

NAZIS' DATE FOR INVASION PASSES

Attempts At Levity Fail To Conceal Misgivings Within Axis Europe

LONDON, July 3—(AP)—Ponderous attempts at levity by Paul Joseph Goebbels' propaganda machine today could not quite conceal the misgivings within Nazi Europe as the second date set by the Germans for an Allied invasion passed with scarcely more than the usual flow of reports from belligerent and neutral capitals.

Stories of spreading uneasiness within Hitler's fortress kept coming. Stockholm newspaper reports asserted that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering was "very ill," having suffered a "nervous breakdown" with serious heart trouble after taking a cure.

The reports said two specialists and Goering's wife were at his side almost uninterruptedly and that only intimates were permitted to see the air chief.

Obviously inspired by Goebbels, the Paris radio put on during the day a heavy-footed "humorous" program ridiculing Allied plans for an attack on Europe. The date of July 3 for the Allied push was set arbitrarily by Goebbels after his previous guess of June 22 had not borne fruit.

Starting at 7 a. m. and breaking into the program at intervals until early afternoon, voices from "somewhere in France" kept listeners advised of the invasion situation. It was designed to be extremely funny. Examples:

8 a. m.—"The British and Americans are still at breakfast."

9 a. m.—"We have just learned that the British and Americans have left the breakfast table."

1 p. m.—"Still nothing. Perhaps the British will make up their minds later in the day."

Toward evening the Paris radio announced: "July 3 draws to a close and no landing has taken place anywhere on the European coast. However, already a new date is being mentioned, that of July 14. We hope lovers of dancing in the streets will not be disappointed again."

The apparent reason for the German build-up of the alleged invasion date was to arouse the hopes of the populace of the occupied countries and then to crush them with ridicule. At one time today the Paris announcer told them with heavy satire that "the hour of liberation is striking."

Bible Lectures To Begin At Sixth Street Advent Christian Church Here

The Sixth Street Advent Christian church will conduct a series of Bible lectures beginning Monday night at 8 o'clock and continuing each night through Friday, the Rev. James R. Lee, pastor, announced yesterday.

The Rev. R. Chester Joyner, of Smoaks, S. C., will be the speaker each evening and his talks will be based on the Book of Revelation.

The Rev. Mr. Joyner was formerly a Bible teacher in the Theological seminary at Bridgeport, Ala. and has held various pastorates in the south.

Coal Production Drops 1,729,000 Tons Below First Half Of 1942

WASHINGTON, July 3—(AP)—Coal production in the first half of this year fell 1,729,000 tons below the same period in 1942, Secretary of the Interior Ickes reported today, attributing the decrease to strikes.

He estimated that the nation will need 25,000,000 tons more coal this year than last, and described the job of making up the loss as "difficult."

Ickes estimated that as of June 26, 280,338,000 tons of bituminous coal had been produced in 1943. Anthracite production was estimated at 29,112,000 tons, compared with 29,233,000 tons.

S. S. Lawrence Tyson Launched At Shipyard

The S. S. Lawrence D. Tyson, named in honor of a U. S. senator from Tennessee, was launched at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company yesterday at noon.

The vessel, 112th in near completion here, was christened by Mrs. Kenneth Gilpin, of Boyce, Va., daughter of the late senator. Her attendants were Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt and Mrs. John Q. LeGrand, both of Wilmington.

Senator Tyson was born in Greenville, N. C., on July 4, 1861, and was graduated from the U. S. Military academy in 1883. He served with distinction in both the Spanish-American and the First World wars with the rank of colonel and brigadier general respectively. At the time of his death in 1929, he was U. S. Senator from Tennessee.

One thousand Czechoslovakian air pilots are now flying with the Royal Air Force.

Bouquet For Ruhr



Stick of 10 neatly bunched bombs held for a target at Huls, Germany, during Flying Fortress raid on the Ruhr.

INCREASES SHOWN IN BANK DEPOSITS

Wilmington Leads Principal Cities In State With 43 Per Cent Gain

RALEIGH, July 3—(AP)—Bank deposits in nine representative North Carolina cities of over 10,000 population in the first five months of this year reached a total of \$2,346,820,000, according to figures released today by fifth federal reserve district headquarters in Richmond, Va.

In each of the nine cities, with the exception of one, increases over the first five months of last year amounted to as much as 1 per cent, and as high as 43 per cent.

Wilmington, the state's chief shipbuilding center, showed the highest increase, with 43 per cent and deposits totaling \$176,530,000. Durham was next, with a 2 per cent increase and deposits of \$243,239,000.

Other representative cities and their deposits were: Asheville, \$89,543,000; Charlotte, \$554,626,000; Greensboro, \$151,837,000; Winston-Salem, \$303,874,000; Raleigh, \$254,927,000; Kingston, \$27,754,000; and Wilson, \$34,500,000.

Deposits for May of this year showed increases over May of last year in Asheville, Greensboro, Kingston, Raleigh, Wilmington, Wilson and Winston-Salem. Deposits for the month in these cities totaled \$346,833,000.

