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RED ARMY IN SMASHING ADVANCE

MONSOON BOGS CHINA BACKDOOR BATTLE

But Japs Threaten Chinese on East Coast

Long Advance Into Chekiang

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drenching monsoon rains halled the battle of Burma China's back door today hile Japan's invasion arm- s pressed a grave new reat on the Chinese east ast with a 30-mile advance to Chekiang province.

Simultaneously, Chinese Army eadquarters reported that Jap- ese troops landed from a dozen ansports near Foochow, chief rt and capital of the Chinese ast coast province of Fukien.

G PORT

Foochow, a city of 400,000, is the ggest port between Shanghai d Hong Kong.

Dispatches said the invaders were engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese defense forces.

In Chekiang province, counter- tacking Chinese troops were re- orted to have routed or checked panese advancing southward on 150-mile front in an attempt to lipe out any Chekiang air bases hich might be used for bombing tacks on Tokyo.

A Chinese Army spokesman said at the invaders, 30,000 to 40,000 rong, had already advanced with- 50 miles of Kinhwa, pro- visional capital of Chekiang pro- vince, and that heavy fighting was n progress along the entire front. Kinhwa is 180 miles below Jap- nese-occupied Shanghai.

IORE JAPS MASS

About 60,000 other Japanese roops were reported massing for upporting thrusts.

On the Burma front, Chinese ilitary dispatches said Japanese hrusts northward into China's unnan province had been fairly ell checked, with torrential rains elping to bog the enemy ad- ance.

In the battle of Australia, Gen- ral Douglas MacArthur's head- uarters reported that Allied bomb- e renewed their assaults on Jap- nese advance bases after a 24- our lull, raiding the enemy air- trome at Koepang and the har- bor of Dili, both on Dutch-Por- uguese Timor Island.

With the Japanese now apparently conserving their bomber forces for a big-scale attack, Australia moved to draft 35,000 more men into a corps which is preparing the "down under" continent as a base for a great Allied offen- sive.

Thousands of men already en- rolled in the corps now are en- gaged in building airdromes, rail- ways, docks, roads, dams and en- campments for the use of the armed forces.

Most of these to be added to the corps will be drafted from the 45 to 55 age group, although suitable volunteers will be ac- cepted.

SOMETHING TO SELL? A News Want Ad will locate a buyer for the thing you have to sell. Phone 3-6363, ask for a Want Ad-viser.

PREPARES FOR WAR—Jo Ann Jones, daughter of Major Roy Jones, post executive of Maxwell Field, Ala., learns from Sergeant James Wandeck how to use a gas mask. The Army is training civilian instructors and the wives and children of Army officers and non-commissioned officers in the use of gas masks.

Say Yank Troops Are At Gibraltar

No Confirmation of Axis Reports About American Movements

NEW YORK. — (AP) — Axis and Axis-dominated radios asserted today that United States Troops arrived at Gibraltar, although they differed somewhat in details. There was no confirmation of these reports, all of which were presented as emanating from Algeciras, Spain, near Gibraltar.

Vichy said one transport carrying 5,000 troops followed an aircraft carrier and two cruisers into Gibraltar roadstead Wednesday night.

The German DNB agency said that there were 5,000 soldiers escorted by three British destroyers, that they arrived Wednesday afternoon and had not debarked, so that it was not known whether they would stay.

The German Transocean agency said there were 3,000 on transports escorted by three British destroyers which still were at Gibraltar this morning.

Long Sail In Life Boat

American Merchant Vessel Sunk

NEW YORK— (AP) —An eleven-day, 700-mile sail in a life boat past Devil's Island to Dutch Guiana was described by survivors of a medium-sized United States merchant ship in an interview released today by the Third Naval District.

The ship was sunk off the northern coast of South America on March 31 after it was torpedoed and shelled by an Axis submarine. Of the crew of 39, five are missing.

James C. Ginn, ordinary seaman of Goldsboro, N. C., said his boat sailed past the French penal colony of French Guiana.

"We didn't try to land, partly because it's pretty rocky there, but mostly because we'd been without news and didn't know how the French would feel about us," he said.

"We beat up the coast without

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Five Training Planes Missing

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(AP)—Five Gunter Field training planes (BT-13-s) were reported missing today from training flights last night.

