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Bombers Smash German War Plants

1,500 Axis Troops Slain By Soviets

ALL QUIET ON WARD PLANT FRONT

ARMY TROOPS leave the Montgomery Ward plant (top) after Undersecretary of Commerce Wayne C. Taylor, in charge for the Government, said "there is now no need for their presence." CIO union officials, shown in front of the mail order plant (bottom) said the company agreed that a new collective bargaining representation election would be held if the N.L.R.B. so decides. L. to r.: Henry E. Rinehart, Leonard Levy and Samuel Wolchak. (International)

East Front Essentially Unchanged

Attempts by Enemy To Make Advances Definitely Crushed

London, May 2.—(AP)—A Soviet communique said today that apparently 1,500 Axis troops were slain yesterday in local fighting in Romania and old Poland, but the bulletin reported no essential changes on the long eastern front, where the Red army has been reported preparing for a new offensive.

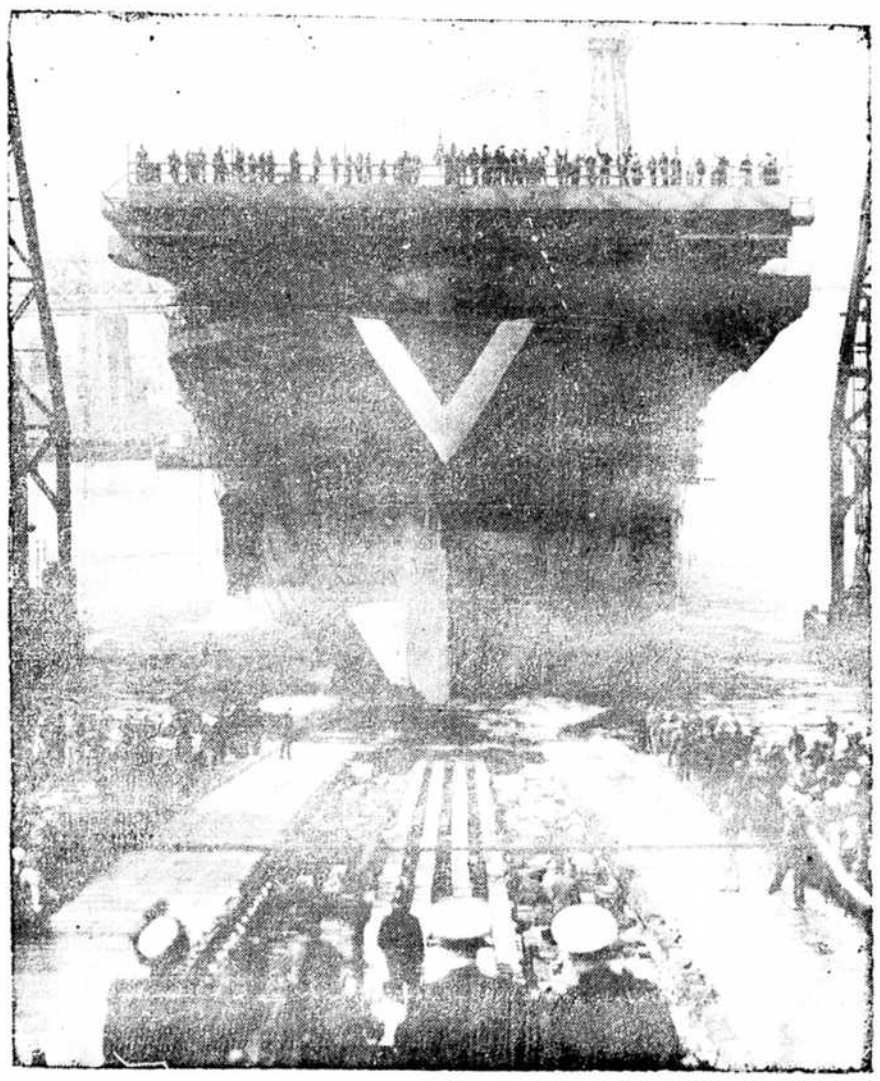
The communique said that Germans killed in attempts to gain control south of Iasi, Romanian city, numbered 1,000, and that a battalion, or 800 to 1,000 attacking Axis troops were killed near a village of Zlotnikowo, in Ukrainian Poland.

The Germans have been repelling bitter fighting southeast of this point, and also southwest of Kowell, which is 120 miles southeast of Warsaw. On the basis of the Nazi accounts, the fighting in the Kowel sector was raging only about four miles from the Kowel-Lyson railway connecting two vital German wings in former Poland.

The Russians announced yesterday that 300 large Soviet bombers had struck heavily a score of times Sunday night at the affiliated Brest-Litovsk fortress city which the Germans captured two days after their invasion of Russia in June, 1941.

