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NAZIS WITHDRAWING FROM PENINSULA TIP

American Subs Sink 16 More Jap Ships, Washington States

Plans Hunger Strike



FIELD representative for Rural Electrification Administration, Administrator Harry Slattery, Chester Lake (shown) has written to President Roosevelt that he intends going on a hunger strike in protest against what he said was politics in the R. E. A. He stated that he "deliberately decided to eat no more after June 24 until such time as you or Congress free the R. E. A. program for the farmers."

Also Play a Part In Reconnaissance On Fleet's Moves

Washington, June 23 (AP)—American submarines, dealing an ever heavier blow to the Japanese merchant fleet, have sunk 16 more enemy vessels in the Pacific today.

The Navy, announcing this today, held to its policy of secrecy in submarine operations, 40,000 tons last of which or others the latest log was made.

However, it is known that the submarines "will" have operated close to Japanese shores and along supply lines deep within other enemy-controlled areas.

The new report is similar to reports that the rate of destruction by the Americans has been as better than expected and a sign, because it tends to show the erosion of Japanese craft announced as sunk by other nations in the month.

Arguments Closing On Rate Fight

Washington, June 23 (AP)—Arguments closed today in the highest investigation of the national rate of interest rates, as an amendment by the Interstate Commerce Commission to a proposed study involving plans of the South and West for rate parity with the East.

Although the issue is specifically limited to consideration of rates, it is being applied generally to transportation rates. It is being argued by the City of New Orleans and other southern shipping interests that adjustment in rates will eventually lead to change in rates applying to rail, air and other transportation.

Henry E. Coley, of Boston, representing New England interests, said that any change in rates will result in an accompanying change in commodity rates, would put the east in disadvantage. The Interstate Commerce Commission study is to be completed by the end of the month.

The southern Government Conference has declared that rail transportation rates in the North and South are alike, and there should be no differential in class rates. Equilibrium is necessary, they maintained, if the south is to develop industrially and increase its per capita income.

Carriers counter with the argument that each of the eastern, southern and western areas have different needs and shipping interests.

Jap Islands Attacked In Indian Ocean

Southern Area Command Headquarters, Ceylon, June 23 (AP)—A naval and air raid on Port Blair, in the Andaman island West Indies, was announced today.

A T-43 radio cutter reported a combined formation of 25 bombers and fighters, and a carrier, the Japanese carrier of the Indian Ocean, and claimed 1000 damage was done. The broadcast said losses were confined to sinking of one small boat which was all by air strikes, and an aircraft carrier and a destroyer were shot down and four damaged.

The carrier, 2000 miles northwest of Sumatra, outside the Ceylon-India supply route in the Bay of Bengal, was the westernmost point reported by the Japanese in the Indian Ocean. The Japanese took the islands in March, 1942, and since that time they have been attacked a number of times by Allied planes.

