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Nazis 60 Miles Inside Egypt

Eisenhower Commands U. S. Forces In Europe

Army Officer Has Arrived In London

War Department Spokesman, Announcing Assignment, Defines Theatre as 'Area Where Combat is in Progress or Will Be.'

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower has arrived in London and taken command of the European theatre for American forces, it was announced today by the War department, which defined a theatre of operations as "an area where combat is in progress or will be."

Eisenhower, a native Texan and an armored force expert, went to his post in London from an assignment as chief of the operations division of the War department general staff.

The department spokesman who defined "theatre of operations" explained that such a theatre usually is divided into the combat or front line zone and the line of communications but added that "with air power so important there is little difference now between front and rear areas."

The announcement was made without reference to current speculation on the possibility of a second front in Europe.

Major General James E. Chaney has been in command of American forces in the British Isles, and officials did not disclose his new status. Major General Russell P. Hartle remains in command of American forces in northern Ireland.

In a statement by General Eisenhower on his arrival in England, which the War department released, the new commander said "the formal establishment of a European theatre is a logical step in coordinating the efforts of Great Britain and the United States."

General Eisenhower, a native of Texas, is 51, and has been a member of the War department general staff for the last two years.

Known as an expert in armored force operations, he came to the War department in February as chief of the plan division after having served as chief of staff of the third army at San Antonio, Tex. He was put in charge of the operations division on April 2.

General Eisenhower holds the Distinguished Service Medal for his World War services as commander of the tank corps training center at Camp Polk, Gettysburg, Pa. He was military advisor to the Philippine Commonwealth in 1939-40.

BENGASI RAIDED BY U. S. BOMBERS

Cairo, June 25.—(AP)—United States Army Liberators made another raid on Bengasi harbor, axis Libyan supply port, last night, the RAF Middle East command announced today.

Baldwin Gets Reprieve

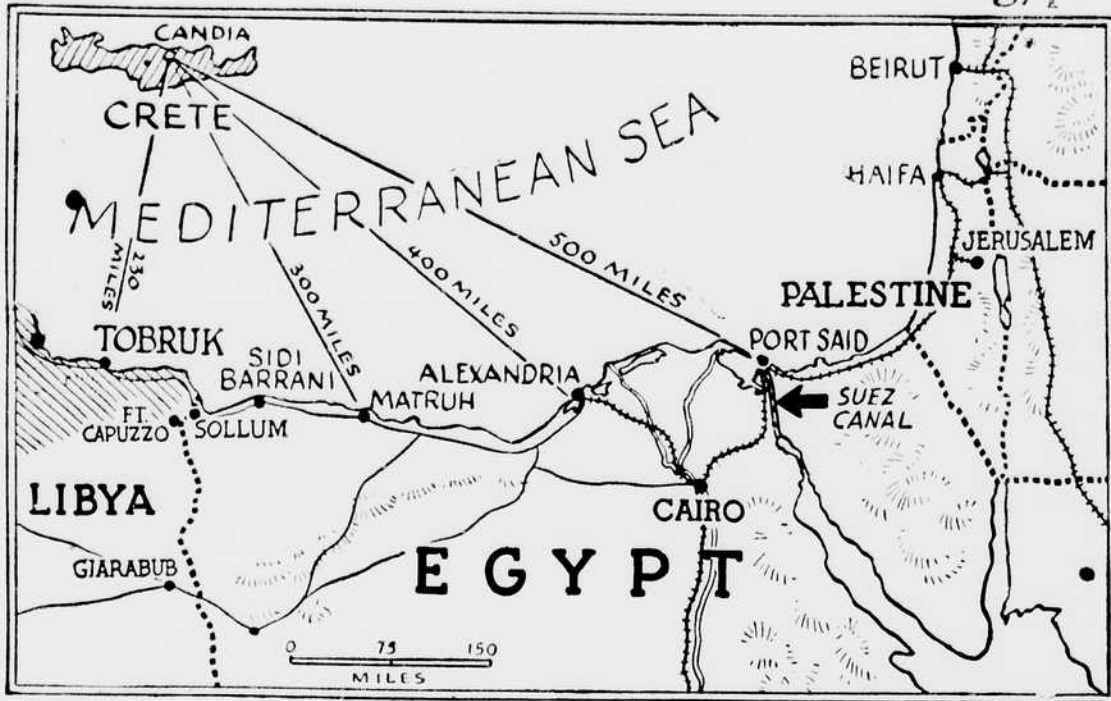
Raleigh, June 25.—(AP)—John S. Baldwin, Columbus county farmer who killed Dr. Randolph Jones, Duke hospital surgeon, received a temporary reprieve from Governor Broughton today, staying his execution until August 14.

