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BRITISH LAUNCH GREAT AIR CAMPAIGN

Jap Midget Subs Fail At Sydney

Three Subs Probably Destroyed

Undersea Invaders Sink Old Steamer; Allied Air Forces Make Successful Raids on Japanese Island Bases Facing Australia.

(By The Associated Press)

A parried thrust into Sydney harbor, by a force of Japan's midget submarines, successful allied air raids on Japanese island bases facing Australia and valiant Chinese efforts to check Japan's Chekiang province offensive were reported today as the major developments in the far Pacific war.

Submarines, apparently of the two-man type which the Japanese had used fruitlessly at Pearl Harbor, ran into thundering shellfire and depth charges in the Australian harbor Sunday night and three of them probably were destroyed.

This may have been the entire force, which apparently stole into Sydney from a mother ship lying off southeastern Australia. The Japanese succeeded in sinking an old steamer used as a ferry.

The allied air forces based on Australian fields started large fires and wrecked docks and airbases at enemy lodgments in Timor, northwestern New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. General MacArthur's headquarters reported.

Just before dawn yesterday Japanese establishments at Lae were bombed so suddenly that only one fighter got off to oppose the raiding force.

In China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's fighters were engaged in a wide flung diversionary action in Anhui province in an effort to offset a Japanese offensive which had overrun Kihwa, capital of neighboring Chekiang province, and nearby Lanhsi.

Meanwhile the Japanese landed fresh forces to the southeast on Tun-wan island, off the Chekiang shore.

The Chinese were able to recapture certain points behind the Japanese Chekiang line, but the tide of battle was still generally with the enemy.

American Nationals Reach U. S.

Jersey City, June 1.—(AP)—The white painted Swedish liner Rotterdam brought its first batch of 908 passengers, including diplomats, newspaper reporters and citizens of the American republics safely home from Europe today.

Ship's officers said that three axis submarines were sighted on the ten-day trip from Lisbon, but that Captain Sigfrid Ericsson, the skipper, did not tell the passengers for fear of alarming them. The ship's itinerary had been given in advance to all belligerents.

The first sub, ship's officers said, was sighted off the coast of Portugal 22 hours out of Lisbon. Two more were sighted May 29 and they immediately closed their hatches and dived.

Admiral William D. Leahy was the first to leave the ship, accompanying the body of his wife who died while he was ambassador to Vichy.

Of the 907 passengers, 160 were U. S. diplomats, 185 Latin American diplomats and a total of 573 were U. S. citizens. There were nationals of 33 countries as well as 19 stateless persons.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clouded with tonight

Mexican Demonstration Against Axis Sinkings



Thousands of persons take part in a demonstration in Mexico City against Germany, Italy and Japan after Axis subs had sunk a number of Mexican ships. They carry numerous signs calling for war. President Avila Camacho, his wife, and his cabinet watched the milling thousands as they paraded through a public square. Part of the huge crowd is shown above. (Central Press)

Navy Names Base Commissioned At Elizabeth City

Fourth Casualty List Raises Total to More Than 8,500 Officers and Men.

Washington, June 1.—(AP)—The Navy department announced its fourth casualty list of the war today, raising the total of dead, wounded and missing to more than 8,500 officers and men.

The new list, covering the period April 16 to May 10, inclusive, added the names of 61 dead, 54 wounded and 2,193 missing.

In the first three casualty lists, the Navy had reported 2,291 dead, 2,495 missing and 907 wounded. The latest accounting included the names of some missing or dead who previously had been reported wounded.

The casualties include personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The list contained the names of 33 North Carolinians, all reported missing.

They included:

Clifton Earle King, ship's cook, second class, former Jonathan Edison King, Norfolk.

Robert Elias May, coxswain, father James Fenner May, 719 Jackson street, Roanoke Rapids.

Sub Officers Laugh As Men Drown In Sea

Key West, Fla., June 1.—(AP)—Four officers of a submarine, believed to be Italian, laughed from the conning tower at their vessel recently as they watched members of the crew of a torpedoed Brazilian merchantman struggle in the water near their blazing craft.

Two torpedoes thudded in rapid succession against the ship May 24 near Haiti. Six men died, two of them killed by the explosion and four in the rough sea attempting to reach lifeboats. Forty-five survivors reached land after twenty-nine hours in lifeboats, and were brought to Key West.

The attacking submarine had the head of a long horned goat painted on its conning tower. In the goat's mouth was a red rose.

The laughing officers shouted inquiries as to the identity and tonnage of the attacked ship. The captain of the Brazilian merchantman believed the undersea craft was of recent construction. It was of average size and was freshly painted, he said.

