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Attu Blow Start Of Tokyo Sweep

552 Nabbed As Dodgers Of The Draft

FBI Head Edgar Hoover Reveals Round-Up in 19 Cities, With 15 in Charlotte

Washington, May 15—(AP)—Special agents arrested 552 men in 19 cities yesterday on draft law charges, Director J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today, in one of the busiest days in the bureau's history.

Hoover said that "no massed raids or dragnet tactics were used" but that the arrests were "the results of painstaking investigations to locate individuals who had become delinquent with their local boards for various reasons, such as failure to report for physical examination and induction, failure to return questionnaires, not notifying their draft board of changes of address, and other delinquencies."

Hoover said that 137 were arrested in New York City, and 81 in San Francisco. Fifteen were arrested in Charlotte.

The FBI has inquired into more than 200,000 complaints under the selective service law, Hoover said, and has located and made available to the armed forces 86,543 men. In addition, convictions have been obtained against 4,092 willful violators, and sentences aggregating 8,724 years in prison have been imposed.

BUS DRIVERS QUIT IN LANSING, MICH.

Lansing, Mich., May 15—(AP)—Bus drivers in Michigan's capital city walked out today, depriving an area of nearly 100,000 residents of their means of public transportation.

Liquor Sales Decline In Past Month

Raleigh, May 15—(AP)—ABC stores in the State's 25 wet counties total \$1,385,311.55 worth of liquor during April, a decline of nearly \$100,000 from March sales, and an increase over the \$1,161,578.25 reported in April last year, ABC Chairman Carl Williamson reported today.

Williamson said that gallonage sold last month probably was below that of the previous April, the increase in revenue being attributable to much higher Federal taxes.

Deadlock Over Tax Bill Appears As Possibility

Washington, May 5—(AP)—A predicted deadlock over abatement of 25 percent of the year's income taxes leaned today in the pathway of pay-as-you-go tax legislation as House and Senate leaders stood pat on their respective plans.

Americans In Greatest Raid As Air War Rages Unabated On Most Of Hitler's Europe

THEY MEET IN BEDSIDE REUNION



WITH A TOUCH OF her nose, "Lassie" tells Frank Wright in Bellevue Hospital that his seeing-eye is with him again. When a New York taxi struck him down, she fled in panic, but was found and led back to him. Wright's condition was reported as critical. (International)

Italy And Kiel Among Objectives

German Blitz on England Never Reached Such Heights;

London, May 15.—(AP)—Strong formations of Allied planes crossed the channel toward the Boulogne area of the French coast late today, keeping in motion a sustained aerial offensive against the Axis.

The drone of bomber engines and escorting fighters continued for some time. An hour later the sound of returning planes was heard.

(The Swedish radio reported that Oslo, Norway, had a fifteen-minute air raid alarm early today, and anti-aircraft and fighter planes went into action, the Federal Communications Commission reported.)

London, May 15—(AP)—A four-pronged sweep by American bombers yesterday in the greatest force they have mustered in the war, topped off two days of paralyzing, record-shattering aerial blows at German-occu-

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CHINA'S TOP MEN MEET YOUTHS



PICTURED IN CHUNGKING are President Lin Sen (left), 81 years old, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. They addressed sessions of the China Youth Corps leaders. President Lin Sen later became ill and fainted, but is reported to be resting comfortably. (International)

Turk Ambassador In London Called For Consultations

German Generals Going to England

Madrid, May 15—(AP)—The official Spanish news agency said in a dispatch from Algiers today that eight German and two Italian generals, including Colonel General Von Armin, who commanded the defeated Axis armies in Tunisia, arrived at Gibraltar last night en route to Great Britain as prisoners.

Sharp German Attack Made At Leningrad

Moscow, May 15—(AP)—A sharp new German attack on Leningrad, in an assault preceded by a heavy artillery barrage, was reported today by Red Star, official army newspaper, in dispatches from the front.

Following the heavy barrage, German infantry advanced toward the city in what the dispatch described as "relentless" attacks.

Russian troops met the attack with heavy fire that resulted in heavy losses, but the Germans were continuing to attack, the newspaper said.

The Germans made seven additional attacks in a single day, attempting to breach Russian lines in the Leningrad area, Red Star said, and breaking through to fortified positions at one point. The Russians rushed reinforcements to the area, however, the newspaper said, and "the enemy group was exterminated."

It was too early to say whether this was the beginning of anything important in the way of a German offensive, but it indicated considerable German power has been massed along the Leningrad front, and that the invading army was able to strike hard.

In the Kuban, the Red Army continued its intensive artillery bombardment of German-held Novorossiysk, but there was little other action.

In other battle areas of the Kuban delta, fighting slackened somewhat, although there was active raiding in salt marshes near the Sea of Azov.

The furious air battle was continuing up and down the front, with the Russians bombing, shelling and machine-gunning railway lines, stations and junctions behind the German lines. Night after night, Soviet aircraft have been pounding junctions, but trains moving on tremendous quantities of supplies for the German soldiers continued to arrive.