The governor acted upon recommendation of Paroles Commissioner Erwin Gill and said the stay was taken for a fuller study of Baldwin's mental responsibilities.

Baldwin, 38-year old farmer, shot Dr. Jones to death in the hospital last November 13 and asserted later he was displeased with an operation the surgeon had performed on him.

Only yesterday, Baldwin telegraphed Solicitor William H. Murdock, asking that the solicitor talk with him about the trial.

Where Nazis May Land Parachutists in Egypt



Shown on this map are some of the key points where the Nazi military leaders may try to land parachutists in Egypt. Hordes of parachutists might come from Crete, or from Tobruk where they are said to have participated in the capture of that fortress. Axis forces, according to military experts, are expected to attack the British at once, before they can properly organize their new defense positions in Egypt. (Central Press)

Nazis Raze Czech Town Body Blow Aimed At OPA's Wallet

Second Village Wiped Out in Retaliation for Assassination of Heydrich.

London, June 25.—(AP)—The Czech community of Lesany in Bohemia has been razed by the Nazis on the accusation that the villagers hid parachutists involved in the slaying of Reinhard Heydrich, "protector" of Bohemia-Moravia. It was reported today in a Budapest radio broadcast heard by a Czech government listener here.

This was the second village wiped out by the Germans in vengeance for the death of Heydrich. The Germans having reported June 10 they had slain the male population of Lidetz, near Prague, sent the women to concentration camps and the children to "educational" institutions.

About 250 men faced the firing squads in that village.

What happened to the Lesany population was not disclosed by the Budapest broadcast, which quoted an official announcement in Prague newspapers.

The announcement charged the villagers with sheltering "parachute agents" involved in the Heydrich plot.

Other phases of the rage of anti-Czechs continued. The Budapest radio said that 13 Czechs were sentenced to death at Prague yesterday and twelve at Brno. The charges were not stated.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL SUNK IN ATLANTIC

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a medium sized Norwegian merchant vessel had been torpedoed several hundred miles off the southern coast of the United States and that survivors had been landed at an east coast port.

AVG Planes Raid Hankow

Chungking, June 25.—(AP)—With a force of its fighting planes doubling as bombers, the American Volunteer Group has attacked Hankow, Japan's major inland base in occupied China, and sunk one Japanese warship and three transports in the broad Yangtze there.

An AVG communiqué announced today that other vessels probably were damaged and military establishments were blown up on Tuesday in the Flying Tigers' debut over Hankow, which is in Hupoh province and is China's greatest interior city.

Coupled with this blow and others in which Chinese airmen also figured were reports that Chinese troops, long without adequate air support, had pushed the Japanese twelve miles back from recaptured Kweiki in the long battle for the Chikang-Kiang railway.

'Supreme Leader'

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—Designation of President Roosevelt as "supreme leader" of the United Nations war effort was urged in the Senate today to replace what Senator Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, termed "the apparent apathy of British military leadership."

Asserting the axis foes are in "a dangerous position" as a result of the fall of Tobruk, Senator Ellender told the Senate "something must be done before it is too late."

"We must designate a new leader," he asserted, "and place full decisions in his hands. Such a leader must be acclaimed at once."

"We in America are carrying more and more of the burd of this war as time goes on. Accordingly I nominate for the position of supreme leader none other than our great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Ellender said the President had, among other qualifications, "the skill to animate others."

