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NAZIS PAY HIGH PRICE FOR SMALL GAINS

Pacific Offensive Spreads To North

New Polish Premier



LEADER of the Polish Peasant Party, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, has been named to succeed General Wladyslaw Sikorski as Premier of the Polish Government in Exile until a permanent appointment is made. Sikorski and his daughter Sophia were killed in the crash of a Liberator bomber after taking off from Gibraltar. (International)

Task Force Raids Kiska In Aleutians

Attack Coordinated With South Pacific Drive; Helena Sunk in Kula Gulf

Washington, July 7.—(AP)—An American naval task force bombarded the Japanese base on Kiska island last night, the Navy announced today, in an attack apparently coordinated with the United States offensive against Japanese defenses in the south Pacific.

A Navy communiqué reporting the action in the north Pacific also disclosed that the American cruiser lost in battle with Japanese forces in Kula Gulf on the morning of July 6 was the 9,700-ton light cruiser Helena. The Helena was under command of Captain Charles Purcell Cecil of Louisville, Ky. Neither the fate of the ship nor the safety of individual crew members was reported. "The next of kin of the casualties aboard the Helena will be notified as soon as possible," the Navy said. The cruiser, which had been damaged at Pearl Harbor and was restored to service during the first twelve months of war in the Pacific, was the only announced American loss in the battle, in which six Japanese ships were "probably sunk," and several others, presumably four or more, were damaged.

Senate Does About Face

Upper House Votes Against Subsidies to Aid Rollback of Food Prices

Washington, July 7.—(AP)—In a sudden and dramatic turnabout, the Senate rose up to do battle with the administration again today over the government's plan to roll back retail food prices by paying subsidies to processors.

Chances of starting a mid-summer price rollback faded hourly as weary lawmakers of both houses went into a battle over a bill containing the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation but blocking the subsidy program.

The formidable lack of the consensus was this to resemble dramatically opposite proposals in the Senate version and the House-approved bill which lifted all subsidy-rollback restrictions objected to by the administration.

Championing a seldom seen demonstration of about-face, Senate opponents of the rollback voted late yesterday, over the loud lamentation of administration lieutenants, for subsidy restrictions similar to those which drew a veto from President Roosevelt only last Friday.

The bill as it went to conference would continue CCC until January 1, 1944, and increase its leading authority from \$2,550,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000, but that was virtually a side issue.

Anti-Loafing Drive Pleases

Raleigh, July 7.—(AP)—Governor Broughton said today he was pleased with response to his "work or fight" proclamation but did not plan to immediately issue his emergency powers to eliminate loafing.

Employment agencies, he said, have reported increased applications for work. A similar statement was made by Harry Caldwell, head of the State farm labor commission.

At least one town, Weldon, has asked the governor, however, to invoke his unusual powers to "make people go to work and keep them at work."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Light change in temperature this afternoon and tonight, with a few scattered showers.

Nazis Send Fresh Troops To Outposts

London, July 7.—(AP)—The Germans were reported by the Reuters radio today to have sent fresh troops to the Dodecanese islands, a potential allied stepping stone to any invasion of the Balkans and Britain declared that Yugoslav and Greek guerrillas were being wiped out in another step to strengthen axis defenses.

General Deza Mihailovic's forces, "for the most part have been wiped out" in Yugoslavia, the Berlin broadcast asserted, and "mopping up operations also made good progress in Greece in the last few days."

It will only be a very short time before the last remnants of the bandits are destroyed," it continued. "Complete quiet now reigns throughout the whole sub-occupied area of Europe, apart from small local disturbances."

The Yugoslav and Greek governments in London acknowledged heavier axis opposition against Mihailovic but said the claims that they were wiped out were false.

"The British radio in a broadcast recorded by CBS in New York said martial law had been proclaimed in Greece after strikes and demonstrations that threatened to lead to a general uprising."

Berlin intensified propaganda efforts to convince the German people that the allies had been balked in plans for invasion of southern Europe.

