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Over 300,000 Coal Miners Idle

Chinese Rout Japs In Biggest Victory Yet

5 Divisions Of Japanese Surrounded

Enemy Flees in Disorder Before Chinese Assault; Bigger News Expected

Chungking, June 1—(AP)—Spurred on by General Hsueh Yueh, "the Little Tiger," battered Chinese troops were announced today to have completely routed five Japanese divisions in a victory hailed in Free China as the greatest in six years of war.

The Japanese were thrown back in disorder and with heavy losses toward Ichang, their Yangtze river base, the high command said.

Chinese quarters in this provincial capital were elated over the reports from the front where the enemy divisions, involving perhaps 75,000 men, were said to have been trapped in a "big encirclement."

The Japanese had thrust out from Ichang in a many-pronged thrust to Chungking.

On May 27 more than 4,000 Japanese dead had been removed from the battlefields, it was reported, and the all-front counter attacks of the past two days were said to have killed thousands more.

Chinese quarters here, predicting even better news in the next few days, said the tide was turned through the brilliant execution of a well conceived and large scale plan of campaign on both sides of the Yangtze, and particularly southward of the river.

General Yueh, hero of the three battles in which the Japanese failed to take Chungking, capital of Hunan province, was said to have ordered his veteran troops on the north bank to "die fighting rather than be annihilated."

It was said he told his generals he did not want to see them again if they had to return in defeat.

The heartening sight of Allied troops overheard during the operations, carried out in difficult mountainous territory, thrilled and stimulated Chinese troops who, except for a few rare occasions, have been accustomed to fighting without air support and subject to blistering attacks from the air.

French Body In Africa Is Disagreed

Algiers, June 1—(AP)—Rumors of disagreement in the one-day old executive committee formed by General Charles DeGaulle and Henri Giroud to give unified direction to the French war effort circulated today and it seemed certain that difficult negotiations were ahead.

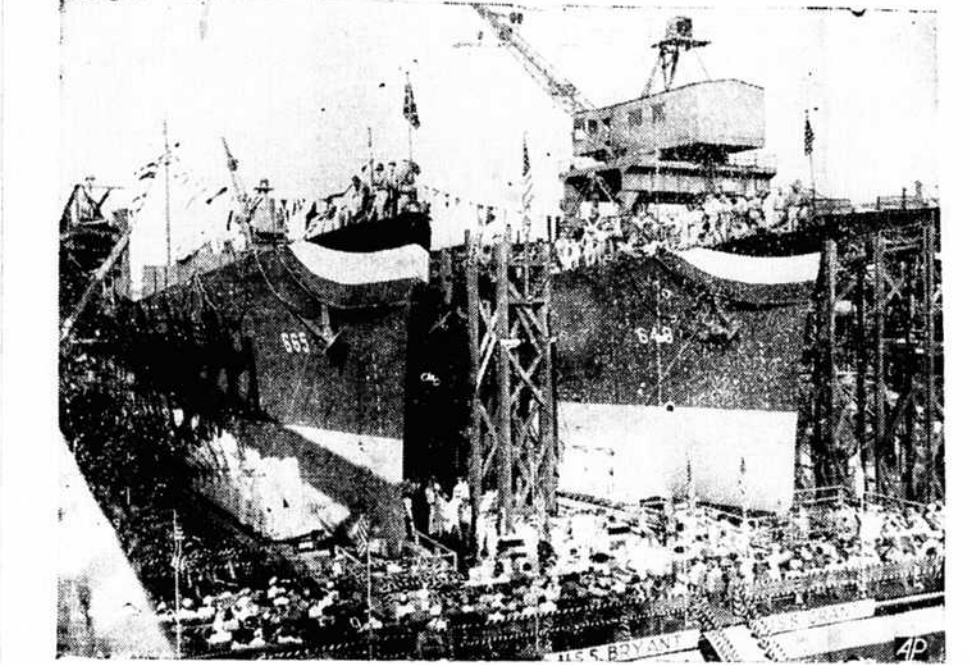
The committee was engaged in a day-long session, however, and in the absence of any official statement concerning its proceedings there was no definite information.

The most reliable informant said there was some difference of opinion among the members of General DeGaulle's demand for a house cleaning of "unworthy" officials in North Africa.

Restrains Are Relaxed On Some Farm Machinery

Washington, June 1—(AP)—The nation's farmers, looked to for more food than ever before, now may obtain the more ordinary equipment simply by saying they need it.