WPA Offices Abolished

Raleigh, June 25.—(AP)—C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, said today that district offices at Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Williamston and Wilmington would be abolished effective June 30.

"Very small area project supervising offices" will be maintained at those points, McGinnis said, explaining that the curbing was caused by slashed federal appropriations.

All administrative functions in the state will be carried on from state headquarters, McGinnis said.

The state headquarters here will be drastically curtailed, even with the added administrative duties caused by abolition of the districts, McGinnis said.

PROJECT APPROVED

Raleigh, June 25.—(AP)—A \$500,000 project to replace the "floating road" in Camden county near Elizabeth City has been approved by the public roads administration and only priority ratings are needed before contracts can be let, Chief Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise reported today.

STRIKE

Lorain, Ohio, June 25.—(AP)—An unauthorized strike by 3,500 CIO unionists today shut down the war busy pipe mills of the National Tube Co's plant here.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
A mild and moderate temperature tonight.

Congressional Economy Bloc Leaders Declare House Subcommittee Cut is Not Enough, Promise Fight for Reductions.

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—Congressional critics of Leon Henderson squared off today for a body blow at the federal price administration's pocketbook.

Appropriations subcommittee action in cutting in half Henderson's money request for next year's operations of the OPA, economy bloc leaders said the cut was not enough. They promised a fight on the floor for further reductions.

The subcommittee approved \$75,000,000, a reduction of \$65,000,000 from the amount recommended by the budget bureau and \$145,000,000 less than Henderson asked for the fiscal year starting July 1.

This amount, committee members said, was ample for the efficient and economical operations of OPA and would allow the agency a personnel of from 30,000 to 40,000, 90,000, Henderson's program had contemplated a force of 90,000, while the budget bureau recommendations provided for about 60,000.

The subcommittee action was announced as amendments to instructions to include in its report an expression of congressional intention that OPA be given no additional money from other sources, such as the President's emergency fund.

Some members said the restriction against outside funds was written into the bill originally but was withdrawn for fear it might be construed as "a slap at the President."

Babson Discusses Real Estate In Connection With Inflation

By ROGER W. BABSON
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Washington, June 25.—There seems to be as much misunderstanding about inflation as there is about rubber and gasoline. Even the Washington bureaus appear to issue contradictory statements. It may be that these departments get their messages mixed up, referring to the present or past rather than the future. Therefore, let me first straighten readers out on this subject.

Will We Have Inflation? We most certainly will have inflation. If it doesn't come during the war, it will come after the war. Inflation is like a stream of water, you can't dam it up forever. Building a dam does not destroy the water in the stream. The dam holds back the water for only a limited time and then the water flows over it. The work of Leon Henderson, for whom I have great respect, is preventing inflation at the present

Nelson Declares Salvage Campaign May Be Broadened

'Too Little and Too Late' Policy Partly Responsible for Shortages, WPA Head Admits in Report to Senate Group.

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—Production Chief Donald M. Nelson told Congress and the nation today that the "too little and too late" policy, eventually might bring the scrapping of metal fences, gates, statuary and other decorative works.

"There are very few important materials concerning which the government does not need to take positive action," Nelson declared in a report to the special Senate defense investigating committee.

"Some programs, we may realize, with the benefit of hindsight, were clearly undertaken too late, and others were conceived in far too rigidly a fashion. Lack of foresight in requirements has certainly been all too prevalent, whatever the causes of such lack may have been."

While asserting that production of raw materials was steadily increasing, Nelson cautioned that scrap collections would have to be stepped up markedly.

"We may indeed find it necessary before we are through to go well beyond what is normally considered scrap," the war production board head asserted. "As you know, a section of our salvage group has been working on special projects for bringing into the scrap market so-called dormant scrap, such as abandoned elevated railway structures."

"In Europe, the process has gone further to include taking metals in place and to use but not saving a really important use. Prominent among the types of sources tapped in Europe have been metal fences, statuary, and other decorative metal work, metal signs and the like."