The Southeast Air Forces Training Center urged anyone finding the missing craft to report immediately to the commanding officers at either Maxwell or Gunter Fields here.

The planes disappeared on a triangular flight from Montgomery to Crestview, Ala., to Mobile, Ala.

The field declined to reveal the names of basic school students or others assigned to the various planes.

Income Tax Deductions From Pay In Offing

May Take Vote Tomorrow

WASHINGTON.— (AP)— Remember those long "easy" terms you used to have for buying merchandise? You may be paying your income tax that way before many months.

Randolph Paul, Treasury tax adviser, said today that the House Ways and Means Committee was now considering—and might get to a vote on it tomorrow—a Treasury proposal to deduct each pay day a flat 10 per cent of that part of a man's income which is taxable.

The committee turned to its consideration of the pay-as-you-go arrangement soon after completing its new individual tax program by raising the range of surtaxes from 6-77 per cent to 12-81 per cent.

Noting that proposed lower lower personal income tax exemptions will require income tax payments from persons earning as little as $10 a week, Paul said, "an income tax which covers as many as 20,000,000 or 30,000,000 people can not function effectively without collection at the source."

The deductions would be a flat 10 per cent of all wages, interest or dividends over a scale of exemptions being written into the new income tax bill.

FOR SINGLE PERSONS

In the case of a single person, the check off would be 10 per cent of his wages in excess of $11 per week as the tax bill now stands. The check off would start after a $26 per week income of married persons, or $26 plus $8.50 for each dependent of married persons.

When the March 15 tax paying date rolled around the worker would make out an income tax return the same as he does now. However, after figuring his tax, he would deduct the amount of tax that has already been paid for him by his employer, and pay the difference, if any.

In some cases the tax might turn out to be less than he had already paid, and refunds would be provided for such cases.

FROM SERVANTS

In response to questions, Paul said that the Treasury proposal would not exempt any classification of employers. If adopted in this form, the plan would require, for instance, housewives to deduct small tax amount from the wages of many domestic servants.

Farmers and other employers exempted from making similar deductions for Social Security also would be required to participate in the new plan.

Paul indicated, however, that it was unlikely that the plan would be put into effect, even though approved by Congress, for two or three months or later. He declined to estimate how long it would take Congress to pass the legislation, but said it would take 30 to 60 days after Congress finishes the legislation before the Treasury could set up the necessary administrative machinery.

The committee's new income tax proposals would add an estimated $2,756,000,000 to the $5,000,000,000

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RUSSIANS STUDY ARMY IN GEORGIA—Major Paul R. Barayev (left) and Major Konstantin Ovchinikov (right), members of a Russian Army mission in the United States, inspect a rubber assault boat while watching U. S. troops execute a river crossing during training maneuvers at Fort Benning, Ga. (Associated Press Photo from U. S. Army.)

Manpower Board In Draft Orders

Local Selective Service Boards To Consult Employment Service

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— The War Manpower Commission today directed the Selective Service System to instruct local boards to consult with Federal employment service offices before drafting any individual "skilled in a critical war occupation."

The directive included in an eight-point program announced by Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt to promote "the fullest utilization of the manpower of the nation."

A Manpower Commission spokesman said the action was intended to bring about closer co-ordination between draft boards and employment offices in the deferment of workers irreplaceable in war industries.

EIGHT OBJECTIVES

McNutt outlined the eight objectives, to become effective June 1, as follows:

1. The United States Employment Service shall prepare and maintain a list of those skilled occupations essential to war production in which a national shortage exists. Such occupations will be designated as critical war occupations.

2. The War Production Board shall classify war plants and war products in the order of their urgency in the war program.

3. The Employment Service shall make preferential referrals of workers to employers engaged in war production in the order of their priority below making referrals to other employers.

4. The Employment Service shall proceed immediately to analyze and classify the occupational questionnaires distributed by the Selective Service System, to interview those

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Can't Cure Sub Menace

Conditions Better but Sinkings Will Go On

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Chairman Emory S. Land of the Maritime Commission expressed the opinion today that while conditions under which the Navy was combatting submarines "are constantly improving," complete elimination of the menace was not to be expected.