TAR HEEL SOLDIER IS FREED BY COURT

Atlanta, July 7.—(AP)—Corporal J. G. Diddy of Wilson, N. C., officer candidate student at Fort Benning, Ga., was acquitted yesterday of charges of mutiny after being driven from an automobile under the influence of liquor.

Judge Luke Arnold of Atlanta traffic court heard the charges resulting from the death of Willard R. Freeman, 45, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Sunday night after he had been struck by a car driven by Diddy.

The judge said testimony was offered to show that Freeman walked in front of the soldier's car.

BOMBERS LAY MINES AND ATTACK FRANCE

London, July 7.—(AP)—RAF bombers conducted extensive mine-laying operations in enemy waters last night while speedy Mosquitos manned by Canadian crews attacked railway targets in France, the air ministry announced today.

One bomber was lost in these forays, the announcement said.

INVASION ROUTE TO BERLIN



BECAUSE IT IS THE SOLE AREA through which British and American invasion forces can strike at the heart of Germany without first going through one of the occupied countries, Germany's North Sea coast, encircled, is reported to have been heavily reinforced. Likewise in occupied Denmark, to the north, the Nazis are reported fortifying the Jutland peninsula in anticipation of an invasion. Occupation troops are said to have been increased to 200,000. (International)

Chiang Asks Early Blows

Chinese Leader Says Japan Is Weakest With Resources Nearing Exhaustion

Chungking, July 7.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek issued a call today in the United Nations to strike at once in force against Japan because now, he declared, is the opportune moment "to reap great results" in reducing the time and cost of final victory.

In a message to the peoples of the allied nations on the anniversary of the day six years ago that China was attacked, the war leader asserted Japan now "is at her weakest as her enemy resources are approaching a point of exhaustion."

"Should we let her have further respite to complete impregnable defenses and to wage a last-drawn-out war with us," he added, "the time and price the allies will have to pay to defeat her will be many times longer and heavier than what are required today."

General Chiang, who told his own people in another message that "the time limit is after defeat of the Japanese invasion army," urged full support of the Roosevelt-Churchill agreement to "wage the war on the Japanese and European fronts with equal power."

"In the execution of this strategy," he promised, "our allies can count upon the determination of the Chinese army to contribute whatever is within their power and to make whatever sacrifices necessary."

MARTINIQUE MOVES TO FRENCH UNION

Algiers, July 7.—(AP)—The French commissariat of information announced today that a deputy severe of Martinique, had sent a message asserting that the island had "fallen enthusiastically to the French Committee of National Liberation and demanded the immediate designation of new authorities."

The committee announced last week it was sending a delegate to the island in hopes of bringing it under the authority of the committee.

Admiral Georges Rober, governor of Martinique last week invited the United States to name an envoy to discuss a "change" in French authority there. Robert has held that the island and Guadeloupe, also administered by him, are under authority of Vichy France.

Overall Output Of Munitions Is Unchanged

Washington, July 7.—(AP)—Production of planes and naval vessels reached new heights in May, the war production board's monthly report showed today, but the overall output of munitions remained unchanged from April.

WPA Chairman Donald M. Nelson reported steel declines in ground equipment, transportation, munitions and merchant vessels, which he described as "a very serious matter."

The decline in merchant vessels was based on the value of work put in place in shipyards, however, and not on the basis of actual deliveries, which in May were the highest so far with nearly 1,500,000 dead weight tons.

Of the four major programs, merchant ships led in the first six months of the year, with 41 per cent of the total output of naval vessels and equipment were estimated at 40 per cent of the 1943 goals, and aircraft at 42 per cent. "We have reached a goal now where gains in production will be won only through the most thoughtful and determined effort on the part of all concerned," Nelson said.

Jack Dempsey Wins Divorce

White Plains, N. Y., July 7.—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander William Harrison Dempsey, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, the former world's heavyweight boxing champion, was awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce today from Hannah Williams Dempsey, former national comedy actress.

Official letter J. Addison Young of the supreme court, who heard the case last month, ruled that Dempsey's change of his wife's nationality in Los Angeles on November 22, 1942, "was proper and valid."