HIGH-UP BRITISHER SEES EARLY PEACE

London, May 15.—(AP)—Baron Reves, admiral of the fleet and founder of the commandos, declared today: "I have a feeling the war in Europe will be over soon."

Next Coal Strike Move Up To Lewis; Operators In Line

Bey of Tunis Is Ousted as Enemy

London, May 15—(AP)—The Algiers radio said today that General Henri Girard has designated the Bey of Tunis for endangering the security of Tunis. It said a successor had been appointed, but did not name him.

The Bey had been elevated to "king" by the Germans in return for his collaboration during the German-Italian occupation.

Cotton Firm On Closing

New York, May 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened ten cents a bale higher to five cents lower, Cotton futures closed ten cents a bale lower to 25 cents higher, Middling spot, 21.73.

UMW Chief Silent in New York; CIO Council Asks Increase in Mine Wage Scales

Washington, May 15—(AP)—The next move in the soft coal wage dispute appeared to be up to John L. Lewis today as the operators accepted a War Labor Board order to resume bargaining and continue production of the war-related fuel.

In New York, the president of the United Mine Workers, withheld immediate comment on the WLB's interim directive order, thus leaving some doubt as to whether the five-day truce in the wage dispute would be extended after its expiration next Tuesday midnight or whether another work stoppage would follow.

However, a week after the case was certified to the WLB, Lewis told President Roosevelt a renewal of collective bargaining is the logical means of providing justice and equity to all parties, which indicated the board order might suit him.

The operators had urged certification of the case to the board, while Lewis denounced the board as "prejudiced" and defied its authority.

CIO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN PLEA FOR MINE WORKERS
Cleveland, May 15.—(AP)—The CIO executive board today asked the National War Labor Board to grant an equitable wage adjustment to John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

"Only in this manner," says the board, "can the responsibility for determining the case in a manner that will best serve to aid the successful prosecution of the war" be adopted unanimously at a special policy meeting on the current economic situation.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Little change in temperature tonight.

Plans Laid Carefully By Leaders

Tide of Battle in Aleutians "Going Satisfactorily"; to Open in Pacific Soon

Washington, May 15—(AP)—American soldiers and sailors, fighting since Tuesday for possession of the Aleutian island of Attu, stood out today as the possible vanguard of a mighty force the country expects eventually to sweep on to Tokyo.

The lack of fresh news from Attu, which lies at the western end of the long string of islands pointing across the north Pacific to the Japanese homeland caused no apparent worry in the capital, where hopes for success were buoyed by these factors:

1. A belief that the high command would not have ordered the operations without making arrangements fairly sure of winning through.

2. The statement by Secretary of the Navy Knox late yesterday that "it is going very satisfactorily."

3. Japanese dispatches, speaking of "crack" American forces landing in numbers superior to the defenders, a possible face-saving in advance idea.

4. The American command knows how many Japanese are on Attu, Knox said, while declining to give the figure.

Asked whether the operation is part of a general plan of a United States offensive in the Pacific, he told a press conference today that "when you seize enemy territory it certainly can be called offensive." But would not talk about possible other offensives.

Knox commented that the mountainous, cold, treeless island is "tough terrain" for fighting, its difficulties comparable to those of the jungles of Guadalcanal in the South Pacific, where it took seven months to expel the Japanese.

And the belief that subsequent stages soon may strike at southern, western, southern and central Pacific strongholds of the enemy's ocean empire seemed at least partially borne out by:

1. Recent conferences between General Douglas MacArthur, commander in Australia and the southwestern Pacific area, and Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander in the southern Pacific.

2. Emphasis on the Pacific situation by choice of high officials sitting in on the conference here of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

3. Expressed opinion of qualified authorities that no major Pacific move would have been started unless joint army-navy-air power was set to continue the offensive series all along the line.

Highway Traffic Is Levelling Off Over the State

Raleigh, May 15.—(AP)—An apparent levelling off in the decrease of traffic on rural highways was noted today by the highway and public works commission.

James Burch, engineer of statistics and planning, said the decrease in April, 1941, exactly the same drop which was recorded in March.

He said April traffic was higher in volume than March, but attributed it to normal increase in farming operations.

Italians Told Plainly Navy Cannot Save Them

London, May 15.—(AP)—The unaccustomed Italians have been told bluntly by one of their leaders that the Italian navy cannot prevent an invasion of their land.

The admission was reported by the Rome radio in a broadcast recorded by the British ministry of information today.

The Rome announcer said the secretaries of war, aviation and the navy spoke at a six-hour emergency session of the Italian Senate, where the naval secretary said flatly his ships could not halt invaders.

The Italian broadcast attempted to calm its hearers, however,

with other assurances that measures were being taken to protect the country against an invasion, and declared the war secretary told the Senate that in case of a successful enemy landing—a possibility that cannot be overlooked—special rationing and supply plans already have been worked out.

Meanwhile, a Reuters dispatch said that the official Journal of the German Foreign Office promised that the German army would fight for every inch of Italy, apparently an attempt to stiffen the morale of the Italians.