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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

Algiers Radio Reports

TURKS BREAK WITH VICHY

U. S. Fliers Down 77 Jap Planes

RAF Hits Cologne And Other Targets In Rhineland Area

Aerial Offensive Against Naziland Continues; Fighters Attack Transport

London, June 17—(AP)—Heavily-battered Cologne and other objectives in the Rhineland were the RAF's targets last night as the current aerial offensive against Germany continued.

At the same time, the air ministry announced, RAF fighters attacked coastal and other targets in Holland and Belgium.

Fourteen bombers and one fighter were declared to be missing from the night's operations.

The air ministry also announced that RAF Hurricanes and Typhoons tore into a three-ship enemy convoy early today off the Netherlands and damaged all of them, one so severely it was stated she probably sank. The planes suffered no loss and left all the ships smoking from bomb hits and bullets.

The RAF previous heavy raid on Germany was Monday night when more than 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped on Duisburg, Essen and other Ruhr targets were hit.

Rhineland targets were bombed Sunday night, but the objectives were not specified. The heavy bombers struck Tuesday night while diversionary sweeps were carried out against targets from northern France to Denmark.

Last night's raid was the 116th on Cologne and the first heavy night attack on the city since February 26.

The offensive continued today as RAF fighters shuttled back and forth to the continent to attack German-occupied territory, and it was announced only a brief time that they had destroyed six enemy fighters in these operations at the cost of nine RAF fighter planes.

French Reach Agreement

Algiers, June 17—(AP)—The session of the French National Liberation Committee with General Henri Giraud presiding, ended at 2 A. M. after a 20-minute meeting in a "peaceful and collective personality, it was announced.

Maurice Couve de Murville, commissioner of foreign affairs, announced the formation of a system of communication with all foreign governments, including recognition of the committee "as the provisional governing power of the French empire."

The committee began the task of "organizing the union of all Frenchmen assembly."

It also announced that an exchange of views had taken place with the president concerning the organization of French military forces and the principal aspects of relations between Giraud and General Charles de Gaulle.

Coal Strike Threatened

WLB Tries to Reach Vote Late Today on Underground Pay Issue; Deadline Near

Washington, June 17—(AP)—The war labor board tried to reach a vote late today on the crucial portal-to-portal pay issue in the soft coal wage dispute while members of the United Mine Workers murmured threats of a new nationwide shutdown next Monday unless their demands were satisfied.

Some members of the UMW policy committee, after a session of more than three hours yesterday, said no decisions were made to hold district conferences on the strike question with the objective of relieving President John L. Lewis of responsibility if another tieup of the coal mines develops and the President signs the anti-strike bill. The current extension of the truce declared by the UMW leadership expires Sunday midnight.

Policy committee members said Lewis has fixed $1.30 a day as the absolute minimum settlement which he would accept for travel time. The committee was to reconvene at 4 p. m. today.

The WLB, it was learned, had been far from unanimity and considered awards ranging up to 80 cents a day.

Dies at Age of 105

A MEMBER of the old French nobility, Countess Virginia Valerie Melanie DD. de Lasne died in Newark, N.J., at the age of 105. She is pictured on her 104th birthday, one of the yearly occasions when she sipped cocktails and smoked cigarettes. Among her friends in her lifetime were Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie. (*International*)

Africa-Based Planes Rest

Activity Is Limited to Reconnaissance and Patrolling After Big Assaults

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, June 17—(AP)—The mass of allied aircraft in the northwest African theatre took a day off yesterday, activity being limited to patrolling and reconnaissance after heavy assaults the day before on five enemy airfields on western Sicily.

Subsidy Pay Debate Nears Floor Fight

Americans Lose Only Six Planes

Record of 13-to-One Made in Great Battle Fought Wednesday Over Guadalcanal

Washington, June 17—(AP)—... one of the great air battles of the Pacific, American pilots shot down 77 Japanese aircraft over Guadalcanal ... last Wednesday, while losing ... (illegible) ... today.

Never before had the enemy's air losses in the Guadalcanal area been so heavy. The 77 total was almost exactly twice that of the Japanese losses last April 7 when 39 Japanese craft were destroyed during a single raid.