Fifty-Nine Day Destroyers Launched at Charleston



The United States naval destroyers Brynat (left) and the Albert W. Grant (right) were launched at the Navy Yard in Charleston, S. C., May 25 after having been built in the record-breaking time of 59 days. These are the first of four destroyer-type ships launched at the Charleston yard within a period of 59 hours. The vessels stand ready to be christened just before sliding down the ways.

400 Japanese Slain On Attu On Saturday Night

Enemy Force Counter Attacking Against Americans Is Completely Wiped Out

Washington, June 1—(AP)—More than 400 Japanese troops were killed on Attu island Saturday night, the Navy reported today, when three columns of United States soldiers advanced toward Chicago harbor where they joined Sunday.

The mopping up operations of the island apparently were continuing today with army troops stamping off packets of Japanese resistance in the barren hills.

Officials here said that all organized resistance by the enemy has been broken; however, of the three American columns which drove through the wild and mountainous country to effect a junction at Chicago harbor in the area where the little village Attu stood before it had to be destroyed to deny it to the enemy, the one coming in from the south apparently encountered the stiffest opposition.

This one moved northward along the floor of Chicago valley leading to the head of the harbor. It was in that valley that the Japanese made a counter attack at dawn on Saturday, as the Navy reported Sunday, and in the fighting which ensued the enemy force was annihilated.

DAVIES IN ALASKA ON HIS WAY HOME

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 1—(AP)—Joseph E. Davies arrived here today from Moscow where he delivered a secret message to Soviet Premier Josef Stalin from President Roosevelt.

out too many forms and wait too long to get what they needed in their work.

Effective next Monday, a farmer may buy up to \$25 worth of 178 specifically-named items by certifying to his dealer that he is a farmer and requires the material now. If he wants to buy more than that, it can be arranged by having his county farm rationing committee sign the certificate—which is not a form and can be written on an ordinary piece of paper.

Dependency Alone Won't Excuse Men

Dick Norvell Gets Medal in Tunisia For Air Exploits

Washington, June 1—(AP)—The War Department has announced awards of decorations to United States officers and enlisted men of the northwest African air force for exceptional aerial performance in the Tunisian campaign. The awards included:

Pay-Go Tax Bill Passed In The House

Washington, June 1—(AP)—The compromise pay-as-you-go law first won House approval on a roll call vote of 159 to 88 today. A final roll call vote was ordered Monday.

Three Trainmen Killed on S.M. in Head-on Collision

Norfolk, Va., June 1—(AP)—Three members of the crew of a northbound Seaboard freight train were fatally injured in a head-on collision with a southbound freight at Darlington, S. C., at 2 a. m. today.

Another Italian Army General Is Given New Duties

London, June 1—(AP)—General Ezio Rossi, chief of staff of the Italian army, was relieved of his post today and appointed commander of an army group, the Berlin radio said in a Rome dispatch recorded by The Associated Press.

German Attacks Upon Russians Thrown Back

London, June 1—(AP)—German forces launched two strong counter attacks in the Luchansk area of the Donetz river front last night, but were thrown back to their initial position with heavy losses, the midday Soviet communique said today.

Ignoring German reports that the Nazis had launched a strong drive on the western front above Smolensk, the communique which was broadcast from Moscow and reworked by the Soviet Monitor here, mentioned only artillery action in that general area and said Russian detachments had assailed German positions there.

Total Casualties Of British So Far Aggregate 514,993

London, June 1—(AP)—Britain has suffered 514,993 casualties of Empire armed forces in the first three years of war, Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee told Commons today.

Some Stocks At New Highs

New York, June 1—(AP)—Scattered stock market favorites went into new high ground for the year or longer today.

Air Attack On Italy Runs At Savage Pace

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, June 1—(AP)—The American air attack on Pantelleria and Sardinia, Italy's outpost islands, was maintained at a savage pace yesterday and Flying Fortresses gave Foggia, the aviation and rail center on the mainland, its third heavy bombing in four days.

Incurring amazingly low losses in the face of dwindling opposition, the Americans shot down four of the enemy planes in the sweeping assaults for a loss of two of their own.

Mysterious Explosions Alarm East Carolina

Raleigh, June 1—(AP)—A series of mysterious explosions awakened eastern North Carolina residents at 1:30 a. m. today but efforts of highway patrolmen or rangers were unavailing at a late hour.

Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock, stationed at Roanoke Rapids, said the explosions, three in number in quick succession, were heard in the Roanoke Rapids area and in lower Virginia.

Rothrock said planes appeared over the Roanoke Rapids area about 4:30 and were last seen returning toward Norfolk.

Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck newspaper man, said the explosions broke window plates in that Halifax county town. He said the sounds indicated the explosions occurred northeast of the town.

