

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Federal Agents Foil Sabotage Plot With Capture of Nazi Spies in East; Rommel Forces Drive Toward Suez; Germany Opens New Russian Front

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The long, solid black line shows the course of Nazi Field Marshal Rommel's African army in its drive toward Alexandria and the Suez canal. The dotted line, beginning at a point beyond Tobruk, shows the coastal route toward the canal, which connects the Mediterranean with the Red sea.

SABOTEURS: Major Failure

A dramatic story of attempted Nazi sabotage in the United States was unfolded by FBI agents who rounded up eight master saboteurs trained by Nazi experts and landed by rubber boats from two submarines at Amagansett beach, Long Island, and Ponte Vedra beach, Fla.

The four Germans who landed at Amagansett beach rowed ashore in the early hours of the morning after the submarine had crept within 500 yards of the beach. From caches in the beach sands, FBI men recovered huge stores of powerful explosives buried by the men when they landed.

Objectives assigned to the men included the bombing of Hell Gate railroad bridge, the bombing of all bridge approaches to New York city, bombing of the New York water supply lines and the blasting of other vital objectives.

Each of the agents was provided with many types of forged credentials, including social security cards and selective service cards. Their traveling bags were equipped with secret compartments for money and documents.

A sequel to the story came with the arrest of several accomplices of the eight men, some of whom are regarded as associates of the Nazi agents who may have intended to take part in the sabotage effort.

NEW OFFENSIVE: In Russia

German troops opened a third summer front with a new offensive near Kursk, 120 miles north of Kharkov and 280 miles south of Moscow. The drive was opened even as more and more Nazi troops were poured against Russian defenses in the Kharkov and Sevastopol battles.

A Soviet communique said that "... in the Kursk direction, fighting commenced against the German troops who had gone over to the offensive." The Nazi drive was launched from entrenchments which they had held through the great Russian counteroffensive of last winter and spring.

Kursk is located on the Moscow-Crimean railroad in an agricultural area just north of the Ukraine. On an almost-straight line with Kharkov and Moscow, it was important for its anti-tank gun works, artificial rubber factory and cartridge plant.

Marshal Semyon Timoshenko announced the stemming of a German advance east of Kopyansk, then launched a counterattack on one key sector and pushed westward.

German dispatches announced that operations on the Kharkov front were successfully concluded, but Russian communiques said the Red army was counterattacking successfully in several areas.

A German break-through east of Kursk would threaten vital Russian communications and might bring Soviet forces in the Kharkov sector within reach of an encirclement movement from the north.

U. S. POWER: In Europe

One of the most important angles of the 1,000 plane raid by the British Royal Air force on Bremen, German submarine and shipbuilding base, was the first official admission that U. S.-made aircraft took part in the main operations of a bombing raid of this scale. These planes were reported to be Lockheed-Hudsons, usually used to hunt subs on the high seas and not in their bases.

PRODUCTION: Silence Broken

America's strict seal of wartime silence on production of materials for fighting the war was broken by President Roosevelt when he disclosed figures which as he put it, would not give "aid and comfort" to the enemy.

In fact, these production figures would likely have the opposite effect according to most Washington observers, for it was revealed that in May, U. S. factories produced nearly 4,000 planes, 1,500 tanks, 2,000 artillery and anti-tank guns, 50,000 machine guns and about 50,000 sub-machine guns.

The White House announcement of these figures came at the close of the Churchill-Roosevelt conferences and indicated that the strategy of the war had progressed to a point where a definite plan was developing. This meant the problem now resolved itself into providing a method for getting these huge supplies being turned out in the U. S. to the second front; how to continue the flow of supplies to Russia and how to even still more speed up the output of American machines.

CCC: Lease on Life

In a dramatic move, Vice President Henry A. Wallace came to the aid of the Civilian Conservation Corps and with his vote broke a senate tie to give at least a temporary lease on life to the seemingly doomed CCC.

By a vote of 32 to 32, the senate approved an appropriation of \$76,529,800 for CCC financing during the 1943 fiscal year. Previously the house had voted to liquidate the agency, one of the earliest New Deal ventures.

