

NAZIS HOLD ON IN FRANCE FIGHTING SEIZE 300 AMERICANS IN FRANCE

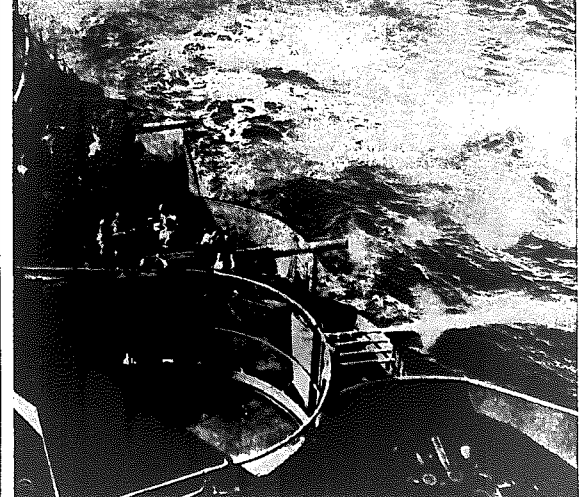
Invasion of Continent Promised By Gen. Wavell

Declares Second Front Coming LONDON.—(AP)—An assertion by General Sir Archibald F. Wavell that British and American troops would fight their way onto the European continent as soon as possible shared attention today with labor leaders' demands for an immediate Government answer to Wendell Willkie's call for a second front to aid Russia.

Wavell, commander-in-chief of India, spoke in New Delhi in a review of the global aspects of the war and voiced his firm conviction that the United States and Britain would fight together to ultimate victory.

"It is quite certain that as soon as it is possible both American troops and ourselves will start a second front, but I can't tell you when or where," Wavell declared. "It is a big problem existing on the continent. We have some excellent very considerable—both American and British—ideas, but we must be very careful in the United States to open a second front before we are ready to do so."

Wavell was giving this assurance, Lord Strachey, Labor member of the House of Commons, said he had been greatly interested in Wavell's statement and expressed the opinion that the British Government should be prepared to meet the situation.



BAD NEWS FOR JAP FLYERS—Anti-aircraft batteries aboard ship of U. S. Pacific fleet go into action during practice at sea. The larger guns are five-inchers. (Passed by Navy censor.)

Reject Inflation Bill Compromise

Administration Leaders Turn Down Plan of Farm State Senators WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Farm state senators offered a compromise today of their demands for higher farm prices in the anti-inflation bill but Administration leaders flatly rejected it.

Senator Brown, Democratic Missouri, said he and other Administration leaders had turned down a proposal offered by Senator Thomas, Democratic Oklahoma, and Hatch, Democratic New Mexico, to come to a vote and then attempt to substitute an Administration compromise offered by Democratic Senator Hatch of Kentucky.

Thomas had indicated his readiness to abandon his amendment, which would change the basic formula to substitute an Administration proposal for farm price ceilings where they did not reflect increased labor costs and where they were too low to permit a "reasonable profit" to farmers.

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Yanks Bomb Guinea Area

Jap Ship Damaged in Attack on Rabaul GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia.—(AP)—American B-24 Superfortresses bombed the Buna-Guinea area on the eastern coast of New Guinea when the Japanese are being pushed toward Port Moresby, and also damaged a 10,000-ton merchant ship in a heavy attack on the enemy base at Rabaul, New Britain, yesterday, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

Supply depots, barges and airplane defenses were bombed and a large sea mine-laying fleet in the Buna-Guinea area.

At least one destroyer was reported sunk in the Buna-Guinea area. The Japanese advance position near Rabaul, 32 miles from Port Moresby, also was attacked by B-24 Superfortresses.

Two of three Japanese planes attacked the merchant ship, a steamer, but their bombs dropped harmlessly in a swamp and the bush, a communique said.