Residents of Washington and Greenville also reported they heard the detonations.

The Public Relations Office at LeFlore said that office knew nothing of the source or cause of the explosions.

Invasion Coast Feels Allied Bomb Assaults

London, June 1—(AP)—RAF fighter squadrons sped through broken clouds over the southeast coast today to resume attacks on the Nazi-held Channel coast.

Many formations were seen from the ground and others, flying too high to be seen, were heard.

The shelling started by fighter planes followed what was presumed to be night attacks of bombers, as

residents on the English side of the channel reported the sound of bomb explosions from Calais region.

Two enemy aircraft, penetrating Britain's southeast defenses and getting off London's sirens for the first time in a week, killed four persons and injured three today with a direct bomb hit on a suburban shelter and six others were killed in another suburb, it was reported authoritatively.

The German version of the Smolensk assault declared yesterday that Nazi troops had attacked on a "fairly large front" to straighten the battle line. The Russians were dislodged despite strong resistance, said the Berlin radio, which claimed the Germans were holding their new positions.

Russian artillery fire near Smolensk demolished fortifications, the Soviet noon communique said, and Soviet scouting detachments there were described as returning with prisoners after killing "several dozen" Germans.

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Ma Perkins Says Lewis Is "Wrong"

Washington, June 1—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins, while noting that there have been serious violations of the no-strike agreement and asserting that John L. Lewis "is entirely wrong in his position that he won't go before the War Labor Board," reiterated today that she opposes new labor legislation.

Enactment of the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill, she told the House Military Committee on the eve of its scheduled consideration by the House, "would be harmful to the war effort."

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Slight Gains For Cotton

New York, June 1—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 16 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher. Noon prices were 15 cents a bale higher.

Previous close, open: July 20.26, 20.29; October 19.93, 19.94; December 19.80, 19.83; March 19.69, 19.36; May 19.48, 19.46.

Lewis Makes No Move For Resumption

Thousands Quit Work in Nearly All Mining States; Few Sections Operating

(By The Associated Press)

Work whistles sounded in vain at most of this country's government-operated mines today as by far the greater proportion of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers again followed his injunction against "trespassing" on mine property in the absence of a contract.

Expiration of the twice-extended truce which kept the war-vital pits operating despite deadlock wage negotiations brought no word from the UMW chief to his men. But none was needed. He had made clear previously that the miners would not "trespass" when the contract ran out.

First reports from the coal fields bore out earlier predictions that production of both soft and hard coal by Lewis' half a million miners would halt at midnight.

More than three-fifths of that number were idle in two states alone. Most of the 100,000-odd soft coal miners and an additional 80,000 anthracite miners ignored the whistles intended to summon them for day shift duty. There were no reports of disorders and only scattered picketing. In West Virginia an estimated 130,000 men stayed home.

In the eastern Ohio coal fields 16,000 of that State's 21,000 miners also took on a holiday appearance. Tom Starke, UMW representative for district 6, said "as far as I know there's not a mine working in eastern Ohio."

Starks added that the "general feeling among the miners is there won't be any work unless Lewis extends the truce or a contract is signed." That seemed to sum up the situation everywhere.

First reports indicated at least 25,000 men were idle in Kentucky, 13,000 of them in the Harlan area where the only mine operating was the International Harvester pit at Benham, employing 650 members of the Progressive Miners of America.

Fifteen thousand of the AFL-affiliated Progressive mine workers also remained on the job at 135 Illinois mines, recently released from government operation because of a union no-strike pledge, but 200 other mines were closed as the state's 25,000 UMW members stayed away. There were no reports of trouble at any of the mines.

Coal was still coming from two Virginia mines, at Clinchco and Dante, where the approximately 2,000 employees of the Clinchfield Coal Company are members of an independent union. Elsewhere in that state, however, reports showed a virtually complete stoppage by the estimated 18,500 organized miners.

Alabama reported three non-union mines still in production but they represented only 2,000 of the State's 24,000 miners.

Secretary Ickes, boss of the government-operated mines in his capacity as fuel administrator, reported meanwhile that as of a month ago the nation had an average of 45 days' supply of soft coal in stock piles aggregating 72,630,000 tons.

Large numbers of enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground at the important Foggia air base in the latest Flying Fortress blow, said the official statement, but in accordance with the air command's new policy no exact figure was given.

The airfield was blanketed with bursting bombs, and photographs showed severe damage to two hangars and barracks. The freight yards, station, boxcars and warehouses were left in tangled wreckage in the attack on railroad facilities.

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Continued warm tonight.