The attack brought the known total by submarines against ships of the Brazilian flag to seven. An eighth is long overdue and believed destroyed.

PRISONER ESCAPES VANCE ROAD CAMP

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—The escape of a prisoner from a road gang in Vance county was announced today by Prison Director Oscar Pitts. The prisoner was listed as Hurley Horton, Jr., who was sentenced in Wake county last January to serve two years for house breaking.

U. S. Planes Raid Rangoon And Jap Bases

New Delhi, June 1.—(AP)—Huge bombers of the United States Army air force based in India sank one Japanese tanker and damaged others at Rangoon and inflicted heavy damage on grounded aircraft and runways at the Myitkya airbase in north Burma in raids of the past two days, a U. S. commander said today.

Rangoon, chief supply port of the Japanese forces occupying Burma, was the main objective and the docks as well as shipping were hammered.

The U. S. planes, from the command of Major General Lewis H. Brereton, encountered "medium to heavy" anti-aircraft gunfire and ten Japanese night fighters at Rangoon, but all the attackers returned safely.

Myitkya—a favorite target of United States and British bombers—was attacked on Friday and Saturday. The raid apparently caught the Japanese flatfooted because "no Japanese aerial or ground opposition was encountered."

'Dead Man's Curve' May Be Removed

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—A Durham firm and a Chester, S. C., construction company offered low bids today on a vital road project on U. S. 15 between Durham and Camp Butler.

J. P. McGuire of Durham turned in a bid of \$75,024.75 for 412 miles of roadway, and in connection with the same project F. A. Triplett of Chester, S. C., bid \$67,229.30 for construction of a bridge over Neuse river.

State Highway Chairman Ben Price said the bids were informal and must be approved by Governor Broughton and the public roads administration office at Spartanburg.

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Bailey's Lead Mounts Over State

Late returns from Saturday's primary show Senator leading in all but four counties; other incumbents eliminated.

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—Senator Josiah W. Bailey held better than two-to-one margin today over his opponent for re-nomination for a third term in Saturday's Democratic primary. Similar victories were indicated for incumbent Democratic congressmen having opposition, and for Clement Morrison of Charlotte, former governor and U. S. senator, in the newly created tenth district.

With returns tabulated from 1,694 of the state's 1,919 precincts the vote for Bailey was 183,369, as compared with 83,908 for Richard T. Fountain, former lieutenant governor and one-time speaker of the North Carolina house of representatives.

The 69-year old Bailey, who made no formal campaign, was ahead in all but four of the state's 100 counties.

The voting in the Democratic primary by districts for Congress included:

First, 136 of 147 precincts, Representative Herbert Bonner, 22,692; Marvin K. Blount, Greenville, 6,869; Jack Edwards, also of Greenville, 2,436.

Tenth, 146 of 173 precincts, Cameron Morrison, 12,294; John A. MacRae, Charlotte, 5,944.

The State board of election will meet here next Tuesday to canvass returns on Saturday's primary. County elections boards are scheduled to canvass local returns tomorrow.

British Subs Count Wins

London, June 1.—(AP)—Four British submarines have sunk 12,000 tons of shipping in the Mediterranean and damaged two other ships, the admiralty announced today.

The damaged ships were described as a medium size supply vessel "infinitely over-tonnage" and a large supply ship "seriously damaged."

The number of ships sent to the bottom was not disclosed.

Bailey Is Now Established In Secure Political Place

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, June 1.—The political career of Josiah William Bailey, senior senator from North Carolina, is perfect proof that half the precepts of the average politician are so much appellation—insular as he is concerned.

Today Bailey, with his seniority in the Senate and his assured future in office, has the greatest opportunity to serve his country, during the war and thereafter, of any North Carolinian alive. He is for all practical purposes through with politics—a trade he never had in the first place. If he is alive and still wants to run, he probably will have less trouble in 1948 than he did in 1942.

Saturday's primary proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Tar Heels do not expect Bailey to act like a politician. He is an egotist who seldom pays much attention to what his constituents think. He is on occasion a stuffed shirt who rubs people the wrong way. But from Manteo to Murphy North Carolinians realize that their senior senator has two things that are needed in Washington today: Courage and brains.

Bailey's political career is one of the most strange in North Carolina politics. He is not personally popular. He never will be. The boys are happier when he is not present and so is he. Then why has he been three times nominated for the United States Senate? His luck, his courage, his brain and even his egotism have been helpful.

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Wesson Retires



After four years as chief of ordnance of the U. S. Army, Maj. Gen. Charles M. Wesson is retiring. At a testimonial dinner given to him at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson awarded him an oak-leaf cluster to add to his Distinguished Service Medal saying that his skill and boldness contributed greatly to the success of the United Nations' war effort. (Central Press)

Offensive Spirit Glows Among Allies

At Least 1,250 Planes Blast Cologne in Opening Aerial Drive; United States Planes to Join Soon in Destruction.