The latest raid on the Guadalcanal area was made Wednesday between 9 A. M. and noon (Solomons time) when the Japanese sent out a force of 30 to 50 bomber planes into the vicinity of Guadalcanal. American fighter planes intercepted the enemy bombers immediately north of Guadalcanal. Their move then appeared to be aimed at winning aerial supremacy by overwhelming American fighter forces and driving them from the skies, thereby laying American ground installations open to a mothering assault. As it turned out the Japanese had 25 planes and American losses were six planes and two pilots.

The Japanese were turned in by American combat fliers in the Solomons, Navy and Marine pilots with the Army participating in the fighting. Only two Americans were reported missing in the action, however.

House Hears Of Oil Deal

Justice Department Official Terms Lease of California Lands 'Illegal and Invalid'

Washington, June 17—(AP)—The agreement between the Navy and Standard Oil Co. of California for developing the Elk Hill's oil reserve was termed "illegal and invalid" today by a Justice department official.

This official, Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littell, spoke at a House public lands committee hearing at which Representative Elliott, Democrat of California, said the deal had "something of the smirking of the Teapot Dome scandal of some years ago."

Elliott suggested to the committee that it go to the Elk Hills in California to study the situation "on the ground." And Chairman Peterson, Democrat of Florida, said he thought it best to subcommittee should go.

Littell told the committee he had made an oral examination of the contract and submitted a report to Interior F. Barnes, war mobilization director.

He said that the report would be relayed by Barnes to President Roosevelt and the executive would judge the question as to whether the contract should be cancelled.

The committee thereupon postponed further study of the situation until next Tuesday, in order to allow the President time for study of the Justice Department report.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Little change in temperature this afternoon and tonight.

WHEN CHURCHILL MET WAR CHIEFS IN AFRICA

ON HIS WAY BACK TO BRITAIN from his conference with President Roosevelt in Washington, Prime Minister Winston Churchill conferred with Allied war chiefs in North Africa. Grouped around Churchill seated in center are (left to right): British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden; Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of Imperial General Staff; Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder; Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham; Gen. Sir Harold L. Alexander; Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander in chief of Allied forces in North Africa; and Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the famed, hard-fighting British Eighth Army. (*International*)

Smolensk Front Stirs

Scouting Parties Clash; Nazi Sources Predict Opening of Red Offensive

London, June 17—(AP)—Clashes between scouting parties on the Smolensk front, indicating new stirring in that long dormant sector, furnished the principal action last night on the German-Russian battle front, the Soviet noon communique said today.

The ... (illegible) ... reported ... the London ... (illegible) ... dent ... (illegible) ... mos ... in fact its ... with ... de ... (illegible) ... The ... reported ... A ... quoted ... (illegible) ... The ... begin ... in ... quarter ... start ... on ... Smolensk ... The ... other ... that ... to ... the ... ing ... point ... Russian ... enemy ... killed ... captured ... to ... their ... the ... other ... Germa ... down ... ing ... the ... of ... the ... said.

U. S. Airmen Aid Chinese

Chungking, June 17—(AP)—United States planes supporting Chinese troops in the Yangtze river region of Hupeh province have destroyed or damaged many ... and extensive damage ... The U. S. ... announcement from Lieut.-General Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters ... announced today.

Operations ... near the Yangtze ... river, 25 miles south of Shasi, Chinese have reached its outskirts early ... today.

The ... bulletin said the American attacked the warehouse area of the city at Lotus Pond inlet.

It also announced that greatly outnumbered American planes the day before destroyed six Japanese planes and probably destroyed three others in a battle southwest of Nanchang. The Americans suffered no loss.

Nazi Police Chief Goes To Rumania

85 German Planes Downed

Washington, June 17—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson disclosed today that 85 possible German fighter planes were destroyed by American and British bombing Wednesday over Germany and Occupied France.

... (illegible) ... several heavy damage ... enemy ... Stimson ... the ... secretary added that eight Flying Fortresses were lost. Stimson's ... reports had placed the number ... at ... (illegible) ... of the ...

Move Emphasizes German Anxiety Over Balkans; Many Rumanians Arrested

London, June 17—(AP)—Axis anxiety about the Balkans was emphasized today with a report of the hurried dispatch of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, chief of the German security police, to Rumania for reorganization of the police force there.

At the same time ... Moscow ... (illegible) ... that ... the ... Bucharest capital ... the ... Nazis ... and that many of ... the ... (illegible) ... pro-Nazi politicians ... were ... in hiding.

A Tass dispatch from Geneva reported both developments. These underscored an Ankara report yesterday saying Rumania had sent out peace feelers.