Oslo Memorial Service Held

LONDON.—P.—Exchange Telegraph said today it had received an Oslo broadcast reporting that German and Norwegian Nazi leaders, including Valka Quisling, attended a memorial service today for the victims of the Norwegian Government who have been killed.

Might Ask For Return Of Germans From U. S.

Laval in Critical Situation BERN, Switzerland.—(AP)—The Germans have seized some 300 Americans in occupied France as potential hostages, diplomatic quarters here learned today, in a move which could lead to a decision in Pierre Laval's Government in Vienna.

News of the seizure came from private sources in Paris. American diplomatic sources were without official word but it caused no surprise, since Americans in the occupied zone are liable to internment by the Nazis as enemy aliens.

Those held were Americans who for one reason or another remained in Occupied France pending negotiations for their repatriation. It was assumed that if repatriation were possible, the Germans would ask for the return of an equal number of Germans in the United States.

REPLICATES GROW The roundup and other incidents, especially the United States endorsement of the British occupation of Madagascar, have served to create the most critical situation thus far in American-French relations, French observers of the Vichy scene said.

Laval is faced with the greatest difficulties in the negotiations with Germany for 250,000 French workers, which private sources said had been demanded within three weeks.

According to these advisers, Laval is determined to pursue collaboration in his own way if he is unable to stand against full compliance of the Vichy government with the terms of the German ultimatum.

RECENTLY IN CANNES Bordeaux recently had been in contact with the occupation zone but it was stated there was reason to believe he might have gone to Paris.

PARIS PARLEY Announcement of the results of the meeting of the Vichy government and the German Government was made today.

OSLO MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD Oslo was radioed by RAF planes last Friday, at the attack breaking up a Nazi party meeting being addressed by Quisling. He and other governmental leaders scurried to underground shelters. It was reported that bombs hit secret police headquarters and Nazi sources admitted these were casualties.



REPORTED HELD.—Charles E. Budeau, friend of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who is said to have been taken into custody by the Germans in a roundup of Americans in France.

Wendell Willkie Headed For China

Kremlin Party Given for American Before Departure From Moscow MOSCOW.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie was en route to China today after a whirlwind visit to the Soviet Union, climaxed by a Kremlin party given in his honor Saturday night by Premier Joseph Stalin.

Carrying a case made up of letters from Tolstoy's old home, Willkie left by plane yesterday and departed from Khabarovsk for his safe arrival at that provincial Soviet capital.

He wore the same double-breasted blue suit in which he left the Kremlin party in the early hours of Sunday. The affair, one of the most intimate ever tendered a visiting Allied representative, was attended by Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, U. S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kamp and Ambassador Archibald Clark Kerr.

Others included Maj.-Gen. Philip R. Faymonville, of the American Lead-Lease mission; Captain Jack Linden, U. S. Naval attaché; Col. Joseph A. Michael and William C. Lewis, traveling companions; Gardner Cowles and Joseph Barnes of the Office of War Information.

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Germans Rush Shock Troops Up By Plane

Reds Blunt Enemy Drive Northwest Of Stalingrad and Even Strike Back MOSCOW.—(AP)—Fresh German shock troops rushed to the front by transport plane poured into the debris-choked streets of Stalingrad in an effort to clinch victory, dispatches said today, but the Red Army, fighting from window and rooftop and in the streets, held the city in the 35th day of bloody assault.

Northwest of the city, the Russians were blunting the German drive and unleashing an offensive of their own in an effort to slow the more direct Nazi attack on the city, it was reported. In one sector, a large Soviet unit killed 2,000 Germans in two days, the mid-day communique said.

Dispatches from the front estimated that 26,000 Germans were battling from positions inside the city and said they were being reinforced steadily in an attempt to overthrow the defenders, who were relying on bomb-communications of the Volga.

The fighting for the city is "growing ever fiercer and bloodier," a correspondent for Pravda reported.

"The whole city is in confusion from the incessant explosions of bombs and shells," he said.

