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Record War Fund Measure Is Sent To House Floor

House Appropriations Committee Approves \$42,820,003,606 Army Supply Bill; Total is More Than Direct Cost of World War.

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—A \$42,820,003,606 Army supply bill—largest in history—was sent to the House by its appropriations committee today to finance an Army with a strength of 4,500,000 by July 1, 1943, and to send war materials to other United Nations.

The measure amounted in itself to more than this country's direct outlay for the World War and would boost to \$205,211,639,537 the total authorized or appropriated for defense and war in the last three years.

The committee explained the necessity for the expenditures by quoting Lieutenant General J. T. McNarney, the Army's deputy chief of staff.

"The War department regards our present situation as the most critical which this country has ever encountered."

The measure would provide \$12,700,000,000 for financing war materials for the United Nations, bringing to \$62,944,650,000 the total of last-year aid thus far approved by Congress.

It included \$11,316,898,910 for 25,500 planes and spare parts. Army chiefs and the committee joined in assuring Congress that the allotment would complete the War department's part of President Roosevelt's production program calling for 60,000 planes this year and 125,000 in 1943.

Hull Denounces Sub Sinkings

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull declared today the sinking of the Argentine freighter Rio Tercero 120 miles off New York was one more instance illustrating a policy of frightfulness which the German high command is undertaking in the Atlantic.

Hull said at a press conference that according to reports the 4,800-ton Argentine vessel had been attacked and sunk in broad daylight, thus eliminating an opportunity for the Nazis to hide behind the pretext that the vessel could not be identified.

Hull had reference to the fact that Germany in recently replying to an Argentine government protest over the torpedoing of the Argentine tanker Victoria off Cape Hatteras expressed regret but contended the ship was improperly marked and her identity had been mistaken.

Hull, with a trace of anger in his voice, said the Rio Tercero sinking proved that, no matter how the policy is stated in Berlin, in practice and effect it means that neutral ships will be sunk by German submarines just as promptly and criminally as any other vessels.

Navy Convoys Guard Troops Without Loss

Asheville, June 23.—(AP)—Ralph L. Bard, assistant secretary of the Navy, told the national governors conference today that the Navy had convoyed great numbers of American troops to foreign soil without the loss of a soldier.

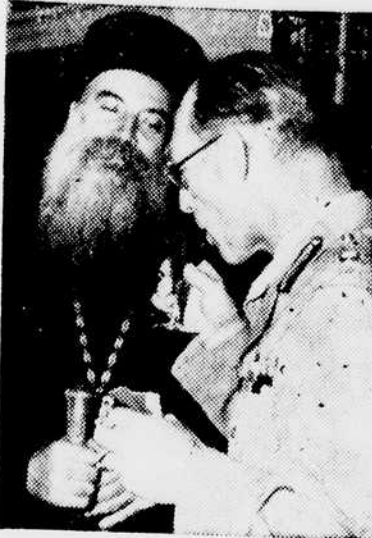
Bard discussed the Navy's extensive convoy operations and other activities at an executive session.

Director Joseph Eastman of defense transportation advised the governors that additional measures might be necessary if the recent request from his office that state and county fairs, non-essential conventions and other unnecessary meetings be eliminated failed to bring the desired results.

Discussing the Navy's anti-submarine campaign, Bard informed the governors that a large number of anti-submarine boats had been delivered recently. He added, however, that adequate training of the necessary crews required time.

Bard spoke hopefully on the outlook for control of the undersea menace to American shipping but he cautioned "it isn't a problem, that is being licked in a short time."

King and Archbishop



King George II of Greece sips a glass of wine while listening to Archbishop Athenagoras who is the Greek bishop of North, South and Central America. This picture was taken at a dinner given in honor of the King at a New York hotel. (Central Press)

U. N. Heads Talk Ships

Vital Problem of Sea Transportation Holds Attention of FDR and Churchill.

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of Britain centered their attention today on the vital problem of shipping as they went ahead with the mapping of plans for the United Nations war strategy.

They summoned shipping experts of the two governments to a White House conference which was described as one of the most important of the series the President and the prime minister have held during the past five days.

The White House permitted the disclosure also that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had conferred yesterday with Dr. T. V. Soong, China's foreign minister who has been in the country for some time. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said it was "quite an extended conference."