Merchants Are Warned

Babson Forecasts Many Drastic Changes in Post-War Period Merchandising Plans

By ROGER W. BABSON,
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... (illegible) ... June 17—(AP)—... the European ... radio ... quoted ... (illegible) ... president ... the ... Germans ... (illegible) ... 1943, ... Hopes ... it ... (illegible) ... plans ... to prepare ... plan ... of ... post-war ... (illegible) ... These ... methods ... and ... policies ... are ... the ... people ... should ... succeed, ... but ... many ... will ... not ... (illegible) ... understand.

Study Profitable Items.

... (illegible) ... the first ... is ... to ... (illegible) ... of ... which ... departments ... and ... are ... profitable ... and ... which ... are ... The ... present ... time ... gives ... every ... business ... a ... wonderful ... opportunity ... to ... eliminate ... non-profitable ... lines ... and ... unnecessary ... activities ... which ... have ... developed ... during ... past ...

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Landing Craft Concentrates At Pantelleria

Ambassador Is Recalled, Report Says

No Confirmation Made From Other Sources; Algiers Radio Gives No Details in Story

Bern, Switzerland, June 17—(AP)—Ambassador Ethic Erkin of Turkey has been recalled to Ankara from Vichy in protest against recent severe gestapo restrictions upon his embassy, a Turkish diplomatic source said today.

While this withdrawal was not considered a rupture in relation between Turkey and Vichy France, this source said it could be a step in that direction.

In addition to a protest against nazi surveillance of the embassy, another reason for the recall of the ambassador was said to be pressure on the part of the allies, who thereby hope that Vichy will take a similar action and recall Gaston Bergery from Ankara.

This source, who cannot be identified by name, said allied quarters held that Bergery "is too friendly with the axis; he sees too much of (German ambassador) von Papen."

London, June 17—(AP)—An Algiers radio broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said today Turkey had broken off diplomatic relations with the Vichy government of France.

Turkey was reported to have recalled her ambassador from the Nazi-dominated French capital.

The Algiers radio, which has not always proved strictly accurate in its reports of political developments, did not go into detail. There was no direct confirmation from Ankara or Vichy.

London diplomatic quarters which normally would be informed of any such break did not confirm the report and said they were inclined to doubt it.

A ... (illegible) ... broadcast ... from Algiers, recorded by Reuters, said Germany had asked Turkey to recall her ... (illegible) ... diplomats, ... (illegible) ... of the French ... (illegible) ... at Marseilles in the Vegetable ... (illegible) ... more than 170 ... (illegible) ... Arsenal.

The ... (illegible) ... of Soviet ... has reported ... recently ... (illegible) ... This broadcast ... (illegible) ... without ... confirmation from other quarters.

Rubber Firms Ask Equipment For Synthetics

... (illegible) ... AP)—... (illegible) ... possible ... (illegible) ... hot ... week ... the ... War ... (illegible) ... will be ... (illegible) ... for ... (illegible) ... of ... (illegible) ... and ... (illegible) ... Washington ... (illegible) ... William M. Jeffers ... (illegible) ... expected ... (illegible) ... to ... (illegible) ... of ... (illegible) ... to ... (illegible) ... made ... (illegible) ... to ... handle ... the ... (illegible) ... program.

The ... (illegible) ... says ... that ... the ... (illegible) ... of ... (illegible) ... machinery, ... (illegible) ... and ... (illegible) ... that ... the ... most ... (illegible) ... urgent ... (illegible) ... is ... (illegible) ... which ... the ... (illegible) ... was ... built ... to ... fabricate.

... (illegible) ... stated ... that ... new ... (illegible) ... machinery, ... (illegible) ... building ... machinery ... and ... other ... equipment ... is ... (illegible) ... sufficient ... to ... process ... about ... three ... (illegible) ... of ... synthetic—... roughly ... equivalent ... to ... the ... (illegible) ... tons ... to ... be ... turned ... out ... annually ... would ... be ... required.

Heavy ... drains ... on ... the ... capacity ... of ... tire ... makers ... are ... expected ... when ... they ... are ... called ... on ... not ... only ... to ... fill ... the ... need ... of ... military ... vehicles ... and ... aircraft, ... but ... to ... replace ... civilian ... tires ... which ... will ... have ... to ... be ... scrapped. ... The ... "grade ... III" ... tire ... issued ... since ...

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