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ANOTHER 113 AXIS PLANES ARE DESTROYED

Japanese Are Trying To Evacuate Attu Trap

Yamamoto Is Killed In So. Pacific

Jap Admiral Who Boasted He Would He Would Dictate Peace from White House Is Dead

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Here is President Roosevelt's comment, which he authorized for direct quotation on the reported death of Japanese Admiral Yamamoto: "Gosh!"

(By The Associated Press) An Axis controlled Vichy broadcast reported today that

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that operations on Attu Island in the north Pacific are continuing, with the latest reports indicating that the Japanese are making a last stand in defensive high ground on the island's northeastern extremity.

The enemy, as of last Wednesday, held an area of about 15 or 20 square miles, with a line opposite American advancing forces about five miles long. Today's communique, however, gave no information on what had occurred on Attu yesterday, and officers said frankly that all they could be sure of for the present was that operations are continuing. They assumed that the Japanese probably had been driven back somewhat further in the meantime, although fog and cold might have slowed down the American movements.

"Trapped Japanese forces have begun to evacuate Attu" in the (Continued on Page Three)

Power Dam In Sicily Is Bombed

London, May 21.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch which quoted NBC said today Allied air raiders scored direct hits yesterday on a dam in northeastern Sicily, recalling the RAF bombing of Germany's Mohne and Eder dams Sunday night. The great Triso dam, which may have been an Allied target, is in northeastern Sicily on the largest artificial lake in Europe, Reuters said, describing it as about twice the size of the quarter-mile long Eder dam. The hydro-electric plant at Triso dam was said to provide most of Sicily's electric power. The lake was described at 13 1/2 miles long and three miles wide, with a storage capacity of nearly 15,000,000 cubic feet of water. It was not brought out whether the dam attacked was actually breached, nor were there details of the action.

Flood Menace In Midwest Is Increasingly Serious

(By The Associated Press.) Spreading waters from the rampaging Mississippi and Missouri rivers brought added concern today to other smaller streams in six midwest states, rose relentlessly causing further widespread destruction in the flood-stricken zone. The two big rivers joined together early today, some ten miles northeast of the normal confluence of the two rivers near Alton, Ill., the number of persons driven from their homes by the disastrous floods was close to 1,000, as estimated by Red Cross officials and other observers. Hundreds of civilian recruits, including high school boys and girls in some towns, labored throughout the night in towns regarded as in

UNITED NATIONS FOOD COMMITTEE IN SESSION



NAMEPLATES OF THEIR COUNTRIES designate the chairmen of the forty-five delegations attending the first meeting of the United Nations conference on food and agriculture at Hot Springs, Va. President Roosevelt, in a message to the 157 delegates, urged the removal of international trade barriers and other obstructions preventing the better distribution of food products. (International Soundphoto)

OPA Heads Refuse To Cancel A, B, C, Coupons In Emergency

Mine Office In New York Closed Up

Lewis Returning to Washington Without Explanation of Meaning of Move

New York, May 21.—(AP)—United Mine Workers officials announced today that UMW President John L. Lewis would go to Washington during the day and that headquarters of the union in New York would be closed immediately. There was no immediate explanation of the move, nor was there any indication that Lewis' trip to Washington meant that he might have agreed to deal with the War Labor Board, which by his approval since the last coal dispute was referred to it several weeks ago. UMW officials said that UMW Vice President John O'Leary was leaving for Pittsburgh, but did not elaborate. Thomas Kennedy, UMW secretary-treasurer, will remain in New York. (Continued on Page Three)

State Guard Will Get U. S. Uniforms

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The North Carolina Home Guard is going to be dressed up. Senator Reynolds, North Carolina Democrat, announced he had obtained through the quartermaster corps 3,600 trousers, 7,500 caps for the guardsmen. The material was manufactured by Cramerton Mills.