The communique said 12 bombers were lost at the hot airdrome and that large enemy troops, ammunition and equipment were left in flames.

Another U. S. Aircraft Carrier Is Launched



About 10,000 spectators watch the 27,100-ton aircraft carrier Bonhomme Richard, named for John Paul Jones frigate, slide down the ways at the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn. Mrs. John S. McCain of Washington, wife of Vice-Admiral McCain, deputy chief of naval operations, sponsored the navy vessel. (International)

Centers In Italy Also Are Struck

Pre-Invasion Blitz Carried Into 18th Day of Air Attack

London, May 2.—(AP)—American Liberators bombed German installations in northern France at another today, carrying the great pre-invasion air offensive into the eighteenth consecutive day after 1,000 or more heavy bombers assaulted enemy targets by night in France, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

Up to last report no losses had been reported in the operations against the Nazis in which the enemy is expected to meet decisive defeat in the west and elsewhere, the Russians are numerically outnumbered. There are five from Britain here.

About 800 planes were dispatched against the Nazis in France, Belgium and Germany. Of them 100 were Liberators and the rest Allied fighters.

Probably the most portentous, although not the heaviest, conducted by the RAF came while Allied heavy and medium bombers in the Mediterranean theatre shot a four-ply blow at key German-held cities in Italy. They also followed attacks by British. 2,600 were Americans which used daylight raiders, of which chewed up 17 rail junctions through which supplies and men moved to Hitler's Atlantic wall.

The eight attacks capped 17 straight days of uninterrupted large-scale raids on the Germans' European fortress from both Britain and Italy.

The operational record from Britain yesterday was around 1,000 sorties (individual plane flights), while Allied planes based in Italy added 1,200 more sorties to the pre-invasion aerial crescendo.

Ten planes from the RAF British-based sky fleet failed to return, while two Allied aircraft were reported missing from all daylight and night operations yesterday in the Italian theatre. Ten enemy planes were destroyed in the Italian area.

Program Of Democratic Meet Ready

Redden Completes Arrangements For State Convention

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BY LYNN NISBET

Aircraft Output Shows Decline in The April Period

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—Aircraft production declined in April to a total of 8,345 planes, compared with a record output of 9,418 in March the War Production Board announced today.

Part of the decrease was planned, Charles E. Wilson, WPB executive vice chairman, told a press conference, but total output was slightly below even the lower schedule, he said.

Production in terms of airplane weight also was off, dropping with 103,400,995 in March. However because of fewer working days in April, weight output per day set a new record of 3,810,600 pounds, up 81,000 pounds over March.

Despite the drop in the total planes rolling off assembly lines, "we got all the planes we wanted," Wilson said, adding that requirements for tactical planes in particular were met.

Spain Will Cut Wolfram To Germany

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—State Department announced today a compromise agreement with Spain, cutting Spanish wolfram shipments to the Nazis to virtual token supplies, which it was hoped, may be blocked completely soon by Allied invasion forces in France.

Jap Road To Philippines Is Weakened

Allied Advanced Headquarters, New Guinea, May 2.—(AP)—American fast soldiers and Allied airmen are neutralizing Japanese strongholds lining the way from New Guinea to the Philippines, a southwest Pacific headquarters communique indicated today.

Patrols crossed the jungle north of Lake Sentani near Hollandia, in region of Japanese troops isolated during the invasion of Dutch New Guinea.

Between the landing, April 22 and operations through April 30, the Americans counted 637 Japanese. The patrol action was designed to insure firm control of the four airfields in the Hollandia vicinity.

Allied airmen hammered at enemy bases west of Hollandia. Their westernmost strike was at a village on the island of Ambonia, directly north of Darwin, Australia, and off the tip of New Guinea.

SERVICEMEN LIKE THIS PASTOR'S IDEA

Connellsville, Pa.—(AP)—Rev. George H. Rutherford has an idea.

Once Sunday he cut short his sermon and passed out writing material to the congregation. At the conclusion of the service he gathered letters written to relatives and friends in the armed forces, addressed, stamped and having glued on the front, of course, of envelopes.

Broad Social Proposal Made By U. S. Labor

Philadelphia, May 2.—(AP)—The United States delegation to the international labor conference in the forty speeches in two days has "subscribed to the highest goals to date," author Leon Keyserling, at the peacetime conference, in a program set out of reaching world recognition this week.

The delegation proposed three social objectives:

1. Opportunity for gainful employment, at living wages, for all who want regular employment, at living wages, or return, under "economic security" plans.

2. [illegible] of [illegible] exploitation of [illegible] particularly the child labor and displacement are banned.