Japs Let Up In Raids On Unoccupied China

HEADQUARTERS 14TH U. S. AIR FORCE IN CHINA, July 2—(Delayed)—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault said today that Japanese planes made no attack on unoccupied China during the week of June 23-30 and commented, "It is quite possible the Japs don't want to lose any more planes in China for a while because they are so badly needed elsewhere."

The lull probably created a record for Japanese inactivity, the commanding U. S. Air general said. Bad weather kept American planes grounded during the same period, but Chennault pointed out that there were localities where the enemy could have taken advantage of good weather.

He praised American-trained Chinese airmen who "have made excellent records."

Knox Says Southwest Pacific Action World's Greatest Naval Drive

HAWTHORNE, Nev., July 3—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox described action in the southwest Pacific in recent months as the "greatest naval campaign ever waged by man."

In one Guadalcanal action alone, he told military personnel and civilian workers at the naval ammunition depot, the Allies sank more of the Japanese fleet than the Germans lost in the battle of Jutland.

(The Germans lost six cruisers and five destroyers at Jutland.) Knox did not describe the action further.

SERVICE TRAINING GREENSBORO, July 3—(AP)—Five days of training in the techniques of community volunteer service will be given at the Woman's College here Monday through Friday of next week by leaders in the Red Cross, Civilian Defense work, Education, Nutrition, Farm Security, Child Care and Allied Fields.

U. S. CASUALTIES AMOUNT TO 91,644

Includes 16,696 Dead, 21,828 Wounded And 21,541 Prisoners

WASHINGTON, July 3—(AP)—Casualties of the armed forces since the outbreak of the war now total 91,644.

The Office of War Information said tonight this includes 16,696 dead; 21,828 wounded; 31,579 missing; and 21,541 prisoners of war.

Army casualties total 64,621. Divided as follows: Killed, 8,533; wounded 17,094; missing 21,046; prisoners of war 17,948. Of the wounded 6,268 have returned to active duty or have been released from hospitals. The Army casualties include 12,506 Philippine Scouts. Of these 481 were killed, 743 wounded, and the remainder are presumed to be prisoners of war.

Navy casualties totaled 27,023 as follows: Dead 8,163; wounded 4,734; missing 10,533; prisoners of war 3,593. The Navy casualties were divided as follows: Navy—dead 6,298; wounded 2,265; missing 9,389; prisoners of war 1,855; total 19,802.

Marine corps—dead 1,688; wounded 2,447; missing 987; prisoners of war 1,737; total 6,859.

Coast Guard—dead 182; wounded 22; missing 157; prisoners of war 1; total 362.

Pvt. Cummings Killed In Action In North American War Section

Pt. Thomas E. Cummings, son of Mrs. Mary M. Cummings, R. F. D. 1, Pembroke, was killed in action in the North America area, according to an announcement Saturday by the War Department.

Private Cummings was one of 190 United States soldiers killed in action in that area. The War Department said that most of the casualties occurred in the Aleutians and some involved men who have long been reported missing and are now determined to have died.

14 Nazi Planes Downed Over England In June

LONDON, Sunday, July 4—(AP)—RAF nightfighters shot down 14 German planes over the continent during June, their best month since they began their nocturnal thrusts, the Air ministry announced today.

In the past two and one half years the nightfighters have destroyed nearly 100 Nazi planes, in addition to bombing and shooting up the enemy's rail and sea transport from Denmark to south-western France, it was declared.

Planes now employed as night intruders are 400-mile-an-hour Mosquitos and Beaufighters, with three times the firepower of the two-engined Blenheims that were used when the sweeps first began in December, 1940.

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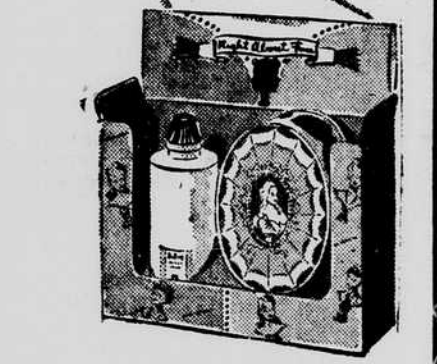
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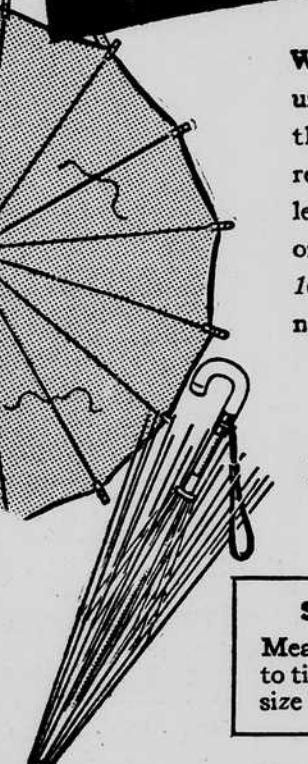
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