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## U. S. Forces Land On Rendova

### Churchill Forecasts Invasion

#### He Declares Air Attacks To Lengthen

#### Prime Minister Predicts Fighting in 'Mediterranean and Elsewhere' Soon

London, June 30—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill in a firm, confident speech declared today that "it is very probable there will be heavy fighting in the Mediterranean and elsewhere before the leaves of autumn fall."

He predicted the German and the British and the United States air forces will lengthen by day and by night, seeking out more industrial and military targets with "exterminating force," and when the majorities of Germany are disposed of "we will follow the war industry of the reich to the smaller towns."

In the war, he disclosed that more than 39 submarines were completely destroyed in May and that the destruction continues with June the best month we have ever known in the war.

Churchill's prediction of heavy fighting in the Mediterranean came after Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, in comments, had called upon Mussolini "to accept the unconditional surrender terms offered to him."

Italy, as yet subjected only to preliminary and disruptive bombardments, already is wandering where the blow of invasion will fall, Churchill said, while Hitler's worry over these allied plans for assault "may have led to the remarkably long delay of opening the promised German offensive against Russia."

"It is no part of our interest to relax that anxiety," he remarked. The prime minister spoke after a message from the king in the presence of Goldhamer in the heart of London.

He announced plans that the allied demand to the needs and tactics and Japanese tyrants unconditional surrender," and declared: "Every man, every ship and every airplane in the king's service that can be moved to the Pacific will be sent there—for as many years as are

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### Fortresses Raid France

#### Strong Force Attacks Le Mans Without Loss; Clouds Prevent View of Bombing Results

London, June 30—(AP)—Flying through heavy overcast and encountering weak enemy fighter opposition, a strong force of American heavy bombers attacked the railway and industrial center of Le Mans, France, last evening and returned without loss.

It was the first time the U. S. eighth air force had struck at this city, site of a large airplane engine works which were bombed twice in March by the RAF.

The communiqué gave no results of the American raid, apparently because a solid cloud blanket made observation difficult.

Many of the big bombers returned to their bases with all bombs on their racks rather than jettison them, it was reported.

The foray was the first since May 4, when the U. S. fliers raided Antwerp, that the African fliers had come back across the channel without loss of a plane.

Le Mans is the site of a munitions plant in the memory of Wilbur Wright, who with his brother Orville built and flew the first practical airplane. They made some of their first European flights in the vicinity of Le Mans. Wilbur died in 1912. His brother still is living.

Squadrons of P-47 Thunderbolts, the newest and most heavily armed American fighters, escorted the for-

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### LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE



CHILDREN OF OCCUPIED AREAS, while they refuse to bend the knee to Nazi conquerors, know that life is cheap when the Germans try to stamp out guerrilla bands. This picture, obtained through neutral sources, was taken in Novorijsk, Russia. (International)

### Steel Production Hits Lowest Level

#### Would Waive Auto Use Tax

Washington, June 30—(AP)—Senator Wendell Willkie, Democrat of New York, who contends the 83 tax stamp levy on automobiles is a "pay as you go" tax for rationed motor oils, joined Representative Celler, Democrat of New York, today in introducing legislation which would waive the tax until next January 1 for passenger cars.

"The tax at issue is a 'use' tax," Wendell said. "If the privilege of 100 and unrestricted use of an automobile is denied, obviously there should be no tax."

Mead charged such tax is particularly inequitable in these states where 4,000,000 car owners are limited to 90 miles a month under rationing and restrictions are imposed on even that mileage.

Mead said he and Celler proposed waiving the tax until next January 1 because of indications that both the gasoline situation in the east and the general rubber outlook may improve by that date. Their bills would not apply to trucks and busses.

### Soviet Planes Bomb Tamen

Moscow, June 30—(AP)—Russian bombers have attacked Nazi-held Tamen on the Sea of Azov two nights in succession and military observers here concluded that the Germans are moving fresh troops through that port for possible offensive action on the Tamen peninsula and in the Kuban delta.

Soviet aviation is being used extensively to inset German plans for an offensive all along the eastern front, and the fact that it now appears to be concentrating on Tamen is considered significant. There has been only sporadic action in the Kuban for many weeks.

Tamen is the last comparatively safe port left the Germans in this extreme southern end of the Russian front. Only two others remain on the peninsula—Anapa, which is too dangerous to use, and Novorossisk, which is even more dangerous as it is under the fire of Russian guns.