"You can't cure the submarine menace," Land told a Senate Commerce Subcommittee investigating the possible use of inland waterways for transporting petroleum. "You can ameliorate it. That's the history of the last war and that's going to be the history of this war."

He said the Maritime Commission believed any development of barges on inland waterways should be undertaken by other Government agencies which already had the authority to do the work, including the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Office of Defense Transportation.

NO JOY-RIDING

Meanwhile, House Interstate Committee members said that Eastern motorists aren't going to do any

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Fight Through Defense Lines Held By Nazis

Drive Reaches Open Country, Where Only Troops, Pill Boxes Stand

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW. — (AP) — The Red Army's drive toward Kharkov was reported today to have overrun a key German stronghold in a smashing six-mile advance which carried the fighting through Nazi defense lines into open country where only enemy troops and pillboxes blocked the way.

Red Star said that after the advance in which the garrison of the Nazi strongpoint was wiped out in a fierce 40-minute fight the battle was carried for the most part into "open fields and populated places unprotected by any fortifications."

Reporting the success of the sudden new surge in this sector, Red Star, mouthpiece of the Russian Army, declared that the strong-point was one the Germans had sought to hold at any cost.

Artillery, planes and tanks were used in a concerted dawn battering of the strong point, clearing the way for an infantry charge which took the position, Red Star said.

NAZIS WELL PREPARED

It reported that the Germans had held the fortified village for three months, developing an intricate system of defense works, surrounding it with deadly minefields and clearing zones for point-blank fire.

The Russians also captured five surrounding villages and repulsed reserve troops hurled forward in a German counter-attack, Red Star said.

Meanwhile, the Russians reported fighting off German flanking assaults aimed toward Izyum and Barvenkova, 80 miles southeast of Kharkov, and holding on grimly at the eastern tip of the Kerch Peninsula, barring the short-cut to the Caucasus.

Red Star reported that the Germans' heavy tank losses in the desperate fight for Kharkov had caused them to change their tactics, giving up mass mechanized counter-attacks and relying instead on chances by infantry battalions or regiments supported by only ten to fifteen tanks.

The gigantic battles of tanks against tanks which characterized the start of the fight are continuing only in one sector and there the issue has not yet been decided, the Army publication reported.

The Russins also reported further gains on the far northern front where Red Star said picked guard units, sometimes wadding waist-deep in icy water, hold their weapons above their heads, swung twelve and a half miles around a Finnish flank and cut a main enemy highway to the north.

The Army organ said the Russians killed or wounded some 3,000 Germans and Finns in their unexpected onset from the flank.

GUERRILLAS STRIKE

At the same time, the growing strength of organized Russian guerrillas behind the German lines was said to be dinning an ever louder challenge to the Nazi grip on once-conquered Soviet soil.

Pravda reported that guerrillas had recaptured one important city of several thousand inhabitants deep in White Russia, driving out Germans who had held the community for four months and beating off a strong German force which attempted to re-

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Report Red Loss Heavy

Germans Say Enemy Attacks Repulsed

BERLIN (from German broadcasts) — (AP) — Heavy fighting is continuing in the Kharkov sector of the Eastern front, with Nazi forces repelling strong Russian attacks supported by tanks, the Nazi High Command declared today.

The Russians are suffering heavy losses in the battle, which has resulted in destruction of 63 more Red Army tanks, a communique said.

The German Air Force was said to be ranging over the battlefield in great strength, supporting the Nazi ground troops by strafing and bombing the attacking Russians.

The High Command also reported strong Russian attacks were developing in the Lake Ilmen sector southeast of Leningrad, but declared these assaults likewise were being beaten off with heavy Soviet losses.

John Barrymore Has Pneumonia

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Actor John Barrymore is "very sick" with pneumonia, his physician disclosed today.

The movie, stage and radio star, in poor health for several years, was removed to Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital Tuesday.

Dr. Hugo Kersten, his physician, commented:

"He is suffering from an abdominal condition resulting from liver and kidney ailments, now complicated by hypostatic pneumonia."

British Score Hits on Craft in Mediterranean

CAIRO — (AP) — British planes scored bomb and probably torpedo hits on a destroyer and merchant vessel Tuesday night in the Mediterranean, RAF Headquarters announced today.

