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BROTHERS MORE HAPPIER, TOO



HEADING FOR A NEW HOME, the four little New York brothers who won the nation's heart in their plight, are off to a suburban spot. Their mother is ill and their father is in the army. The request of (l. to r.) Arthur, 8; George, 7; Billy, 6; and Francis, 5, that they stay together "because it's more better," is granted. (International)

Nazis Burlesque Invasion Reports

Paris Radio Used For Broadcasts Ridiculing Plans Attributed to Allies

London, July 3.—(AP)—Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, in a heavy handed attempt at ironic humor, used the Paris radio today for a series of reports of an allied "invasion" army after it had announced that axis enemies had chosen July 3 for an assault on France.

The broadcasts apparently were designed to ridicule allied plans of attack against Europe and, at the same time, to show that the Germans could be light hearted about such matters.

At 7 a. m., the Paris announcer said: "The hour of liberation is striking. Probably it will be only a matter of minutes."

The broadcast said reporters had been sent to all vital points to keep listeners informed on the situation "in case the British should try to re-embark after landing."

"Don't the voice was brought from somewhere in France?" to announce: "At 7 a. m., there is nothing to report for the time being. The Anglo-Americans will not attempt anything before breakfast time."

Later broadcasts:

At 8 a. m.: "The British and Americans are still at breakfast."

At 9 a. m.: "We have just learned that the British and Americans have left the breakfast table. Further developments will be reported daily."

At 1 p. m.: "Still nothing. Perhaps the English will make up their minds later in the day. It must be admitted that it is lunch time now, but that leaves them one more half-day."

At 1:42 p. m.: "Still nothing to report. It is not possible that the allies should keep us waiting so long. Well, let's wait a little more. They'll surely land."

The July 3 date for an invasion was conceived only in the mind of the propaganda minister, and had utterly no basis in fact and no suggestion from allied sources. The apparent reason for the German buildup of the relations date for an invasion was to arouse the hopes of the millions of Europeans in occupied countries, and allow these anticipations to be dashed.

Investment Group Indicted

Philadelphia, July 3.—(AP)—The securities and exchange commission announced today that it has filed suit against one of the nation's largest investment groups—Investors Syndicate, Investors Mutual, Inc., and Investors Syndicate of America—charging that it "perpetrated fraudulent practices" during a 13-year period in which it issued more than \$1,500,000,000 in certificates and securities to more than 400,000 investors.

The business of the three members of the group has been "frozen" by the SEC, the commission said, until the fourth U. S. district court in Minneapolis, Minn., can "hear the charges."

A hearing was scheduled for this morning.

Small Scale Raids Made

Lull in Air Warfare Continues Third Day; 15,000 Tons of Bombs Dropped During June

London, July 3.—(AP)—A record of 15,000 tons of bombs was dropped on Europe in June by British-based planes of the RAF, the air ministry announced today as the allied air offensive went into the third day of a new month with only secondary attacks reported.

Southeast coastal cities said a strong force of British aircraft, apparently including bombers, headed across the channel last night, but there was no immediate authoritative announcement.

During daylight yesterday, RAF Boston bombers had explosives across railway targets at Ghent and Courtrai, in Belgium, and Lille, France, while RAF Typhoons sent flames shooting up 100 feet from an oil storage tank near Jamboulen, Holland. German planes stabbed toward Britain last night for the first time in a week. The ministry of home security said one was destroyed, off the south coast.

So far this month, major forces of Britain's big Halifaxes, Stirlings and Lancasters have remained on the ground, marking a lull similar to the period of inactivity that prevailed for more than a week at the beginning of June.

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM DIES AT LINCOLNTON

Lincolnton, July 3.—(AP)—William A. Graham, Jr., 70, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture from 1923 until 1937, died last night at his home here after an illness of four months.

Graham succeeded his father, at his death, as State agriculture commissioner. He also served three terms in the State senate.

He was active in civic circles here and in Raleigh during his 14-year residence there.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the home.

Surviving are a brother and five sisters.

Goering Ill, Reports Say

Stockholm, July 3.—(AP)—The Goeteborg newspaper Handels-Och Sparaffstidning, quoting what it said was reliable quarters, reported today that Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering is "very ill" from "a nervous breakdown with serious heart trouble."

As late as last Thursday night, the newspaper said, Goering's condition was very bad and two specialists were assigned to treat him. The newspaper added that his wife Emmy, was at his bedside night and day.

Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel was said to have represented Goering, the number two Nazi, at the last session of the Reich defense council and it was recalled here that he has been out of the public eye for months. A substitute was said to have made the original economic accounting recently, asserting Goering was too busy to do so.

TRANSFUSION GIVEN

Hollywood, July 3.—(AP)—Film Actress Veronica Lake, injured in a fall, underwent a blood transfusion last night, hospital attaches said, but her condition is not regarded as serious.

Allies Near Salamaua

100 Liberators Bomb Italy

3 Airfields Are Raided

Huge Load of Bombs Dropped on Bases; Three Bombers Lost, 12 Axis Planes Down

Cairo, July 3.—(AP)—Nearly 100 U. S. Liberators smashed at three airfields in southern Italy yesterday in the biggest offensive action yet staged by these four-engined craft from the Middle East, dropping more than 400,000 pounds of bombs on the Italian bases at Lecce, Brattaglio and San Pancrazio.

All three raids apparently were aimed at reducing the defenses of the Italian naval base at Taranto, at the inside of the jutting Italian "heel" or the Gulf of Taranto.

Grottaglio lies ten miles northeast of Taranto, San Pancrazio 23 miles to the east and Lecce 12 miles to the east.

The initial loads included high explosive, fragmentation and incendiary bombs. A U. S. communique from Middle East headquarters announced:

Three American planes were lost in delivering the triple punch, this relatively small figure equalling the entire U. S. losses for the month of June in this area.

Twelve axis planes were shot down out of clouds of Italian and German fighters that rose to challenge the Liberators, the communique said.

"At Lecce, bursts of smoke covered the field, indicating hits on dispersed aircraft," the announcement said. "Other hits were observed in hangars and runways. Fires were left burning behind the hangars and in the dispersal area. A very large fuel fire was observed in the southeast sector."

"At Grottaglio, direct hits were scored on hangars and bursts were seen throughout the target area. The dispersal area was blanketed with fragmentation bombs. One enemy aircraft was seen to explode and at least one other was seen burning."

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Italian Bases Pounded Anew

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 3.—(AP)—Night bombers made new attacks on Palermo and Cagliari here yesterday, allied headquarters announced today. B-25 Mitchell medium bombers followed this air yesterday by blasting the Castelvetrano airfield in western Sicily.

Palermo, major city in Sicily, and Cagliari, the Sardinian capital, have been under repeated bombardments this week.

American P-40 Warhawks escorted the Mitchells over Castelvetrano and shot down an enemy fighter, the war bulletin said.

The operations were carried out without loss to the allied bombers, the announcement said.

General Revenue Account Shows Record Sum For Year

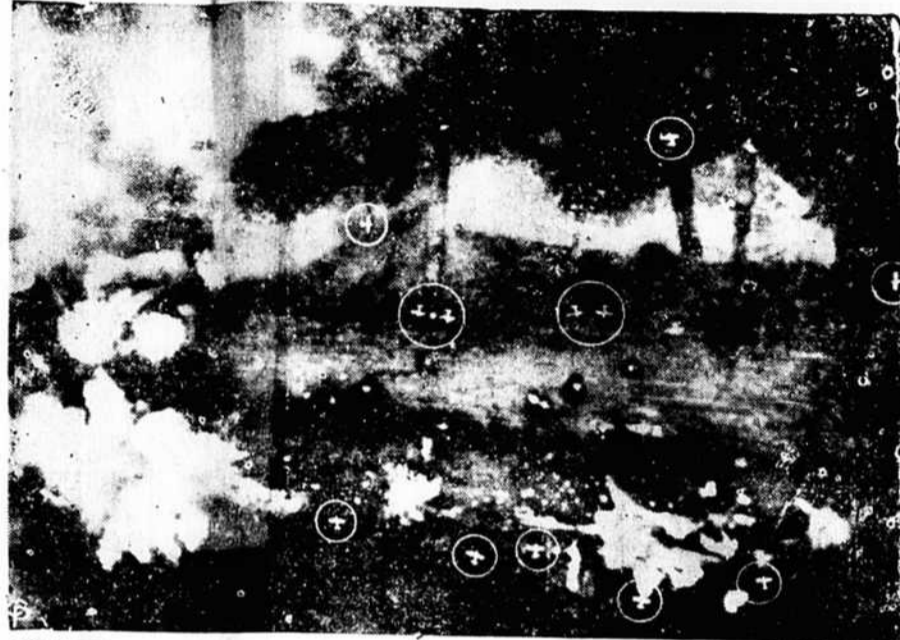
in the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, July 3.—With income taxes leading and sales taxes and beverage taxes also showing large increases over the previous year, the State Department of Revenue reports an all-time high collection of seventy and a half million dollars for the year ending June 30 in the general fund account.