Further significance is seen in the fact that the Germans for some reason have failed to retaliate for several days now with long range raids, although the Russians are keeping up the raids on the German rear with the usual tempo.

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### Middle Belt Opening Set On Sept. 13

#### Georgia-Florida Markets to Open July 27; Officers Are Re-Elected

Richmond, June 30—(AP)—The Tobacco Association of the United States today fixed opening dates for the flue-cured market beginning with the Georgia-Florida belt Tuesday, July 27, and to the opening of the Old Belt Monday, September 20.

Other dates fixed upon recommendation of the association's sales committee were: South Carolina-Border Belt, Thursday, August 5; Eastern Carolina Belt, Tuesday, August 24; Middle Belt, Monday, September 12.

The association also selected Monday, December 6, as the date for the start of sales on the Virginia dark cured tobacco market.

A. B. Carrington, Jr., of Danville, Va., was re-elected president. L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, N. C., the association re-elected members of the board of governors, including W. Coalter Faxton, of Wilson, N. C.

Gravelly, vice president and chairman of the association's legislative manpower committee, reported that efforts had been made to have federal authority declare tobacco handling an essential activity, but that so far no definite results had been obtained. He expressed the hope, however, that some concrete action might result before the opening of the Georgia-Florida markets.

The opening dates announced today extended the time for the opening of the auctions two weeks beyond those recommended by a committee for which Governor J. M. Broughton was a spokesman, but advanced the openings of the other belt. The North Carolina group had asked that the South Carolina-Border auctions begin August 3, those in the Eastern Carolina Belt August 19, those in the Middle Belt August 31, and those in the Old Belt September 7.

### Pay-As-Go Starts July 1

Washington, June 30—(AP)—After tonight, Uncle Sam will take a personal interest in your pay check. A chunk of it you'll never see comes out of the source for income taxes.

Under the new system devised by Congress to keep people as nearly abreast of their annual taxes as possible, officials estimated that employers will deduct about \$500,000,000 a month from the pay envelopes of their employees.

The check-off will be at the rate of 20 per cent of all earnings over personal exemptions, which are \$12 a week for single persons, \$24 a week for married persons and \$6 additional for rebelling loads.

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### Anti-Axis Riots Break Out In Greek Cities After Raids

London, June 30—(AP)—Seething hatred of axis occupation forces was reported today to have erupted into extensive and bloody riots in Athens and other Greek cities as the ever present threat of an allied invasion kept tension high throughout Europe.

Turkish dispatches last night said the street disorders broke out Sunday, and a Greek source in Ankara expressed the view they undoubtedly were touched off by the heartening effect of American air raids last week on air fields near Salonika and Athens.

The axis took quick and ruthless counter measures against the Greek rioters, an informed Balkan source reported. Hundreds of the demonstrators were said to have been arrested and many shot down. A number of others were believed scheduled for the firing squad.

This source said the demonstrations centered in Athens and Salonika, upon which American air raiders last week showered thousands of leaflets containing an encouraging message from President Roosevelt, and in Volos and Larissa, near the east coast.

Other reports to Ankara meanwhile said the axis was preparing for an allied thrust into the Balkans. A German motorized division was said to be taking up posts along the Salonika peninsula, and a German news agency reported the Rumanian cabinet had decided upon partial evacuation of Bucharest as an air raid precaution. All persons who have recently moved into the capital from the provinces will be forced to register and report.

### PAINTFUL BUT GOOD FOR HIM



THOSE LITTLE HURDLES look big to Private Ralph Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pa., convalescing from wounds and learning to be nimble again. At an overseas hospital he's being helped through his paces by Sgt. D. D. Gilbert of Philadelphia, who has a wounded hand. (International)

### RAF Bombs Ends Of Sicilian Ferry

#### Subsidy Fight To Be Renewed

#### Mediterranean Sea Re-Opened to Ships by 'Complete Air Umbrella'

Washington, June 30—(AP)—Legislation to outlaw the administration's subsidy rollback program started through Congress today in the form of a reconditioned version of Senate and House bills prohibiting government expenditures to keep retail food prices down.

Recorded as almost certain to set off another subsidy struggle, the hybrid bill went to the House on the heels of a war labor board warning that its stabilization program "needs for a prompt carrying forward of the announced policies of the administration on affecting the cost of food."

Turned out by a Senate-House conference committee last night after nearly seven consecutive hours of work, the measure contains virtually all of the anti-subsidy provisions of each bill but permits expending up to \$150,000,000 to finance present methods of subsidizing increased transportation costs, production of critical metals and output of war-essential food products.