"The subject was, of course, China in a military sense," Early said.

The presidential secretary said that today's major parley will be "on the subject of ship building and ship use." It was he who said the meeting was one of the most important yet held.

RAF Planes Bomb Emden

London, June 23.—(AP)—British bombers smashed at the German naval base of Emden for the third time in four days last night and it was reliably reported the attack was heavy and successful.

The scale of the attack was indicated by the report that six planes were reported missing from the operation.

Other RAF forces raided Nazi airfields and other targets in the low countries and France.

Flying Freighters Carrying Supplies To Chinese Army

New Delhi, June 23.—(AP)—The flying freighters of the United States ferry command, plus Army bombers and fighters, are giving the implements of war to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese armies despite the increasing fury of the monsoon season and the growing watchfulness of Japanese fighter squadrons in Burma.

Medium and heavy bombers, fighters, gasoline, spare engines and spare parts are moving in a small stream from India to China.

Ferry command authorities said the planes continued the run throughout the monsoon although regular airlines usually suspend operations during the period.

The decision to keep the flying freighters and combat planes in the

More Troops To Egypt

Guerillas Fight On At Tobruk

Parachute Troops Hunt Last Forces

Fall of Tobruk Said to Have Come After Week of Disheartening Luck for British Desert Armies; Water Supply Bombed.

With British forces at Hafaya Pass, June 21.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Some of the defenders of fallen Tobruk still are fighting on their own, resolved to die rather than be captured. They are the quarry of German parachute troops, the first used in all the bloody warfare on the desert.

Parachutists floated down from a moonlit sky at several points on the Tobruk outskirts, sifting into the numerous canyons in search of the British, Indians and South Africans who stayed on for last ditch guerilla fighting.

The fall of Tobruk, the last major allied fortress in Libya, came after two days of the fiercest desert fighting and a week of disheartening luck.

When a British armored force sought contact with the main axis forces but drove into an anti-tank trap during a dust storm on June 13 the chain of events leading to the storming of Tobruk had come to a climax.

Axis men and armor finally closed around Tobruk five days later.

The main German mechanized forces were concentrated to the east, aided by constant daytime dive bomber raids and high level bombardment by night.

Despite this blazing hell of heat and fire, Britain's young soldiers held their ground and met the German and Italian infantry hand to hand even after the enemy's tanks had driven through a five-mile wide gap in the eastern defenses.

Earlier bombing of Tobruk water tower had left the fortress's water situation in difficulty and the outnumbered defenders were tackling a heavier force of guns.

The royal air force attacked time and again, smashing the enemy and his supplies without rest but the enemy was able to concentrate nearly all his air strength at that one key spot for the final effort.

NAZI PROPAGANDA ON RED-JAP FRONT

New York, June 23.—(AP)—An axis propaganda campaign, preparing advance excuses for a Japanese attack on Russia or signifying ardent German desires for such an attack, was launched today on the German radio.