Northampton Negro Dies In Gas Cell

Raleigh, May 21.—(AP)—Lewis Moody, 26-year-old, Northampton county Negro, was executed in the gas chamber at Central Prison today for the murder of John Arthur Key, another Negro, last autumn. Warden Ralph McLean said that Moody admitted the crime during religious rites held for him by Prison Chaplain Lawrence A. Watt, an hour before Moody was led into the gas chamber. The Negro was led into the chamber at 10:05 a. m., and was pronounced dead in ten minutes. Moody was convicted at the August, 1912, term of Northampton Superior Court of Key's murder. Governor Broughton said yesterday in

Mrs. J. B. Gardner, Mother of Ava, Is Dead at Raleigh

Raleigh, May 21.—(AP)—Mrs. J. B. Gardner, 59, mother of Ava Gardner, of the movies and former wife of Mickey Rooney, died in a hospital here early today following an illness of three years. Mrs. Gardner had made her home here with a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Grimes. She was a native of Southfield and for a year prior to her illness was matron of the Rock Ridge school near Wilson. Survivors include Mrs. Grimes, Miss Ava Gardner and three other daughters, Mrs. D. L. Creech of Smithfield, Mrs. B. C. Pearce, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Beatrice Gardner, of Hollywood, Col.; and one son, J. M. Gardner, of Portsmouth, Va. Funeral details were not announced pending arrival of the daughters from Hollywood. (Continued on Page Three)

No Curtailment or Elimination in Those Brackets Planned, Despite Resuets

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration has rejected a proposal from the Agriculture Department to cancel temporarily all A, B and C ration coupons along part of the Atlantic seaboard to meet the gasoline shortage emergency. "As far as OPA is concerned, no curtailment or elimination of A, B or C rations now is contemplated," an OPA spokesman said today when asked about the Agriculture Department's plan. He indicated that OPA would depend on curtailment of T rations used by taxis, trucks and other commercial vehicles, and on the eastern pleasure driving ban to ride out the period of emergency. The Agriculture Department's proposal, prompted by a food production crisis caused by the stopping of factors in the northeastern states, envisaged no curtailment of allotments to farmers or non-highway users of gasoline. OPA counterproposal was that some B and C rations are fully as essential as commercial and industrial rations.

Chrysler Tank Arsenal Threatened By Strikes

Detroit, Mich., May 21.—(AP)—Employees of a sixth war plant of Chrysler Corporation joined in a United Automobile Workers (UAW) strike move today as regional War Labor Board officials entered a conference with management and union executives. The walkout of day shift workers in the bomber plant of the Chrysler-DeSoto division brought the number of strikes and other idle employees in the corporation's war factories to nearly 27,500. It was Detroit's most serious stoppage since Pearl Harbor. Edwin E. Witte, regional WLB director, summoned Chrysler top executives and officers of the striking UAW-CIO unions to attend the closed conference and explain why work cannot be resumed immediately pending settlement of current disputes. (Continued on Page Three)

Most Of American Forces In Pacific Area, FDR States

President Says War Strategy Proposed by Chiefs of Staffs Come to Him and Churchill

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that the British-American chiefs of staff would submit some preliminary recommendations tonight to him and Prime Minister Churchill, and he said probably final discussions on them would be made next week. At the same time, the chief executive told a press conference, it is absolutely true that a large majority of American forces outside the United States are in the Pacific. The British prime minister had mentioned that in a speech to Congress Wednesday, and the President said it is particularly true of the Army and Navy. About half of our air force is in the Pacific, he said.

Mr. Roosevelt also issued a statement lauding national maritime day tomorrow. Paying tribute to the men who sail and build the merchant vessels, he told reporters that they were helping to maintain a ring that is slowly and surely being closed around the Axis powers. Asked if he could give a message with the prime minister, the President replied that so far most of the work had been done by the combined chiefs of staff—the top military, naval and air advisors who flanked the two consultants. Tentative recommendations are expected to be made at a meeting to night, he said, and these will be considered by the President and the Prime Minister over the week-end. They will take them up next week, he said, and the final decision made on them.

Result of Davies Meet With Stalin Is Not Divulged

Moscow, May 21.—(AP)—Special Envoy Joseph E. Davies conferred with Premier Stalin at the Kremlin last night and delivered President Roosevelt's secret message—a letter that some quarters thought might contain an invitation to a personal meeting with other Allied leaders. Davies was presented to the Russian political and military chief by Admiral William H. Standley, the United States ambassador, and was accompanied to the meeting by Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs Molotov, with whom he previously had conferred at length. Tass, official Soviet news agency, told of the meeting in a brief statement early today, but gave no details of what had occurred.



