

# Say Nazis Falling Back

## Initiative Reported in Soviet Hands

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man's main thrust in that sector was checked:

The 10th German Infantry Division was assigned to cross a river twelve miles south of a fortified settlement, which was holding up the Nazi advance.

The Germans marched up with a brass band as though on a parade ground, deployed along the high right bank of the river, and started down to the water.

Russian forces on the left bank remained silent and hidden until the Germans were within easy range on the river edge. Then they opened up with everything at once, turning the bank into a mass of broken trees, flying earth and shattered German bodies.

As clouds of smoke and dust rose over this scene of carnage, Russian infantry crossed the river and finished the job with bayonets and hand grenades.

**CRUSH NAZIS**

Some of the remaining German soldiers were taken to a camp today, while others were tried and sentenced to death, but again the Red artillery crushed them.

Dramatic movies of the Donets River were exhibited here by the Russians. One showed the Northern Donets crossing far over the Red Army's ferry carrying supplies to Red Army troops on the western bank.

The same weapon, resembling a long take-handle with a narrow nozzle at the end, was shown shooting down a gasoline-laden German supply plane.



# Lewis Ousts Philip Murray

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to labor. Murray angrily denounced the resolution as "indecisive and walked out of the meeting."

The CIO head did not attend today's session.

The miners' spokesman said the action was the only possible course open to Lewis or the Executive Committee and added that the action represented any personal relationship or long association.

Lewis and Murray have been associated in the miners union for almost twenty years. Lewis, first president of the CIO and his former close friend had not been on friendly terms of late, however, and recently there have been reports that Lewis intended to take the powerful UMW out of the CIO.

Murray has the right to appeal the ouster action to the UMW Convention in Atlantic City next October.

The UMW Constitution grants the president authority to suspend or remove any international officer or employee for "insubordination or just and sufficient cause."

# Axis Forces Near Tobruk

## Close to British Stronghold

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Axis air raids on British ground forces and continuously attacked enemy transport.

(London quarters, noting no mention of infantry, predicted that Rommel would be forced to use all his armored forces, if he has not already done so. These include one Italian and three German divisions. He also has four Italian motorized infantry divisions.)

# Hot Season Near

As the Axis offensive began, oddly, with the approach of the desert hot season, the reaction of British soldiers manning the tanks and gun emplacements was "let 'em come."

Since it is the destruction of the enemy's armored equipment rather than the winning of ground that counts in this desert warfare, the British may surprise the Axis chieftains, they said.

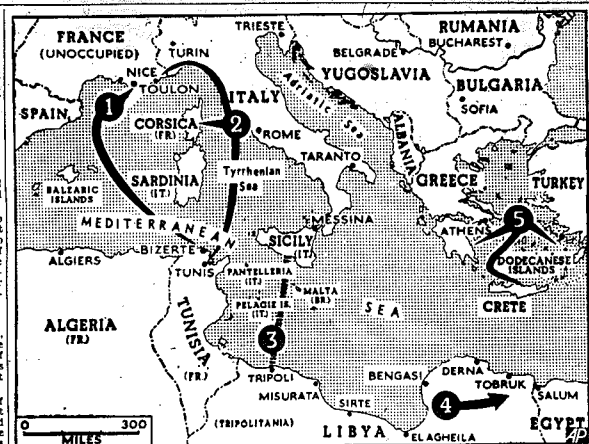
The history of the Libyan campaign thus far has been a story of give and take. The first great offensive was launched in September 1940, when the Italians marched to Sidi Barrani, 70 miles inside the Egyptian frontier, and halted there with their tanks and trucks.

Three months later General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, then commander of Britain's North African Forces, unleashed a push which knocked the Italians out of Egypt, virtually destroyed their Libyan Army and rounded up with their equipment entering Benghazi on Feb. 7, 1941.

This drive covering 300 miles was accomplished in 35 days. The British held their gains for a short time, however, for Rommel's Afrika Korps came to the Italian's rescue and drove the British back to the Egypt's frontier in a whirlwind eighteen-day assault.

The fourth offensive began last November when the British swept through again to Benghazi, only to be pushed back to their present line by Rommel's reinforced army.