The fierce fighting of the past 24 hours with the Germans lunging into the city from several different points, has resulted in a big-slag front with the Germans slightly advanced in some sectors and the Russians established in new positions in the rest, in others, one dispatch said.

REDS TAKE STREETS The Russians were reported to have taken two more streets from the Germans at one point. The mid-day communique said enemy companies had been wiped out in one smoking and shell-marked neighborhood.

Writing from the agency-filled city, the Pravda reporter said that the bursting of shells and bombs was so constant that the dust of the city never had a chance to settle.

Gone from the Volga, he wrote, are the former pleasure boats and steamers. In their places are arched ships and fast motor launches darting from bank to bank, taking in supplies, ammunition and carrying out the wounded.

The dispatch mentioned the REDS HELD ON page 1

Transports Reported Hit

Nazis Make Sweeping Convoy Attack Claim BERLIN.—(From German Broadcast)—The High Command said today that German submarines had sunk three transport vessels and a destroyer in an attack on the Atlantic on a troop and supply convoy en route from the United States to England.

There was no confirmation of the attack from other sources. German claims of large scale victories over Allied convoys in the past have proved repeatedly to be slightly exaggerated.

"In the North Atlantic," a special communique said, "German submarines destroyed three great part of an American troop transport destined for England.

WEATHER

Slightly colder tonight. Today's Temp.: H. 61; L. 48. Sunrise tomorrow 7:16. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.

Note to Readers: Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by the News with the caution that they frequently contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes and should be taken into consideration when reading the stories credited to Axis sources.

American Paratroops Surprise Tommies With Jumps In Ireland

WITH THE AFP IN NORTH IRELAND.—(AP)—American paratroop troops showed the British Army and Ulstermen how they will hit the Axis when the time comes by dropping into Ireland. Hundreds of young and tough Americans with full fighting equipment leaped from huge troop transports in this first exhibition of their skill in Northern Ireland.

Long-trained British units were caught off guard by the blossoming parachute but quickly caught up their weapons and jogged a mile to engage them.

The paratroops descended from a height of a few hundred feet with Tommy guns, explosives, emergency rations and full personal equipment. Motors, machine-guns, ammunition and signal equipment were dropped simultaneously.

Within seconds after Keestler was clear, Private Charles Young addressed his quarters. He and other governmental leaders scurried to underground shelters. It was reported that bombs hit secret police headquarters and Nazi sources admitted these were casualties.

This 'Nine-Year-Old Gives Utter It Hurts' AGUILAR, Colo.—(AP)—Nine-year-old John Anthony was the first to make his contribution. He held his bow to get money to finance a 500 bond.

Crewmen Of U. S. Fortress Tell Of Dropping Bombs On Jap Ship

By DEAN SCHELLER SOMEWHERE IN THE GUINEA SEPT. 27.—(Delayed)—Nine third-class delayed Americans told today how they unloaded bombs on a 15,000-ton Japanese cargo ship in Rabaul harbor—the biggest ship they could find.

"We hit the worst weather I ever encountered," Cool said. "By using instruments through clouds, the propellers and wing edges opened an eerie sight. At least six inches of the tips of the propellers resembled a sheet of colored flame resembling four giant pin-wheels."

Cool said Walthers worked over an hour trying to get the plane over the target but had to change his course due to bad weather. The Fortress made at least four passes over the New Britain sea area.

Guide to Good Reading

Congress Dares Too Far! In his column today Raymond Clapper writes these startling, arresting sentences: "Congress is risking destruction of its prestige and influence to a fatal degree..."

"I believe we are in danger of going over to dictatorship (Clapper's column is well worth reading and merits your sober thought. You'll find it on the editorial page.)

COACHES TALK OFF THE RECORD Picking up the football season at the same point where we dropped last December, Sports Editor Ray Clapper writes these startling, arresting sentences: "Congress is risking destruction of its prestige and influence to a fatal degree..."