3. [illegible]

4. [illegible] prevent industrial malfunctioning [illegible] medical care.

5. A [illegible] which [illegible] employment.

Ten Jap Vessels Sunk by American Submarine Action

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—Sinking of a Japanese light cruiser and two Japanese destroyers by American submarines operating deep in enemy-controlled waters was announced by the Navy today.

In addition, the Navy reported the American submarines destroyed seven Japanese cargo vessels, one large tanker, and a large naval auxiliary on their patrols carried out in enemy territory.

The sinkings brought to 695 the number of Japanese vessels of all types sunk, probably sunk or damaged by the submarines.

That total includes 341 sent to the bottom. A breakdown of the sinkings and damaged shows that of the total 69 of the Japanese vessels have been warships. Five include 1 sunk, ten probably sunk and 11 damaged.

The light cruiser destroyed in an unidentified area was the fourth of that classification sunk by American submarine. The submarines also have listed in their battle efforts five Japanese cruisers probably sunk and six damaged.

The two destroyers brought to 53 the number of Japanese warships sent to the bottom by American submarines.

Another Big Mississippi Levee Opens

(By The Associated Press.)

Rising upon another storm-lashed Mississippi River levee, workmen today spread sandbags over 40,000 cubic yards behind the breached dike at Preston, Illinois, south of the Missouri boundary, the Illinois River, sentinel a destructive course before Boardman.

The Preston break was described by the U. S. Army district engineers' office at St. Louis as "like an explosion, the river tore the levee clean through from the bottom up."

The same break, in the current through which a highway ferry was operated at Preston, was repaired and reopened to traffic a few days ago. Two other breaks in the levee at Preston were still threatening the levee.

The Meredosia levee on the Illinois River, Boardman has held, is "in very serious condition." The Corps of Engineers and eight [illegible] were called to the levee.

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ALCOA ORDERED TO CLOSE PLANTS

Washington, May 2.—The war production board last night ordered the Aluminum Company of America to shut down two additional lines having an annual capacity of 72,000,000 pound of virgin aluminum at the government owned plant in Queens, Long Island, N. Y.

Chief reason for the closure is to bring production into line with military requirements, which were overestimated, WPB said. Two other lines of the same plant were closed earlier in the year and 13 others have been shut down in recent months.

It is believed that with tonight's order no other plants will be curtailed. Most of the affected plants are in the east and south where coal is used as a source for power.

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Germans Gain Along Anzio Allied Front

Allied Headquarters, Italy, May 2.—(AP)—The Germans have forced back Allied troops along part of the Anzio beachhead and made a local gain three miles southeast of Carroceto, it was announced today.

Enemy shelling also increased in the Fifth Army sector, from the Tyrrhenian sea inland to the Liri valley, and Allied patrols clashed with enemy patrols on all fronts.

The enemy attack on the Anzio beachhead came while an Allied force was attacking at Cassino, 30 miles to the rear. The result of the battle could not immediately ascertained.

An attempt by the Germans to force in with the beachhead bridgehead in force, under cover of darkness and artillery fire, failed, it was reported. Twelve of fifteen attacking planes were compelled to jettison their bombs. Four of the Germans were killed and two captured.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and warm today; fair to partly cloudy and mild tonight; scattered thunder showers; continued warm tomorrow.

New Deal An Issue In Florida, Alabama Vote

(By The Associated Press)

The Roosevelt administration underwent a test by proxy in the Florida and Alabama Democratic senatorial primaries today. Partial figures offer a close race in voting by South Dakota Republicans.

With plenty of personalities involved, Senator Claude Pepper, Florida, in fact, if not in name, the New Deal senator, in a free-way contest for representation that had found his chief opponent, County Judge Olive Edwards, of Jacksonville, hampering away at the administration's domestic policies, and at their support by Pepper.

In Alabama, Senator Lister Hill, the Democratic whip and strong supporter of the President, fought out a challenge by James A. Simpson, [illegible] who urged [illegible]

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Shortage Of Stock Feed Is Critical

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Jap Drive Decisively Beaten In Burma Area

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Colonel Philip Cochran's air commandos joined in the battle, bombing and strafing the enemy close to the perimeter of the Allied defenses.

An Allied spokesman said that on a conservative estimate the Japanese have lost at least 1,000 men killed in their unsuccessful attempt to smash the road block. This figure he said, did not include losses from air action.

An Allied communique indicated that stalwart forces were making steady progress on their drive down the Mogaung valley.

In northern India, meanwhile, the communique noted a marked increase in activity in the Palpel area, 25 miles south of the Allied base of Imphal. No important change was reported in the Kohima sector, 60 miles north of Imphal.