House-senate differences will have to be ironed out in conference on the bill appropriating \$1,157,498,426 for the labor department, Federal Security Administration and related agencies. This bill contains CCC funds.

The senate was tense as the roll call vote was taken on the CCC issue. The first call showed that 28 members favored continuation of the CCC; 24 members were opposed. The vote emerged 32 to 32 in a recapitulation. Then, from the chair, Vice President Wallace announced that the vote was a tie, and added:

"The chair votes in the affirmative."

JAP SETBACK: In China

Linhshien, a major Japanese base in the Honan-Shansi border area west of the Peiping-Hankow railway, has been recaptured by Chinese troops, dispatches revealed. A total of 5,900 Japs were killed in 13 days of combat, the dispatches added.

The recapture of Linhshien came as good news to Russia. Chinese observers were convinced that the Japanese operations in this north China area were a prelude to a surprise attack on Siberia. The day following the recapture of Linhshien was marked by a counteroffensive against the city. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops beat off



CHIANG KAI-SHEK Good news for Russia.

the attack, chasing the Japanese into mountainous regions where the Japs "face imminent annihilation." A Chinese communique said that Chinese troops had recaptured Linping in the southern region of the Kiangsi-Hunan border front.

BRIEFS:

BLOOD MONEY: Two Czechs have divided a German reward of 10,000,000 Czech crowns (\$500,000) for supplying information which led to the shooting of two men as the assassins of Reinhard Heydrich, Reich hanger-on. A Berlin broadcast stated that an additional half million crowns was paid to seven Germans and 52 Czechs.

CRITICAL: Back in Ottawa after his Washington conference, Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King declared to his house of commons that this is one of the "most critical periods of the war" and estimated that the fighting might continue three or four additional years. COMMAND: Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the American Volunteer Group in the Chinese air force, will remain in control of air operations against the Japanese in China after his "Flying Tigers" are inducted into the United States air force.

Beauty on Production Line Helps 'Keep 'Em Flying'



Picture Parade

Women are playing a vital role in the war effort, principally in the great aircraft factories. Some of these attractive women might easily be carving out a career for themselves in the movies, but they are content to star on the production line. The pretty worker at the Curtiss-Wright propeller plant shown above stands at the apex of a V formed by two lines of propellers.



These girls wear various types of protective headgear while they produce the tools to whittle down the Axis. The girl at the right provides the touch of the eternal feminine with a flower in her hair. (Photos approved by war department.)



Marge has her luncheon on the job in a big aircraft plant, where she is one of hundreds of women who are keeping 'em flying.

An office worker before the war, this girl now works a milling machine on a bronze nut-line in the Curtiss-Wright propeller plant.



And here is an ex-laundry girl doing an important bit to help wash up the Axis. She is proud to be helping Uncle Sam.

This plastic-masked worker now operates a lathe on a nut-line as expertly as any male machinist. She was once a stenographer.



Washington, D. C. SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA

The fates and the weather were good to the Russians last winter. But now another twist of fate and the weather are working against the United States and Russia.

It so happens that the polar ice cap this year has come farther south than at any other time in 100 years. This has pushed the shipping lanes by which U. S. convoys carry supplies to Murmansk, closer and closer to Norway and the powerful Nazi bases there.

Result is that only 200 miles of sea separate the polar ice packs and the coast of Norway—a very narrow gauntlet for ships to run, facing simultaneous attack from Nazi submarines, airplanes and destroyers.

This is why there have been losses on the route to Russia. It is also why the United States has not been able to deliver all the supplies promised Russia—though it has tried desperately and the Russians have tremendously appreciated the effort.

To prey on this shipping, the Nazis have developed one of their strongest bases at Trondheim, Norway. There they have not only submarines, but land-based airplanes. They also have the advantage during the summer of nearly 24 hours of daylight.

Therefore, convoys skirting the north tip of Norway have to fight a running battle for three days before they can reach Murmansk. It is continuous day and night fighting, with scarcely a wink of sleep for the crews. Merchant vessels bristle with armament. Guncrews have been giving a magnificent account of themselves, but the odds are tremendous.