The divorce boxer named Betty Woodhall, former lightweight fighter, and one-time trainer of Lou Duva, as the respondent in the case. Private divorces, testified they found Hannah Dempsey and Wood all together in a Los Angeles hotel.

Referee Young, in his decision, ruled that judgment would be entered upon presentation of findings by the attorneys, but which time the court will consider the question of the custody of the children and other details.

Navy Scores Big Victory At Kula Gulf

Probable Sinking of Six Jap Vessels Reported; One U. S. Cruiser Is Sunk

Allied Headquarters in Australia, July 7.—(AP)—A United States naval victory in the Solomons—probable sinking of six Japanese warships and damaging of four others out of a cruiser-destroyer force at a cost of one cruiser—was announced today, one week after the outbreak of the current Pacific offensive.

The triumph, recorded by guns of American ships which flashed in darkness of July 5 to 6 in the Kula Gulf above New Georgia island, was sketched in a communiqué from headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur.

Although hearing out in clearer outline an earlier announcement from the Navy in Washington that the Kula Gulf battle definitely was an American victory, today's communiqué left many details to be filled in, including how many of the enemy ships hit were cruisers and how many destroyers. One definitely was a destroyer, blasted by 500-pound bombs of American planes after it had been beached by damage suffered in the naval engagement.

"The Japs have taken another damned good licking," Navy Secretary Frank Knox told cheering shipyard workers at Bremerton, Wash., Tuesday.

The communiqué also bore the assuring news that American forces on Rendova island, seized at the outset of the new drive in the central Solomons June 30, now have been reinforced and that frantic efforts of the Japanese air force to checkmate the offensive by fresh raids on Australia, New Guinea and our Solomon holdings have been broken up.

Defeat of the Japanese naval forces left imperiled the most immediate objective of the Solomons operations—the enemy air base of Munda on New Georgia.

Above it, Bairoko anchorage, main source of supply, had been battered.

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NORTH CAROLINIANS RECEIVE AIR MEDALS

Washington, July 7.—(AP)—The War department announced today awards of decorations to officers and enlisted men of the U. S. Army Tenth Air Force in India. Five North Carolinians were among those receiving awards.

The North Carolinians, all of whom received the Air Medal, were First Lieutenant Richard T. Henning of Albemarle, First Lieutenant Allen A. Latham of Monroe, First Lieutenant William S. May of Hay River, Second Lieutenant Jasper L. Godwin of Clayton and Second Lieutenant Carl E. Gordon of Raleigh.

1,429 CONVICTIONS FOR SPEED IN JUNE

Raleigh, July 7.—(AP)—T. B. DeWald, State motor vehicles commissioner, reported today that 1,429 persons were convicted of speeding on North Carolina highways in June, compared with 799 in June, 1942. Thus far this year, 4,034 persons have been convicted of that offense.

Ward attributed the increase to invocation of a 35-mile an hour speed limit under Governor Broughton's emergency war powers. The highway patrol and other law enforcement officers have been instructed to diligently enforce the new limit, which went into effect May 6.

Selling Lowers Cotton Market Stock Prices Trends Higher

New York, July 7.—(AP)—Selling fell in the stock market today was enough to push prices into lower ground.

The tendency seemed to be toward a steady rise in prices, but a few new issues were introduced.

Backward stocks, including Chrysler, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Westinghouse, Dow Chemical and DuPont.

LANDING ATTACK



Pictured during a combat swimming exhibition staged under the supervision of the American Red Cross at Camp Edwards, Mass., amphibian troops carrying full field packs and rifles have just abandoned a disabled landing barge and are swimming to shore. (International)

Big Bombers Hit Gerbini

Air Siege of Island Passes 36th Hour; Photographs Reveal Terrific Damage

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 7.—(AP)—Flying Liberators from the Middle East command poured hundreds of tons of explosive and fragmentation bombs on Gerbini airbase in southern Sicily yesterday as the air siege of that vital enemy base roared through its 36th hour.

The all-out effort to knock Gerbini and its four satellite fields from the map appeared nearing completion, photographs revealing terrific damage to main structure buildings, hangars, parked aircraft and landing strips from the steady pounding of the last two days and a night.