1944 Pig Yields Greatly Reduced From 1943 Season

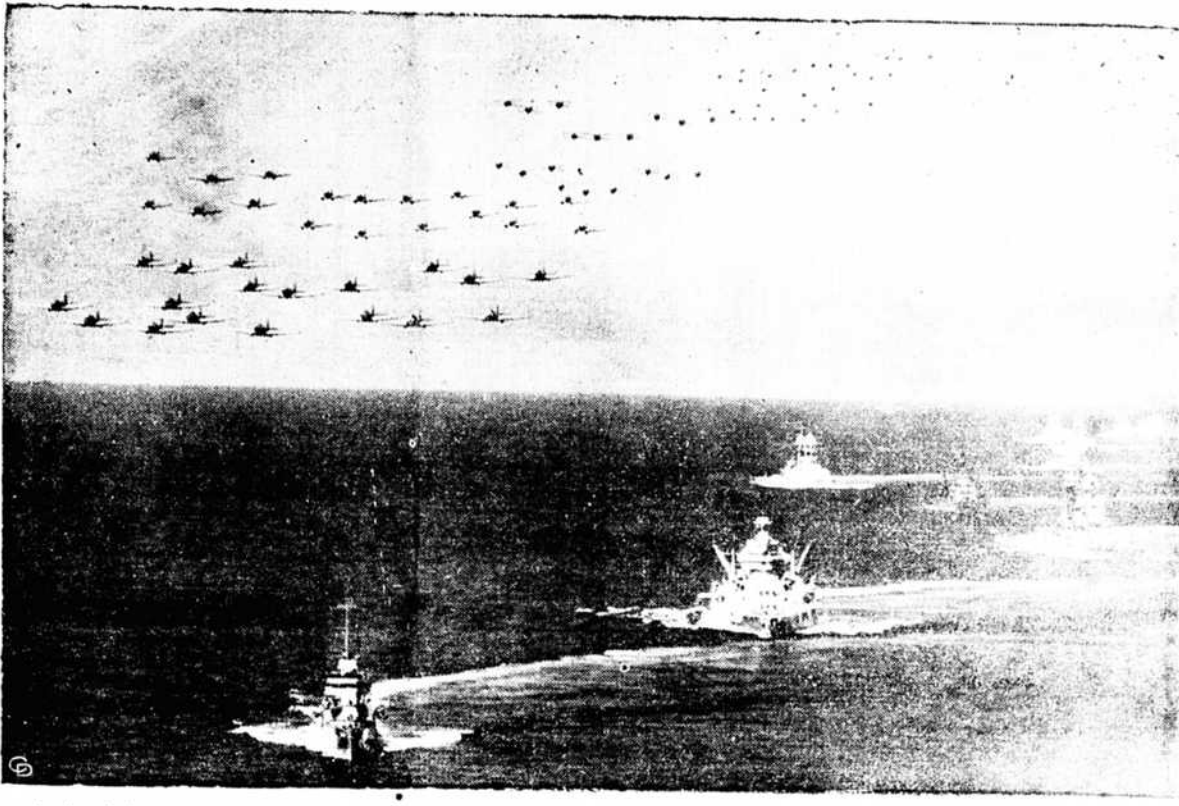
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Yanks Are Wiping Out Japs On Saipan

Russian Offensive Begun, Nazis Claim

Long-Waited Drive On Eastern Front Started in Poland

London, June 23 (AP)—The Germans announced today that the Red army, striking on the third anniversary of Hitler's surprise invasion of Russia, had launched its long-awaited summer offensive on the eastern front.

While Moscow had not yet announced the opening of the drive, the German high command said it had broken through the Soviet defenses in a broad front north of the Dnieper river, on the most direct road from Moscow to Berlin and Warsaw, an area which may be considered with Allied advances in Europe until July.

The Germans said a large-scale Soviet offensive was set in motion from south of Mogilev to north of Vitebsk, with heavy tank and armor support, while Moscow announced that some Russian spearheads drove deeper against defenses north of Lake Onychskoy (Onega) and up the Annus isthmus, as well as along the northern reaches of the Karelian isthmus.

The Berlin communiqué said the initial thrust was directed east and for fighting to still continue on either side of Vitebsk.

The assault was accompanied by local attacks elsewhere in Europe.

On Hunt for Japs



Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 23 (AP)—Italy-based bombers smashed the Romanian oil installations at Ploesti again today, while Liberators and Fortresses from Britain stalked through clouds for the eighth straight day of strikes at the Pas de Calais "rocket coast."

The Italian navy, in a move to lure the Allies, sent a fleet of 100 ships to the Strait of Messina today, but the Allies did not attack.

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Resistance Still Fierce Everywhere

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SHARES WINE AND JOKE WITH YANK



AN AMERICAN PARATROOPER MP and an elderly French woman laugh joyfully over a funny story in the shell-torn streets of Ste. Mere Eglise, France. The Yank is shown holding a bottle of home-made wine that the old woman hid from the Nazis in a cave. (AP Wirephoto)

Scott Stands By Charges On Milk Prices

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