FRANCE GOES ANTI-NAZI

It can be no secret to the Nazis that cores of Frenchmen are sneaking out of France to England by small boat or even airplane. Some eventually have found their way to the United States.

The story they tell is one of the most encouraging of the war pictures, but it shows our state department to be lagging months behind in its policy toward France.

The people of France, say these heroes of midnight channel-crossings, are so far ahead of the U. S. state department that it would be humorous if it were not pathetic. U. S. food shipments to French North Africa, they say, won't help win over the French people; if anything, will retard the independence movement there.

The French have been won over by much greater issues than food, and are insulted at the state department's idea that they would sell their souls for a mess of pottage.

Here are the major developments which have really influenced France:

- 1. The behavior of the Germans in France.
2. The fact that Britain was not only able to prevent Nazi invasion, but now is so effectively bombing the continent.
3. The resistance of the Russians.
4. American entry into the war.

Of all these, one of the most effective incidents was the British bombing of the Renault motor plant (Frenchmen had been tipped off to leave in advance), and the dropping of the French flag along the Champs Elysee by a British fighter plane last week.

So when the Big Push does come, it will find an enthusiastic French people anxious to co-operate. Note: The French fleet, these Frenchmen say, now will not be turned over to Hitler—not because of food shipments, but because the French sailors won't permit it; and the Nazis haven't got the 35,000 naval personnel available to man them.

AXIS OILFIELDS

Behind the frequent Jap bombing raids on North Australia is a very important fact which has escaped the headlines. As long as General MacArthur's planes are based on North Australia, the Japs can't go ahead with their long-cherished plans to develop the oil fields of Java.

For long-range U. S. army bombers can carry pay loads to Java and make a shambles of oil tanks and oil wells. That is why the Japs still want to take North Australia, though since the Coral sea battle they have cooled off on the idea of landing troops in the more populated and richer areas of southeast Australia—which, incidentally, are now strongly defended.

This same principle of long distance raids by U. S. army bombers is cutting into Hitler's oil supply in Rumania. For Rumanian oil tanks are well above ground and easy targets. To date, Hitler's only source of gasoline, so vital to his tanks and airplanes, are (1) synthetic plants in Germany, and (2) Rumania. That's why he has to take the Russian oil fields or the war can't continue. So the most valuable help army bombers can give Russia is to blow up Rumanian oil wells.



Tiny pearl onions make tempting garnishes for vegetable salads or canapes.

When ironing no matter what the article, the important thing is to iron it until absolutely dry.

Use a whisk broom, kept for the purpose, and hot water to sprinkle the clothes. They will be more evenly dampened than when sprinkled by hand.

Equal amounts of coffee and heated milk, sweetened to taste, make an appetizing drink.

Old army and National Guard cloth-covered canteens, which may be purchased at army and navy stores, may be used in place of rubber hot-water bottles.

If you perspire too freely, throw a handful of salt into your bath water.

To make a jelly bag, use a piece of thin muslin, hem the top after seaming it. Leave the hem open a little at each end. Run two strings or pieces of tape through the openings and fasten the ends of the tape. This leaves you a string to pull at either end. When fruit is in the bag, pull up each string, tie them together and hang on a hook to drip.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

Save Money LARGE TOMBSTONE advertisement with details on pricing and services.

A most welcome gift to any pipe-smoker or roll-your-own fan now in our armed forces is a pound of his favorite tobacco. Numerous surveys have shown that tobacco is the No. 1 gift on the service man's list.

Gas on Stomach advertisement for relief of stomach issues.

What Choice? If the choice of remaining at peace rests with us, we are bound to do so. But if another person, with sword in hand, talks of peace but wages war, what is left but to defend ourselves?—Demosthenes.

SAVE YOUR SCRAP TO HELP GAIN VICTORY advertisement for recycling old metal, rags, rubber and paper.

That Nagging Backache

May Wagon of Disordered Kidney Action. Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

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The manufacturer or merchant who advertises, makes public the fact that he wants your good will. And he realizes that the only way that he can keep it is by giving good values and services.