It was at Gerbini that Flying Fortress bombers of the Twelfth Army Air Force command destroyed 41 enemy fighters on Monday, and at least one more axis plane was shot down during yesterday's steady driving attack.

A Middle East communiqué said that approximately 50 Liberators participated in yesterday's attack, dropping more than 25,000 pounds of high explosive and fragmentation bombs on the Gerbini field, causing runway and dispersal areas and leaving large fires burning. One enemy fighter was reported destroyed and two damaged while every Liberator returned safely.

Flying Fortresses from this base reported hits on ammunition dumps, administration buildings, hangars and five landing strips. Five planes of the northwest African force were reported missing from the day's operations, against two enemy aircraft destroyed.

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BROUGHTON PRAISES WEEK-END BEER BAN

Raleigh, July 7.—(AP)—Commendation of the action of some counties and cities in banning the sale of beer and wines over the week-end was given today by Governor Broughton, who said he hoped such a ban would be adopted over the entire state.

The governor said he was particularly hopeful that sale of the beverages be halted over the week-ends in sections where members of the armed forces are stationed.

Under a 1942 statute, governmental units have authority to prevent sale of the beverages over the week-ends. A statewide law prohibits the sale after 11:30 p. m. any night.

SEVERAL ARMY CAMPS STOP ISSUING BOOKS FOR LIQUOR RATIOS

Raleigh, July 7.—(AP)—State, Army and Navy officials announced today that registration of armed services men for liquor ration books had been discontinued at several eastern North Carolina camps, and the units were purely local and that it had not been an order to that effect.

B. Frank Bates, chief of enforcement, said that registration was continuing at the larger camps, such as Fort Bragg and Camp Butler, but he indicated that it had been discontinued at Seymour Johnson Field in Wayne county. He said he had not heard that registration had ceased at Camp Travis and the Wilmington Camp Guard unit.

1,271 Tanks, 314 Planes Destroyed

Soviets Admit Loss of Two Towns, but Claim Heavy Toll Exact of Nazis

(By The Associated Press.) The Berlin radio quoted a German military spokesman as announcing today that the Germans had broken through the main Soviet fighting line at several points in the Kursk area, center of the Russian bulge below Moscow.

No details were given as to the distance of the claimed penetrations but it was stated that the breakthrough came during a German counter attack.

The claims were made in a Transoceanic propaganda agency broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

Earlier Berlin accounts of the eastern front fighting said the conflict was raging between Belgorod and Orel with the initiative "firmly held by the Germans." Kursk is midway between these two points.

Moscow, July 7.—(AP)—The German army has paid a terrific toll in tanks and manpower as the price for the "insignificant gains" achieved in two days of bitter fighting in the 1943 summer offensive on the Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front, the Russians said today.

While acknowledging the loss of two unidentified towns near Belgorod at the southernmost end of the revitalized 165-mile front, the Red Army announced last night that in two days its artillery had smashed 1,271 enemy tanks and shot down 314 planes while the German loss in dead exceeded 10,000.

The Russians counted the German loss in tanks at 500 for the first day's fighting. The six-day summer offensive yesterday brought the figure to 1,271 and last night the Soviet communiqué was issued stating that the total Soviet communiqué.

The losses in Soviet communiqué were listed as 17 German tanks destroyed, 17 German tanks captured, 17 German tanks destroyed, 17 German tanks captured.

Advices from the front indicated the German high command was sending wave after wave of armored units and infantry units against the strongly defended Soviet positions, making no appreciable headway.

The attack on the front were strongly repulsed by the German tank divisions, the Germans said they inflicted more than 1,000 German casualties, but the Soviet communiqué said the losses were heavy.

The Russian communiqué reported that the destruction of eleven German planes and 22 pilots had been reported, that of the prisoners were 500, 500 and Red Army pilots that was a member of the Soviet high command and had been shot down by a Soviet plane prior to the start of the German offensive.

The German army, it was announced, had captured 100 prisoners and 100 machine guns. The German communiqué said that the German army had captured 100 prisoners and 100 machine guns.

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