WEATHER

Scattered thundershowers this afternoon and slightly cooler tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 72; L. 64
Sunset Today — 8:24
Sunrise Tomorrow — 6:14

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 4.

Note To Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other Axis capitals are published by The News with the caution that they are frequently contrived from statements intended for propaganda purposes. In interpretation, these should be the stories contained in dispatches.

—Reply To Reynolds—

Burt Recalls Senator's Readiness To "Do Business With Hitler"

Bob Reynolds' five and a half-column "explanation" (and then some) in THE NEWS of his views and opinions of events leading up to and following the war has left at least one person unimpressed. From Southern Pines comes a retort by Struthers Burt, the famous novelist, which makes the flat charge that it was not the transfer of those 50 over-age destroyers to Britain which primarily explains the extent of U-boat depredations on our Atlantic coast.

It was, says Mr. Burt, "the Senator," the Hon. Robert Rice Reynolds himself, "and those like him who, thinking themselves secure in their own well-feathered nests, wanted to 'do business with Hitler.'"

Mr. Burt's letter follows:

Editors, The News:

Whatever else Senator Reynolds may, or may not be, or may, or may not do—and I know a lot of people who have definite ideas on the subject—he certainly needs someone to edit his letters. Phew! And someone once said that brevity was the soul of wit.

Furthermore, what's the fact that the Editor of The News may or may not like him have to do with the argument? If there are any admirers of the Senator left, they had better present him at the earliest opportunity with a dozen blue pencils, a copy-reader and a book on logic.

That's old stuff, and only the dull-witted will fall for it.

Furthermore, the Senator should read the newspapers more. Yesterday General James Doolittle, who bombed Tokyo a little while ago, was given a medal in Washington. I see the Senator still thinks that if we had followed his advice, and that of his friends, and drawn in our horns and crossed our fingers, we would have been safe from attack. Someone must have sold him "a bill of goods" when he was in Berlin.

It wasn't the sale of 50 over-age destroyers to England that caused the sinkings off our coast and the present lack of transportation for gasoline in North Carolina. It was the Senator, and those like him who, thinking themselves secure in their own well-feathered nests, wanted "to do business with Hitler."

Yours truly,
—STRUTHERS BURT.
Southern Pines, N. C.

Planes Active Over Malta

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts) —(AP)—Axis reconnaissance planes and bombers were very active over Malta and North Africa yesterday, the Italian High Command reported today, but it did not mention any activity on the Libyan Land front.

(British headquarters in Cairo reported a minor patrol clash on the southern flank of the Libyan front, in which Axis armored cars were said to have withdrawn after being engaged by British forces).

During the course of aerial operations one British plane was shot down and a British merchant ship in the eastern Mediterranean was badly damaged by bomb hits, the daily war bulletin said.

Press Demands For Inquiry Into Senatorial "Smear" Campaign

WASHINGTON.—(AP)— Demands for a general investigation of charges that attempts were being made to "smear" some Senators who opposed intervention in the war prior to Pearl Harbor met with opposition today from Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky.

In an interview, Barkley said he did not favor launching any inquiry of this nature—as proposed by Senators Nye, Republican, North Dakota, Wheeler, Democrat, Montana and, Clark, Democrat, Missouri.

The demands were made after Barkley told the Senate yesterday that a Justice Department investigation had exonerated Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, of the charge that Walsh could be accused of "conspiring with enemy aliens" in a Brooklyn house of ill-repute, charges which Barkley said were published in The New York Post.

Nye told reporters, however, that he and others intended to press for an investigation of what he described as "a definite campaign to smear certain members of the Senate" which he said had been "going on for months."

Walsh, a member of what had been called the non-intervention bloc, along with Wheeler, Clark, Nye and others, did not comment on Barkley's statement exonerating him or his future plans.

Ending two weeks of cloak-room discussions, Barkley announced to a crowded Senate that the alleged proprietor of the Brooklyn house, Gustave H. Beekman, had signed a statement that Walsh was not the man who had visited his place. Further, Barkley said that Beekman and others had identified pictures of another man as being the one in question. There were reports, Barkley said,

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