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ALLIED NAVY UNCHALLENGED IN PACIFIC

WAR CERTAINLY IS HECK



U. S. SERVICEMEN in the South Seas recently put on their own version of the "Scandals" for envious buddies. Corp George Denley is the lucky actor in this harem scene with three French girls of the islands who volunteered to help the Yanks with the show. (International)

Allied Airmen Pound 'Soft Under Belly'

Four German Planes Downed Off Africa, Axis Mediterranean Shipping Attacked

War Fund Bill Signed

Washington, July 2—(AP)—Allied airmen downed four German fighters and dashed again at axis Mediterranean shipping yesterday in the wake of a fire-setting attack upon barracks and railway facilities of Cagliari, Sardinia's major port, it was announced today.

The Italian communiqué said that Palermo, the Sicilian capital, was attacked again last night, and that the royal police was among the numerous buildings damaged. Cagliari, Sicily, also was raided, it continued.

A DIA dispatch broadcast from Berlin reported that United States aircraft carried out a bombing raid against a bathing resort situated near Athens yesterday in full daylight and that 20 persons were killed and 60 injured. Allied communiques did not touch upon such incidents.

Red Attack Shifts South

German-Occupied Port of Crimea Are Bombed; Raids Cause Speculation

Moscow, July 2—(AP)—Attention swung again today to the extreme southern end of the vast Russian front with Soviet disclosure that long range bombers had attacked the German-occupied ports of Kerch and Sevastopol, both on the shores of bridgehead on the Taman peninsula.

Observers here attached considerable significance to this sudden shifting of the Red air force.

Kerch and Sevastopol on the west of Kerch Peninsula and Port Tuzla on the east of the same serve as rear bases for the German troops on the Crimean peninsula and in the Kuban area.

The Russians announced two days ago that aerial bombardment had begun.

This latest Red air raid activity was apparently instigated by military observers of the advancing German forces, who were of the opinion the main effort of the Germans would be concentrated on the central front of the eastern front.

Despite these attitudes in the south, military observers still expect the main Germany will fall in the Orel-Voronezh district of the central front with the object of enveloping Moscow.

EXAMS FOR NURSES SET FOR JULY 24-26

Raleigh, July 2—(AP)—State board examinations for graduate nurses will be conducted by the North Carolina board of nurses on August 24 to 26. Miss Bassie M. Chapman, secretary-treasurer, announced today.

Applicants from nursing schools in Durham and east of Durham will report to the appt at Raleigh. Applicants from nursing schools west of Durham will report to the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, for the three-day examination, Miss Chapman said.

LEAF MARKET OPENING DATES PROTESTED

Shortage Of Labor Is Cited

Governor Broughton Calls Meeting of Sales Committee; No Action Taken

Raleigh, July 2—(AP)—Governor Broughton told the sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association today that "the circumstances with respect to farm labor are so grave that it will be necessary for tobacco companies and other groups concerned to make some sacrifice towards the solution of a problem affecting the national welfare."

The Tobacco Association deferred Wednesday to accept opening dates for sales recommended previously by the governor's committee and fixed the same evening date as last year. The meeting today concerned that action.

Meeting in a lengthy session with the governor were A. B. Carrington, Jr., of Danville, Va., association president; H. A. Pettus, chairman of the sales committee; T. W. Blackwell of Winston-Salem; Senator John S. Watkins of Oxford; Senator J. Con Lanier of Greenville, committee men; and Harry Caldwell, director of the state farm manpower commission; and Dr. J. S. Dorton, state director of the war manpower commission.

The committee told the governor that the reason his dates were not strictly followed was an inability to staff the several markets with buyers if they should be running concurrently. He was advised, however, that if the growing season on the Georgia market should indicate a possibility of selling out earlier than now anticipated, the association would consider the feasibility of fixing earlier dates for the other states in line with those made by the governor's committee.

Governor Broughton told the group there was a critical farm labor situation in the state and said "the welfare of the farmers and the safety of our men in arms, as well as civilian populations will depend in the prompt and adequate marketing of food and feed crops throughout this area." He added that if it appeared the marketing of tobacco this season would seriously interfere with the harvesting of essential food and feed crops, he would ask the association to take immediate action "and to take whatever further steps should be necessary under the circumstances."

The new "blue coupon" costs received effective July 4, and will remain valid through July.

Point Value For Meats Increased

OPA Sees New Low in Beef Supplies for Civilian Use; Other Values Change

Washington, July 2—(AP)—The office of price administration, predicting a new low in beef supplies available for civilians in July, today increased ration values of beef cuts by another point a pound, and in a few cases two points.

The new point values for beef, which place the ration list of the most popular cut at from nine to 13 in effect July 4,

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In addition to beef,

red coupon costs of veal, lamb and mutton, one to two points a pound, include leg of veal, veal loin and rib cut, and similar lamb-mutton cuts. Point values of the most popular pork cuts were not changed.