### Dies Group Starts Probes

Washington, June 30—(AP)—Final preparations were made by a Dies subcommittee today for the opening tomorrow of what promises to be a prolonged congressional hearing on conditions in Japanese relocation camps.

At the same time Chairman Dies, Democrat of Texas, announced the full committee had decided to inquire into the causes and recent racial disturbances, such as last week's Detroit rioting which took more than a score of lives.

Committee investigators already in the field, he said, had turned up evidence which led him to predict "important developments."

### Allied Headquarters in North Africa

Washington, June 30—(AP)—British bombers struck concerted blows at both ends of Sicily's vital railroad ferry to the Italian mainland Monday night. Heavy weights from the Middle East command spread explosives on the mainland terminus at Reggio Calabria while two-engineered Wellingtons from northwest Africa battered Messina just across the two-mile strait.

Announcement of the double-barreled attack was accompanied by an official statement from U. S. and British air headquarters that a "complete air umbrella" now has been established over the Mediterranean between north Africa and Sicily, rendering the sea to allied shipping.

"Now the whole of the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to Sicily will be open to our shipping," the statement said, "bringing Alexandria within little more than 3,000 miles of England by comparison with the 12,000-mile route around the Cape which our Middle East forces formerly had to be supplied and months of saving in time and shipping tonnage."

Monday's onslaught by the RAF clearly was designed to destroy Sicily's communication of lines with the Italian mainland and thereby to isolate the big island in the event of invasion.

### NOMINATED

Washington, June 30—(AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated three regional officers for the War Relocation Authority.

Joseph S. Keenan, chief regional director in the North Carolina State office, today was named to the position of regional director of the War Relocation Authority in Raleigh, N. C., where 21,000

### New Thrust Is Started In Solomons

#### Strategic Intent of American Move Not Fully Apparent; Few Details Given

Washington, June 30—(AP)—The Navy announced today that combined American forces have landed on Rendova island in the central Solomons, in what appeared to be the first stage of a new offensive operation against Japanese positions in the south Pacific.

The Japanese have had installations on the island and presumably the landing either was opposed or, if accomplished by surprise, developed into fighting shortly afterward.

The strategic intent of the American move, except for its generally offensive nature in advancing American positions in the Solomons 110 miles northwest of the outpost in the Russell islands, was not fully apparent.

Rendova's most obvious military characteristic is that it lies only about five miles south of Munda where the Japanese late last year developed an air base. However, at the time the base was nearing completion it was brought under heavy American bombardment and has been regularly assaulted from the air since then so that Navy spokesmen have recently reported it was virtually useless to the enemy.

The American aim could be to take Munda for further allied operations against either Bougainville, the main enemy-held island in the northwestern Solomons, or against Rabaul, which lies still farther to the west.

Another possibility speculated on here was that the move against Rendova may have been of a screening or diversionary nature to obscure more important thrusts elsewhere.

Still another possibility is that the high command might be testing the extent of Japanese will to resist in the Solomons area.

The Japanese fought furiously and lost heavily in their efforts to repulse Guadalcanal. Any American advance which forced them to undertake similar defensive and costly action would be profitable from the American point of view.

This is the second advance in the Solomons chain since American troops went into Guadalcanal last August 7. About the time the con-

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### Fight Stirs Probe Talk

#### Democratic Senators Keep Hands Off but GOP's Aske Inquiry; FDR Blames Press

Washington, June 30—(AP)—Democratic senators, generally adverse to a hands-off attitude today toward the public flap-up between Vice President Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jones, but Republican members clamored for an investigation.

While President Roosevelt accused the press and radio of stirring up some of the controversies among members of his official family, Senator Tom Connally (Republican of Connecticut) declared he "definitely favored" a congressional inquiry into the background of yesterday's heated exchange between Wallace and Jones over the program for acquiring war-essential materials.

Chairman Truman, Democrat of Missouri, of the special committee investigating the war program, said his group was plenty busy with other problems and that he had no present intention of looking into the Wallace-Jones row. He suggested that the Senate banking committee would be a most appropriate body.

The row, coming on the heels of a shakeup in the war food administration, prompted questioning of Mr. Roosevelt at his press conference on controversies within the government and the Executive replied with criticism of the press. He said he could trace flocks of intra-mural squabbles to newspaper stories, especially the Solomons and radio comments.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Showers and scattered thunderstorms in east and south portions this afternoon and in south and extreme south portions tonight.