable to predict that Mr. Byrnes will be more successful than his predecessors in resolving the conflicts between claimants on our production. There is very much more war production. It is always easier to share enough than to share too little.

For the same reason the recent staff talks in Washington have been the most successful that have yet been held. Giving all credit to the fact that all concerned were more experienced, and had come to understand one another better, the controlling condition has been that at last we have reached a phase in the war where strategic successes and the achievements of production and mobilization are making adequate our combined power.

Thus the kind of issue which Senator Chandler sought to raise was in fact obsolete. He did not know it was obsolete, and there were officers, but not at the highest leve, who did not know it was obsolete. Before the whole position was examined at the Roose-

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Nearly All Beef Types Raised In Point Value

OPA's revised meat ration point chart will be found on page nine.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—In an effort to switch civilian tastes from scarce beef cuts to more plentiful pork, veal and lamb, the Office of Price Administration tonight increased by one to three points per pound the ration-point values of nearly all types of beef.

The order, effective Sunday morning, will make the most popular beef steaks cost 11 or 12 points per pound—a 33 to 37 per cent increase. The general level of point values for the other three kinds of meat was little chanied, despite numerous small increases and decreases, so that the new order mean for people who usually buy beef a choice between eating less meat or switching to the other types.

Insofar as they do not give up beef, the order also means, in effect, a cut in the meat ration. In some families this reduction will be accentuated by the addition to the red coupon ration list of canned milk, announced yesterday, and of certain soft cheeses, included for the first time in tonight's order.

The jump in beef point values was due to a market scarcity of the commodity, OPA said, resulting both from large military requirements and a failure of beef

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