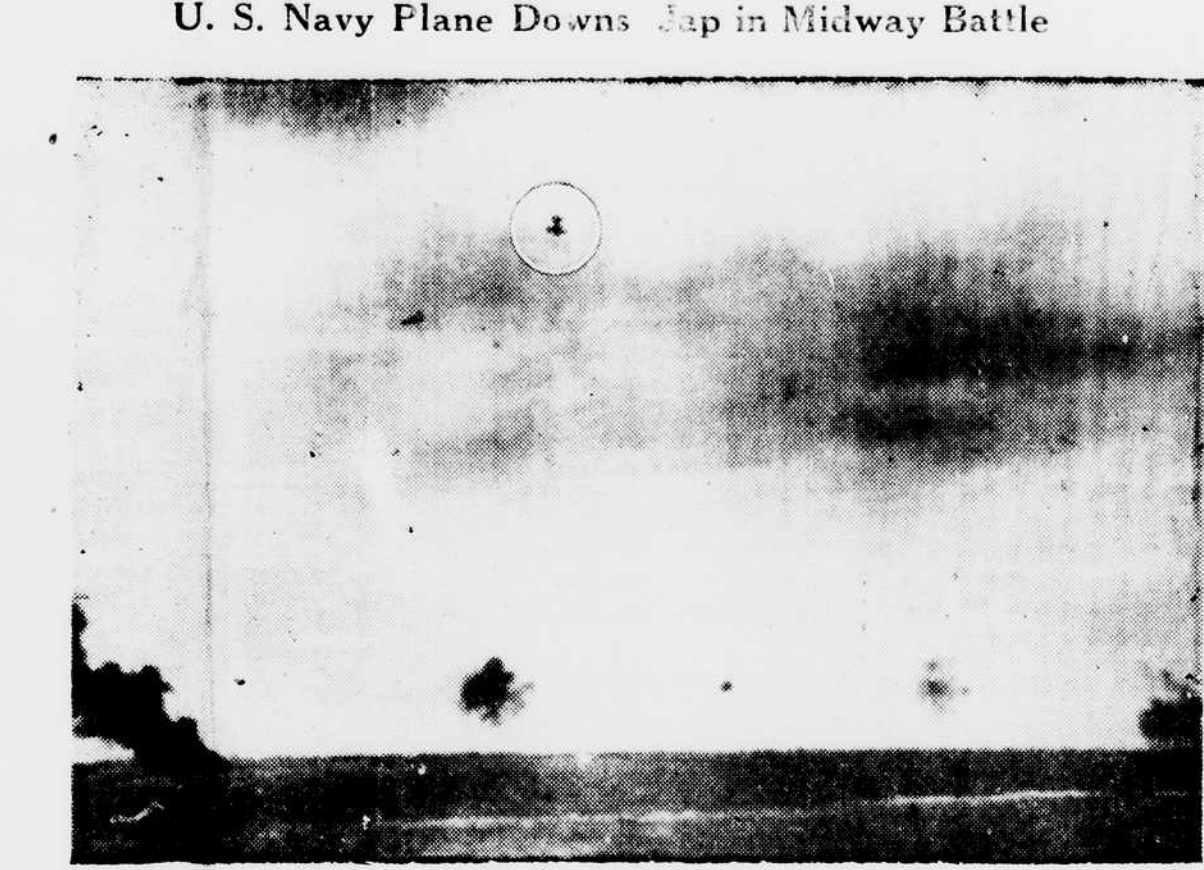
Tokyo newspapers were quoted at length as saying that Britain and the United States were fomenting a Russian attack on Japan, that this was a main purpose of Prime Minister Churchill's visit to the United States and that Churchill soon would go to Moscow to put the proposition up to Premier Stalin.

Stock Market Is Stronger

New York, June 23.—(AP)—The stock market dug in for selective recoveries today although demand was even lighter than in yesterday's selling.

Fractional advances appeared here and there at the opening and, while many leaders failed to register progress, plus marks were fairly well distributed near the fourth hour.

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This photo was taken during the battle of Midway and shows a U. S. Navy fighter plane (circle) in a vertical dive as Jap plane that it has just shot down burns in the left background. The smoke made at the right is the grave of another Nipponese plane. The powerful U. S. naval air and sea forces defeated a strong Japanese armada at Midway Island. The picture was radiated from Honolulu to the U. S.

88 Are Lost British Leadership In Sinking Censured In House

Enemy Sub Sinks American Freighter in Three Minutes With Two Torpedoes.

An East Coast Port, June 23.—(AP)—Two torpedoes fired in quick succession by an enemy submarine sank a medium-sized American freighter in three minutes off the coast on June 15 with a possible loss of 88 lives.

The heaviest in American coastal waters since the war began—the Navy announced today.

Eighty-one persons, including 23 United States soldiers and a number of crew members, were rescued.

Forty-four were brought to this port, 37 to another.

Members of the crew said that the torpedoes struck within a minute of each other and that the vessel, running full speed, literally plunged below the surface about 75 miles off the coast. The ship sank so rapidly that none of the craft's ten lifeboats could be launched and deck guns could not be fired.

They said that many of the 83 reported missing apparently were trapped in cabins below decks, as the attack came at night while many of the crew were not on deck duty. The rescued, some of whom got away on life rafts, were picked up by vessels which were nearby when the attack occurred.

U. S. MERCHANTMAN SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Washington, June 23.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that medium-sized United States merchant vessel had been torpedoed approximately 75 miles off the New England coast and that survivors had been landed at an east coast port.