PRIME MINISTER of Canada, William Mackenzie King is shown on his arrival in Washington for a conference with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He was greeted at the station by Leighton McCarthy, Canadian Minister to the United States. (International)

RAF Bombs Berlin For 2nd Night

Other Fighters Strike Elsewhere in France and Germany; All But One Return

London, May 21.—(AP)—Swift mosquito bombers of the RAF bombed Berlin last night for the second successive night and the fifth time since May 13, it was announced today. Simultaneously other British bombers and fighters struck at enemy main lines and communications at widespread places in both France and Germany, including Bremen and Essen. Mines also were laid in enemy waters, an air ministry communique said. Despite the scope of the operations, all the RAF planes except one returned safely to their bases. The Berlin radio acknowledged that British planes had been over Germany again, but characteristically made light of the raids, describing them as "ineffective nuisance attacks." The daily communique of the German high command, broadcast from Berlin, made no mention of the latest attack on the Nazi capital. Details of the RAF attacks on enemy transports were given by the ministry news service.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Showers and thundershowers this afternoon and in east portion tonight.

Sardinia And Italy Hit In Big Raids

22 Axis Fliers Shot Out of Skies, 91 Shattered on Ground; Score Is 5,261

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 21.—(AP)—American fighters and bombers destroyed 113 enemy planes in widespread and devastating raids yesterday against Italy and Sardinia during what was officially called "one of the greatest victory days in the history of the strategic air force." The strategic air force, under command of U. S. Major General James H. Doolittle, is made up of United States heavy and medium and R. A. F. medium bombers. Aircraft of a half dozen types participated in the whirlwind action in which 91 Axis planes were shattered on the ground and 22 Axis pilots engaged in air combat were sent crashing in flames.

The Allied communique announced that seven of the planes shot down were Messerschmitt 323's, the huge German transports which are capable of carrying 120 men each, or about ten tons of freight. The roll call of enemy aerial disaster thus was brought to 186 planes in two days. Allied aircraft destroyed 73 Axis planes aloft or on the ground the day before in similar heavy smashes at Italian Mediterranean bases. The RAF and the USAAF disclosed in a joint communique that they had destroyed 5,172 Axis planes in air combat in the Mediterranean area between the entrance of Italy into the war on June 10, 1940, and the collapse of Axis resistance in Tunisia this month. Of these, 3,415 were shot down by the Middle East command squadrons, including Malta-based units, and 1,757 in the northwest African campaign.

Since the German and Italian ground forces, tossed in the sponge, however, Allied airmen have brought down 89 more planes, swelling the North African total to 1,816, and the list in all the Mediterranean area to 5,261. This does not include hundreds of enemy planes blasted on the ground. One American plane was lost in the destruction of the 113 enemy planes yesterday. Twelve of the 25 three-engine Italian bombers were set afire on the Milos air base of Sardinia on (Continued on Page Three)

Reds Again Smash Drive Of Germans

Moscow, May 21.—(AP)—The movement of German self-propelled barges across the Black Sea and attempts of a Nazi infantry force to fight its way through the Russian attack area northeast of Novorossk have been smashed by Soviet artillery and planes, reports from the front said today. The Soviet midnight communique said that ships of the Red fleet sank enemy barges filled with troops near the port of Anapa, and near Kerch. There was no immediate indication whether the boats were attempting to bring more reinforcements to the Axis troops now compressed into four districts in the Taman peninsula, or whether this marked the beginning of an Axis attempt at an evacuation. The Germans still possessed numerical superiority in the region, it was said, but are unable to hope a satisfactory defense against a sharp surprise attack mounted by both Russian scouts and guerrillas. Four German infantry regiments attempted to storm the Red lines northeast of Novorossk after being driven down a heavy barrage, but were met with volleys of Soviet gunfire, the midnight war bulletin said, and thrown back with heavy losses. In one sector, a Russian unit was hit on the flank by superior enemy forces. The right flank managed to hold, but on the left the Germans were reported to have come on until the Red army men were fighting them off with fists, bayonets and pointblank pistol fire.