BRITISH HONDURAS PLOT IS REVEALED

London, June 25.—(AP)—Reuters reported today that 15 persons had been arrested by military authorities in Belize, British Honduras, after discovery of an organization which has been rendering active assistance to the enemy in the Caribbean area.

AXIS CONVOY RAID IN MEDITERRANEAN

Cairo, June 25.—(AP)—Two large axis supply ships, escorted by two destroyers, were attacked by the RAF Monday night, east of Palermo, Sicily. The RAF Middle East command announced today, and a direct hit on the stern of one of the supply vessels started a fire.

British Killer Is Executed

London, June 25.—(AP)—Gordon Frederick Cummins, 28-year old RAF pilot, was hanged today in Wandsworth prison for the slaying of Mrs. Evelyn Oakley, 32, one-time actress.

Mrs. Oakley was one of four women Cummins was accused of killing in a series of blackout murders which terrorized London's fashionable west end last winter.

Two other attempted slayings also were charged against the handsome young aviator, whose bland appearance and polished manner won him the nickname of "the Duke."

The jury before which Cummins was tried for the murder of Mrs. Oakley required only 34 minutes to convict him. Justice Sir Cyril Asquith, who passed sentence of death, described the crime as "a sadistic sexual murder, of a ghoulish type."

The opening of a second battle-

Suez Canal, Nile Valley Threatened

Lightning Sweep Brings Capture of Sidi Barrani; Italians Claim Fall of Capuzzo, Halfaya Pass and Salum.

(By The Associated Press)
Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's invasion armies have already plunged more than 60 miles into Egypt in a lightning sweep toward the Suez canal, British imperial headquarters acknowledged today, after British troops fell back in heavy all day fighting yesterday.

A bulletin from Cairo headquarters said powerful axis armored columns had driven southeast of Sidi Barrani, the furthest point of the Italian invasion in 1940, and implied that the invaders might have penetrated still deeper into the ancient land of the Pharaohs.

The bulletin said British troops defending the Egyptian frontier had withdrawn from the main border defenses on a 25-mile line extending from Salum on the Mediterranean coast to Sidi Omar.

Simultaneously, the Italian high command announced that axis forces had captured the key frontier citadels of Fort Capuzzo, Halfaya (shellfire) Pass and Salum, and then raced 50 miles inside Egypt to capture Sidi Barrani.

It was at bloody Halfaya Pass, a rocky, easily defended stronghold southeast of Salum, that the British had been expected possibly to make their main stand against Rommel's columns after the disaster at Tobruk.

It was not clear immediately whether the British armies had executed a strategic voluntary withdrawal to stronger defense positions, as London military quarters had intimated might be done, or whether they had been thrown back by violent assault.

In any event, the threat to the great valley of the Nile and the vital Suez canal was now sharply outlined, and it remained to be seen whether the British armies had executed a strategic voluntary withdrawal to stronger defense positions, as London military quarters had intimated might be done, or whether they had been thrown back by violent assault.

A British aircraft from Stockport and a strongly escorted convoy from Canadian ports had landed the remnants of Soviet troops in the southern Caucasus in an attempt to relieve the Sevastopol garrison.

U. N. Heads Review War

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of Britain gave congressional leaders today a 40-minute review of "the world situation," touching on the British defeat in North Africa and the opening of a second front in Europe, and the legislators called the survey "very satisfactory and very encouraging."

Speaker Rayburn told reporters that Libyan phase of the war was covered "in some detail" and that a second front was mentioned "incidentally." The subject, he added, "always comes up of course."

Representative Martin, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, told reporters on Capitol Hill that Churchill "indicated that Britain would hold, and that there is no danger of losing Egypt and Suez."

Churchill's meeting with leaders from both Republican and Democratic ranks on Capitol Hill started off a round of conferences which set the day apart as one of the most important since the prime minister flew the Atlantic a week ago to confer with the President a second time.

The President and prime minister followed up the congressional conference with an appointment with the Pacific war council.

None of the legislative leaders would go into details of the conversations with the United Nations leaders, Rayburn remarking that a great many of these were of a military nature.

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