Red reductions were continued for the most part to the fats, oils and dairy products groups. Margarine and lard dropped one point—five to four—while "processed" butter, sold mainly in the South, appeared on the table for the first time at four points a pound. Regular butter remains unchanged at eight points.

Point value advances were made in seven vegetable items, and five canned bottled fruits. These increases range from about five per cent for vacuum packed whole kernel corn to over 50 per cent for tomato catsup and chili sauce. Processed foods marked up include apples, apricots, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, green beans, canned corn, peas, tomatoes, catsup, chili sauce and tomato paste; reductions were made in fresh shelled beans, green or wax beans, tomato pulp or puree and some tomato sauces.

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FCC Probe Bangs Open

Washington, July 2—(AP)—A congressional investigation of the Federal Communications Commission started off with a bang today as Chairman Cox, Democrat of Georgia, threatened to call police to force FCC counsel to be seated.

Cox's action came after Charles Denby, FCC general counsel, sought to intercept Eugene L. Garey, committee counsel, during Garey's reading of a list of charges against the committee. After Garey arose to make a statement after Denby had seated him, the committee will not hear even at this time, Cox told Denby. "We'll

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British Say Nazi Industry Has Lost Production Race

London, July 2—(AP)—Strained by nearly four years of total war and maneuvered day and night by allied air power, German industry has lost the production race essential to victory, although Germany still has plenty of fight left, reliable British and foreign sources indicated today.

Figures gathered by these sources suggest that Germany has potentially passed her peaks as a war-making power, and now is on the down grade because of its production decline. More conclusive evidence of this will come within the year, it is believed. Already tall in its production, Germany marginally so, reserves an ability to replace vital railway equipment, aviation in tone and plane production, and other important symptoms of industrial deterioration appeared in the available figures, the sources said.

Germany's present all industry output is estimated at 3,000,000 tons, and the British and foreign sources emphasize that all she is likely to offer a prospective alert in production is—10 per cent, keeping a constant



ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY in many areas of Hitler-held territory is on the increase. Reports from abroad indicate that these seemingly sporadic acts are all part of an integrated plan—a "third front"—put into effect by United Nations officials in Great Britain. Specifically trained United Nations officials are landed by Allied planes and by parachute at secret locations in Europe. These men, welcomed by their countrymen, carry out the blowing up of bridges, firing of warehouses, raiding of Nazi military posts and killing of officers and sabotaging of war production. They coordinate the "silent" war against the invader. Some of the most recent activities of these guerrilla bands and armies are shown on the map. (International)

U. S. Ships Shell Bases In Solomons

South Pacific Drive Progresses; Seven Pilots Rescued From Downed Planes

(By The Associated Press)

Allied naval supremacy in the southwest Pacific appeared unchallenged today as U. S. warships steamed deep into the northern Solomons, shelling a series of Japanese strongholds, while victorious American troops completed the conquest of Rendova island after wiping out the enemy garrison.

U. S. shore batteries on Rendova were heavily bombarding the Japanese air base at Munda, New Georgia island, seven miles away.

A bulletin from commandant William F. Hulsey's headquarters announced that 125 Japanese planes had been blasted out of the skies over the New Georgia island Wednesday and Thursday, against a loss of 15 U. S. planes and 15 pilots.

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were destroyed Thursday, the communiqué said, after 100 had been shot down the day before on the enemy apparently three every available aircraft into an attempt to break up the American thrust.

A General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, a spokesman said tonight (Australian time) that there was nothing further to report from the New Guinea or Solomon fronts. Farther west it was assumed that all operations were proceeding smoothly and in schedule.

General MacArthur's command said allied warships pounded the enemy at Munda and Vila on nearby Kolombangara island, and boldly paraded into the heart of the enemy's northern Solomon defenses to attack the Laiki area.

Earlier today the New Zealand Samoa fleet moved southeast across Bougainville Sea to the southern tip of Bougainville island.

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Navy Dive Bombers Assault Munda Area

Veto Expected For CCC Bill

American Troops Complete Conquest of Rendova Island and Bombard Munda

Washington, July 2—(AP)—The Navy said today American dive bombers assaulted Japanese defense positions in the Munda area of the central Solomons as the twin-pronged offensive in the Solomons and in the New Guinea area continued.

Navy bombers, one No. 430 and 100 others, made raids on the Munda area.

Japanese planes were shot down in the Solomons and New Guinea area.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Occasional rain south portion this afternoon and southwest portion tonight; otherwise warm to hot.

Germans Lose Eight Planes Over Europe

London, July 2—(AP)—Eight enemy fighters were destroyed by British Spitfires and American Thunderbolts in separate sweeps over northern France and the Low Countries. Two vessels were torpedoed today.

The Spitfires got four over northern France and the Thunderbolts the same number over northern France and the Low Countries. One Thunderbolt was reported missing.

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