This is \$18,144,354.60 more than was collected during the year ending June 30, 1942. In round figures, income taxes provided ten million dollars and beverage taxes one million. Every bracket in the general fund division showed increase except inheritance, privilege and gift taxes. The inheritance and gift taxes, of course, cannot be anticipated, depending as they do upon death, which, when the privilege tax decline was small.

An intriguing item in the report was \$18,090.50 in the "miscellaneous" bracket, of which all but fifty dollars was credited to the month of

JAP PLANES BLASTED ON GROUND AT BUKA



THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, neatly turned back on the Japs since Pearl Harbor, is carrying U. S. forces swiftly ahead in the big Southwest Pacific offensive. Here, a dozen Jap fighters and bombers (circles) have been caught on the ground at the Jap base of Buka in the New Guinea area. Exploding bombs are ripping them with shrapnel which will leave them beyond repair. Air Force photo. (International)

Reds Pound Nazi Lines

No Essential Change Made in Positions Before Smolensk; Guerillas Score

London, July 3.—(AP)—Russian infantrymen continued to pound away at German positions along the western front before Smolensk, the mid-day communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded here by the Soviet monitor revealed today.

Although the war bulletin reported no essential changes, the announcement of hand to hand fighting in one sector of the front and the capture of arms, radio and mine detecting equipment in a surprise attack at another was partial confirmation of the Berlin radio admission that Nazi troops had "fallen back to strongly fortified new positions" near Derzougouzh, 50 miles east of Smolensk.

On the Leningrad front Red army units killed 150 German officers and men and destroyed 19 blockhouses and five observation posts by artillery and mortar fire, the communique said.

Guerillas in the Kamener-Podolsk area of the southwest Ukraine mined a German troop train, destroying the locomotive and six passenger cars, the bulletin said.

The guerillas immediately attacked, decimated the first train to leave after repairs were completed and destroyed a locomotive and 17 passenger cars. The Germans taking away large numbers of killed and wounded in trains, the communique said.

Jap Naval Force Routed At Rendova

Air Umbrella Shields Convoy

London, July 3.—(AP)—A great convoy recently crossed the Atlantic under a shoe-is-shore air cover of land-based and carrier planes and one submarine was destroyed, another probably was sunk, and others "may have been damaged," the admiralty and air ministry announced today.

A reinforced surface escort also helped shepherd the ships through the latest victory in the battle of the Atlantic, a lengthy communique said.

Submarines made a series of attacks over a period of two days, but the convoy was unharmed.

In the first stage of the journey, Hudson, Ventura Liberator and Catalina planes of the royal Canadian air force of the eastern command protected the ships. Liberators, Thunderbolts and Halifaxes of the RAF escorted the convoy and took over on the approach to Britain.

The mid-Atlantic gap was filled by 14 planes from a British carrier.

Three Cruisers and Four Destroyers Fail in Attempt to Shell Americans

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—Japanese cruisers and destroyers, endeavoring to turn their big guns on American positions on Rendova island, were driven off by United States naval units in a sharp engagement early today.

This was reported today by the Navy, which said the enemy task force of seven warships, including three cruisers and four destroyers, moved in in an unsuccessful bombardment attempt.

The size of the United States force, which met and routed the Japanese ships, was not disclosed by the Navy, which said, however, that "the enemy ships retired in short order." No details of the surface battle have been received, it said.

It is possible that the American naval vessels, teamed up only as "surface craft," could have pursued the enemy out of the immediate area and that the battle was still under way in the central Solomons area.

The Navy reported also that "several of the crew" were killed in the initial torpedo plane attack which led to the sinking of the transport McCawley in the action which moved United States forces into the outer defense ring of the Japanese. The McCawley, damaged by torpedoes, was sent to the bottom by its enemy submarine. However, most of its crew members had been removed.

Industry Gets Army Students

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—The Army, an informed source said today, has agreed to turn over to hard-pressed civilian industry ten percent of the approximately 130,000 students it sends to college for specialized training.

The informant, who asked to be anonymous, said the 13,000 to be relinquished all would be students of engineering, since the army wants to hold on to its medical trainees and others in highly technical categories.