The current action finds the British, bolstered by the presence of American mechanics behind the lines, assembling newly arrived planes and tanks which are expected to play a major role. No United States troops are in the battle, however.



## AXIS MOVES IN MEDITERRANEAN

Diplomatic sources in London see signs of an Axis land and naval move in the Mediterranean war area. These developments were cited: (1) German efforts to get control of French ships at Toulon and Bizerte. (2) Italian demands upon France for Nice, Corsica and Tunisia, and the massing of Italian troops on the French border. (3) Increased ease of movement of Italian convoys to Africa. (4) The new Axis drive in Libya. (5) The presence of strong Italian forces in Greece and the Dodecanese islands, and the training of German parachutists in Crete.

# American Task Force Outsmarts Nazi U-Boats In Atlantic Voyage

By JOHN A. MOROSO, JR., WITH THE ATLANTIC FLEET—3—Our naval task force has put into an eastern port after one of the most successful convoying jobs in history—a rescue-convoying job.

We called serenely through "submarine alley" last night and this dawn, despite a brilliant moon to help the enemy on his last lap of our trip.

The captain put the bow of our hard hitting flagship right on the channel buoy he had aimed at 3,000 miles away. We were just six minutes off the time he said he would hit the buoy.

The official record will list us as arriving safely. It will not tell of the skill and cunning exercised to bring us home without a single contact with enemy submarines skulking along our coast.

It will not tell of tortuous zig-zagging in six days of fog, of sleepless, red-eyed officers who piloted and schemed how to outwit Axis submarines.

**DEPTH'S BOMB SUBS**

Using thunderous depth charges, we made eleven attacks en route to the British Isles. We may have sunk three submarines, an excellent record for one trip.

We lost not a ship in the 5,700 mile round trip.

I have sailed 10,000 miles with this unit and our record is still perfect. We have "punched periscopes down" in every section of the Atlantic. We have hested fog and escaped German planes—an amazing record to a landlubber like me, but just an every day job to the men of the Navy.

The skipper of our ship typifies this task force. Living in a rubber hole on the navigation bridge he averaged less

than two hours sleep in 24. His driving energy and fighting spirit was infectious to this Yankee crew.

Our record may sound strange to the civilian who reads of ship sinkings along our coast. He may ask how you get through when so many others fail.

One answer is that submarines' dodge strength. They prefer lonely ships without guns or convoy protection. The other answer is skill in avoiding them.

# Big Victory South of Kharkov Claimed by Nazis

BERLIN—From German Broadcasts—4—The German High Command announced today that the battle of encirclement south of Kharkov on the Russian front had resulted in an outstanding victory for Germany and her Allies.

A total of 165,000 Soviet prisoners of war were taken in the struggle and Russian attacks aimed at relieving encircled Red forces have failed completely, a communique said.

"Annihilation of the few remaining Soviet forces in this assistance is continuing," the bulletin added.

**TAKE BOOTY**

In addition to the prisoners taken, large quantities of Soviet equipment has fallen into German hands, the High Command declared.

# Destroyer Runs Gantlet

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pled the destroyer on regular patrol duty off the French island.

**MEN KILLED**

The Blakeley is known to have suffered loss of six men killed and several wounded. The dispatch did not make clear whether in Monday's attack or the second one.

During her two-day stay in Fort De France, the port of Martinique, the Blakeley was tied up alongside the French frigate and the destroyer Earm, which figures importantly in current negotiations between the United States and the local Martinique authorities looking toward effective neutralization of the island.

Members of the destroyer's crew reported the French were most hospitable.

Officers of the Blakeley said the behavior of their men in both submarine encounters had been exemplary.

# Hope School Gives Out Its Learning

UNION, S. C.—Pupils of the James Hope, one-teacher school, wanted to further their studies in South Carolina history by visiting Charleston. But they did not have the money to make the trip.

The class set to work supported by the community to raise funds for the proposed journey.

Both the school and the community displayed exhibits at the Union County Fair last year. The two were awarded first and second prizes, and received \$100 in cash.