Weather Is Stronger

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AMERICAN SUBS SINK JAP SHIPS OFF CHINA COAST

London, June 23.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Chungking said today that United States submarines operating off the east China coast were reported to have sunk four of seven Japanese vessels which recently left Hongkong for Shanghai.

BERGDELL ASKS TO JOIN FLIERS

New York, June 23.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Bergdell, probably the best known draft dodger of the last war and now in prison, asked Attorney General Biddle today to obtain a post-oriental pardon for him so that he might enlist in the U. S. air corps and redeem himself by fighting for his country. He is 48.

Bergdell's plea was contained in a letter sent to Biddle by Joseph C. Thomson, who told Biddle that Bergdell's plea to enlist was not a trick to obtain freedom.

Cotton Market Opens Higher

New York, June 23.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 40 cents a bale higher.

Nationwide Gas Rationing In Offing, Wills Declares

Asheville, June 23.—(AP)—Governor William H. Wills of Vermont told the 34th annual National Governors Conference today that nationwide gasoline rationing was "in the offing" primarily because of the rubber shortage.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a luncheon, the Vermont chief executive said he based his prediction upon the results of a national survey.

"It is based on rubber shortage, not on gasoline distribution—and if people of this country know this, I believe they will accept it," he said.

Governor Wills said he had polled the governors of the other states on their reaction to the price fixing and rationing program and had encountered a number of complaints, many of them, he said, based on conflicting instructions from the national capital.

U. S. Planes Join Attack On Germans

More Reinforcements on Way to Bolster Britain's Defeated Libyan Army; German Paratroop Assault Now Feared.

(By The Associated Press) Britain's desert armies have already been reinforced since the jolting defeat in Libya, it was announced officially today, but at the same time fears were expressed that the Germans were preparing a mass parachute descent behind the British lines in Egypt.

While the crisis remained acute and the Egyptian government began recruiting 50,000 volunteers for air raid precautions, the British ambassador declared confidently in Cairo:

"The situation is satisfactory. We shall beat the enemy decisively. The population should remain calm. Have confidence. Last year the situation was much worse and in spite of that we won."

A royal air force communique disclosed that big four-motored United States Army bombers had joined in the developing battle of Egypt, attacking the axis supply base at Benghazi.

The American fliers and royal air force planes started many fires and inflicted damage on piers and railway sidings, the communique said.

London military quarters said they expected Marshal Erwin Rommel's next move would be synchronized with an invasion of Egypt by thousands of Nazi paratroops and glider-borne infantry.

An Italian communique said Axis vanguard had now reached the Egyptian frontier.

"The position is difficult, but the fight for Libya still continues," Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee told parliament in London.

"We still have strong forces in the field and substantial land and air reinforcements have been arriving and others are on the way."

The Italian high command said Axis troops had completed mopping up operations at Tobruk, which fell Sunday after a 36-hour assault, and declared more than 23,000 prisoners had been taken.

On the Soviet fighting front, Russian armies fought desperately to hold the battered ramparts of Sevastopol and meet a series of new attacks by German forces on the Kharkov front.

Soviet front line dispatches said Red Army reinforcements were reaching Sevastopol by sea, and declared the Russian garrison had pinned off a German sally against

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Legionnaires Hear Daniels At Asheville

Asheville, June 23.—(AP)—Joseph Daniels, statesman and editor, said today that "when the United States was attacked on the day of infamy, members of the American Legion were among the first to tender the same devotion that glorified them in 1917-18."

Daniels made the statement in an address prepared for delivery before the annual convention of the North Carolina department of the Legion.

He praised the courage and valor of the American soldier in the first World War and said the true character of the American man of arms was described in the kindly attitude of the army of occupation toward the conquered.

But, he said, "you paused to bury your dead comrades on the fields where they had fallen in supreme devotion and in what they truly believed was a war against war. Your memory of the World War is not marred by any act of yours that brought the disillusionment that came when statesmen, so-called, fumbled the ball and surrendered the victory."

On the program was election of officers. Henry L. Ingram of Asheville was unopposed for the office of department commander to succeed R. L. Meddilar, of Raleigh.