The men released by the Army will not be selected until they have completed their courses, it was said.

Meanwhile, this source added, they will be indistinguishable from their fellow soldier-students, required to complete the 13-week basic military training course and to wear uniforms while attending school.

Most of those released for civilian work probably will be men the Army would use only for limited service because of physical handicaps.

The Army's decision responded to an appeal from the war-manpower commission for the release of war-servicing college graduates in the army's classes to ease acute shortages in essential civilian activities.

NO JAP AIR ATTACK ON CHINA LAST WEEK

Headquarters of the 14th U. S. Air Force in China, July 2 (Delayed)—(AP)—Major General Claire L. Chennault said today that Japanese planes made no attack on unoccupied China during the week of June 23-29 and commented: "It is quite possible the Japs don't want to lose any more planes in China for a while because they are so badly needed elsewhere."

FRENCH COMMITTEE TO SEND DELEGATE

Algiers, July 3.—(AP)—The French Committee of National Liberation, meeting today, decided as "a more helpful move" to send a delegate to the United States, said Admiral Georges Robert, high commissioner of Martinique, who said today that he would be sending the delegate to the United States to bring the French flag to the Allies into the United States.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rising temperature this afternoon and tonight, drizzle and light rains in the mornings.

Important Jap Base Menaced

Aussies and Yanks Effect Junctionure Near Salamaua; Other Gains Made

Allied Headquarters in Australia, July 3.—(AP)—American and Australian jungle fighters menaced the Japanese air base of Salamaua on the north-east coast of New Guinea from three sides today in the growing Pacific offensive, while in the central Solomons, at the other end of a 700 mile arc, pressure was maintained on the enemy base of Munda.

Today's communique from headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander of operations, reported as the latest success a junctionure of Australian patrols from Mubo, twelve miles south and inland from Salamaua, with the Americans who landed on the coast at Nassau Bay Wednesday. This completed the first phase of the new operations there.

It was announced here that despite bitter jungle fighting in progression on a patrol basis along the New Guinea coastal front, this drive likely is not aimed at the immediate capture of Salamaua.

Any push along the coast from Nassau Bay northward would be almost impossible because of densely argled jungle and swamps.

In the central Solomons, where the Americans have seized Rendova island from which shore batteries started shelling the enemy Munda air field, and where the important harbor of Viru on New Georgia was captured, no changes in positions were reported. Today's communique told of an air battle on Thursday over Rendova in which 14 Japanese Zeros and eight dive bombers were shot down at a cost of eight allied fighters.

There was no further word of allied naval action in the northern Solomons. Friday's communique had told of surface units shelling Japanese positions on the approaches to Bougainville. Nor was there any mention of any counter action by the Japanese navy.

But the mighty allied air force, whose widespread activity has been impressive from the outset of the new drive, continued to play a major role. Seeking to keep Japan's base establishment at Buna, New Britain, pinned to their fields, allied Liberators and Flying Fortresses dropped 20 tons of bombs there. That was the third straight night of bombing on Buna, during which the bomb weight had totaled 78 tons.

For the second successive day the Freiwald and Woodlark islands were not mentioned in the official communique, but a headquarters officer commented that in this case "no news probably is good news."

From this it was believed that these operations had been completed. No Japanese counter attack whatever has been reported.

State Revenue Total Gains

Raleigh, July 3.—(AP)—The State's revenue and gasoline division collected \$92,108,301.06 during the fiscal year which ended Wednesday, compared with \$88,763,691.17 during the year ending June 30, 1942.

During the last fiscal year, however, \$79,544,889.14 was collected in inheritance, privilege, franchise, income sales, beverage, gift, intangible and other taxes, compared with \$57,170,604.54 from those sources in the previous year.

The State motor vehicles department collected \$10,333,615.61 during the last fiscal year, compared with \$15,369,731.50 during the previous year. While income from automobile and driver's licenses and title fees increased in this category, taxes increased from \$1,207,607.14 to \$1,794,593.99.

Income tax collections increased from more than \$22,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, to more than \$22,000,000 last year; sales tax collections from more than \$15,000,000 to more than \$17,000,000; and beverage tax collections by more than \$1,500,000.

The revenue and gasoline divisions collected \$5,449,951.12 last month, compared with \$5,445,527.75 in June, 1942. Motor vehicles department collections were \$252,985.17 last month, compared with \$193,504.41 in June, 1942.