(By The Associated Press)

A superlative aerial campaign to weaken Germany for a knockout invasion from the west, perhaps this summer, has been launched with tremendous success by the British with prospects of direct imminent American aid to multiply the destructive effort.

At least temporary stalemate in a broad sense in the battle of Russia on Germany's east, reverses for the cause of the United Nations in China and the uneasy balance between belligerents in the Australian war zone could not dim the growing offensive spirit among the United Nations.

Reports from the Libyan front, indicating a decisive land victory for the British, fanned this spirit.

Axis armored forces, erstwhile attackers, were said now to have gone on the defensive, trying to escape British entrapment.

There may be a sharp relationship between the turn of warfare on that north African front and the 6,000,000 pounds of bombs dropped by the RAF in the 90-minute raid on the Rhineland Saturday night.

For a knockout of axis forces in Libya might open the way to invasion of Italy—a second European front against Hitler.

And so, the offensive spirit glowed against the allies against Hitlerism although no one could say that dark days were ended.

It burned with the brightness of the incendiary bombs with which more than 1,200 planes touched off the Saturday night holocaust at Cologne, Germany's fifth city, in the greatest air operation of history. At least 1,250 planes, counting the bomber supporting aircraft, participated in this mission of destruction to the Rhineland.

Lieutenant General Henry H. Arnold, head of the United States air forces, in enthusiastic congratulations to the RAF command, said that "our air forces hope very soon to fly and fight beside them (the RAF) in these decisive blows against our common enemy."

Mr. Arnold, chief of the RAF bomber command, responded, "We look forward to the time not far when the United States Army air force, which already so gallantly and effectively share their (the RAF's) burden in the Far East and elsewhere, commence operations at our side in this theatre of war."

Significantly, Arnold, who is in London with Lieutenant General Brentnall Somervell, chief of the United States Army supply service, and Rear Admiral John T. Towers, chief of the United States Navy bureau of armaments, announced he had "practically completed" talks with the British on developing "the maximum impact of our combined air strength."

British air experts said that with American help the operating force of 1,000 bombers might on occasion be tripled, with each of the 3,000 planes a four-engined monster capable of bearing a tremendous bomb load.

The British lost 44 planes Saturday night, about a 4 per cent ratio as against the 10 per cent figured as the limit under which such an operation could be counted as a success.

The RAF was active again Sunday night over Hitler's domain. The action was largely reconnaissance but the air ministry said also that Hurricanes and Beaufighters bombers attacked eleven goods trains and blasted airbase runways in the Netherlands and France.

German planes struck back Sunday night—weakly by comparison. They attacked the cathedral city of Canterbury, southeast England, with about 25 planes. Another two dozen craft were active against other British targets. Canterbury's historic buildings, business areas and homes all suffered from the German bombardment.

Eight Dead In Mishaps

Gas Rationing and Equipment Shortages Cut Holiday Death Toll on Highways.

Charlotte, June 1.—(AP)—With gas rationing and equipment shortages keeping many automobiles off the highways, North Carolina's Memorial Day week-end death toll was greatly below last year's peacetime holiday toll.

At least eight persons lost their lives over the week-end, however, two of them in automobile accidents.

Clifton Doss, 24, of Greensboro, was killed when his taxi overturned near Jacksonville and Private First Class W. W. Parnelle, a Marine, was seriously injured.

Mrs. Lila Simpson Layson, 42, was found dead in the kitchen of her apartment at Kinston, her feet loose in a pool of blood with no other evidence of violence except for a bruised shoulder.

Willie W. Liker, 14, of near Mt. Holly, was drowned in a swimming hole in South Fork creek near McAdenville and Luther Dale Smith, nine, was drowned when he stepped into a deep hole in Little Alamance creek near Greensboro.

Lester Thorne, 29, of Sims, was killed when his automobile overturned.

Thomas Frazier, 62, Rutherford county farmer, was injured fatally when his tractor overturned.

Second Lieutenant Leon M. Zell, Jr., 22, a native of Torrington, Conn.

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Some Stocks Show Strength

New York, June 1.—(AP)—Mild bidding, apparently inspired partly by more cheering week-end war developments, put selective props under today's stock market.

Gains of fractions to a point or so were well in the majority at the start. Dealings then slowed and prices wavered in many cases near the fourth hour.

Cotton Futures Are Lower

New York, June 1.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 3 to 10 cents a bale lower.

The market at noon was 55 to 65 cents a bale lower July 1941, December 1941, March 1942.