With the prize money the teacher, Mrs. L. E. Bishop, chartered a bus and carried the students and their parents on a trip to Charleston. It proved a novel way of learning history for the class and was a great lesson for their mothers and fathers.

The Mekong River is the eleventh longest in the world, with a length of 2,500 miles.

# Coat's Eyes, Maybe?

DALLAS—A Policeman Lee gave chase to a suspicious looking automobile last night and fired three times at a distance of about a block. Two shots struck the fleeing car's rear tires and the other punctured the gas tank. The Navy has rejected him because of poor eyesight.

# Says American Captives Hurt

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part or beaten by the Japanese guards, who are placed on watch on a ratio of about one guard for 100 prisoners. Those who are hard to handle are severely beaten with a rope which is similar to rope used by sailors. Because of the pain the lazy Americans continue the work with expressions of suffering on their faces."

The off statement noted that the Navy Department had announced that it had not been in communication with the USS Houston since the battle of the Java Sea February 27 and February 28.

# Postmasters Meet At Wrightsville

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, 3—More than 200 persons were expected today for the seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Chapter, National Association of Postmasters.

Miss Amelia Copenhagen, president of the Tennessee Chapter, will be the principal speaker tomorrow.

# Will Work To Save Beet Crop

BOISE, Idaho—7—Idaho State troops—white collared, soldiers, highway maintenance crews and any others who will volunteer—will work in the state's beet fields next week to avert a threatened crop loss.

Chancellor A. Clark has granted temporary vacations to all State employees who will volunteer for the work from Monday, June 1, through Friday, June 5.

He even suggested he might take part himself.

In addition, WPA projects will be suspended in the beet growing areas.

# Deny Chinese City Captured

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Chinese defenders, Chungking dispatches said.

Chekianing province is strategically important as a potential springboard for an Allied offensive against Japan.

**HOT BATTLE REPORTED**

A Chinese communique last night said a fierce battle was taking around the city after two heavy assaults had been beaten off and more than 1,500 Japanese had been killed by land mines.

Japanese field headquarters said Japanese soldiers completed occupation of the capital at 7 A. M. today.

Kinshwa has 200 airline miles southwest of Shanghai and 800 miles from Chungking, China's war-time capital.

A Japanese Army spokesman said that more than 100,000 Chinese troops had been concentrated in the Chekiang theater and that the fall of Kinshwa meant military collapse of the zone.

Far across China, in the southwest, Chinese dispatches reported that Chinese troops had flung Japanese invasion columns into headlong retreat and encircled the enemy at Lungling, Burma Road town on the Salween River after recapturing two towns south of Lungling.

While Chinese and American "Flying Tiger" airmen-bombed and machine-gunned the enemy overland, Chinese ground troops inflicted "staggering losses" on the enemy in the Teichung area, 40 miles northwest of Lungling, dispatches said.

# Shipbuilding Program Voted by Jap House

TOKYO—(From Japanese Broadcasts)—4—The Government's shipbuilding program and necessary appropriation bills were passed unanimously today by the House of Representatives and sent on to the House of Peers, where early approval is considered certain.

Parliament was called into special session to vote the shipbuilding program, presumably made necessary by losses in the Pacific War Zone. Earlier dispatches via Berlin set the amount at 400,000,000 yen, about \$100,000,000.

# Today's News—TODAY... Why Wait Til Tomorrow?

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Sporets—Second Floor

### BELK BROS.

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## Weather

WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE, Charlotte, N. C., May 28, 1942.

TEMPERATURE

CITY	OFFICE	REPORT	
8:00	62	7:30	62
8:30	63	8:30	62
10:00	64	9:30	62
11:00	66	10:30	65
12:00	68	11:30	67
1:00	68	12:30	67
2:00	70	1:30	71
3:00	71	2:30	72

Highest yesterday, 63. Lowest this morning, 62. Average yesterday, 62. Expect for month, 59. Excess for year, 184.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending at 8 A. M., 12. Total for month, 8.56. Excess for year, 1.59, normal for month 3.63.

Five Temperatures at Carolina Beach

High: 7:30 A. M. 8:09 P. M.  
Low: 1:40 A. M. 1:45 P. M.

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