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AMERICAN TROOPS ADVANCE ON ATTU

HOUSE AGAIN REJECTS RUML TAX PLAN

British Keep Up Big Air Offensive

Fighters Sweep Northern France And Belgium; Convoy Attacked

LONDON — (AP)—British bombers, returning again last night to the air offensive on Europe, attacked targets in southern Germany, fighters swept northern France and Belgium, and coastal aircraft damaged five ships in an enemy convoy, it was announced officially today.

The Coastal Command planes attacked a convoy off the Dutch coast which was initially attacked by Beaufighters yesterday. Two of the supply ships in a convoy of eight merchantmen and three escort vessels were left sinking and were seen to be abandoned by their crews, it was stated.

Axis radios on the Continent began going from the air this morning, indicating that Allied air raiders were continuing to blast European strongholds by daylight. First to go silent was that at Calais.

The targets in Germany were not immediately named. The new attacks were a continuation of the smashing Allied aerial offensive of the night before in which two of Germany's largest dams were breached and devastating floods loosed, and the daylight attack of U. S. bombers yesterday against

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Heed Threat Of Possible Veto From Roosevelt

Turned Down By 202-194 Vote

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Heeding the threat of a possible Presidential veto, the House rejected for the third time today the Senate-approved skip-a-year income tax bill.

The action, by roll call vote of 202 to 194, came on a motion to instruct its delegates to a joint House-Senate conference committee to accept the Senate measure.

By its decision—which opens up the possibility of a new stalemate—the House stood pat on its own measure, the Robertson-Forand Bill which would abate a year's tax obligations for approximately 90 per cent of the nation's taxpayers.

TENSE CLIMAX

The vote, tolled off in a tense climax to the seesaw struggle which has gripped Congress for months, came after Speaker Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, predicted flatly that the modified Ruml skip-a-year plan, if passed, would be vetoed.

As against the position taken by the Speaker, Rep. Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, told the House that the President's request for a bill "that I can sign" means—"if the English language means anything"—that he would not veto the Ruml measure, but allow it to become law without his signature.

A ranking minority member of the Ways and Means Committee, Knutson offered the motion to instruct the House members on a conference committee on the measure to accept the Senate version.

He told the House that if the Ruml plan is rejected, "we will have a deadlock which will last for days and days, it will finally result in no legislation, and the Treasury will lose hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars."

Entering the verbal slugging match for the Democrats, Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the tax-framing Ways and Means Committee challenged the Republican side to go before the country in a future election on the issue of the Ruml plan.

He declared the Senate bill would wipe out approximately $2,100 in tax liabilities for each member of Congress, "while our soldiers are giving their lives on foreign battlefields."

Ridge Capture May Herald Isle Victory

High Ground Seized Was Apparently Japs' Main Defense Position

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Army troops which began the re-conquest of Japanese-held Attu Island a week ago have captured high ground which apparently was the enemy's main defense position.

The ridge, lying between the two arms of Holtz Bay on the northern side of the eastern extremity of Attu, was taken after bitter fighting, a Navy communique disclosed today. Earlier Secretary Knox had disclosed the capture of the strategic position.

Saying the victory was won last night, the communique reported that American troops were successful "in spite of strong counter attacks by the enemy."

The same communique disclosed new air blows against Japanese outposts in both the Central and South Pacific as well as the anchor at the northern end of their long ocean battle line.

ATTACK ON WAKE

On Saturday, it related, Army Liberator heavy bombers assaulted Wake Island and shot down two out of 22 enemy Zero fighters which sought to intercept. Another fighter probably was destroyed. Bad weather prevented observation of bombing results.

In the South Pacific Navy and Marine Corps Dive Bombers with Army, Navy and Marine Corps fighter planes attacked the enemy airplane base at Rekata on Santa Isabel Island Sunday morning. Results were not reported.

Apparently the ridge which was captured on Attu shielded the principal enemy installations of the Aleutian Island.

United States troops advancing north and south across the eastern neck of the island, Knox said, have been brought very close together by this victory if they have not actually joined.

CASUALTIES LOW

The operation against the ridge apparently climaxes the first phase of the campaign for this island in the Aleutians and Knox reported to a press conference that despite stubborn resistance so far "our casualties are much lighter than had been expected."

The Army troops on the island, the Secretary added, have the full support of warships standing off to sea and planes operating from American bases to the eastward whenever weather permits.

Capture of the important height, while its significance awaited further military developments to be fully measurable, may have brought the Attu campaign to the point where little more remains to be done than mopping up.

Knox's report on the Attu fighting, which began a week ago with the landing of American troops on U. S. island which the enemy had held since last June, was made only about an hour after the Navy had issued its first detailed communique on this initial strike to smash the Japanese hold on the western Aleutians.

One paragraph in the communique said that the American forces were advancing against "stubborn enemy resistance from numerous machine gun nests" and that the enemy troops had "entrenched themselves along a rocky ridge."

As soon as newsmen gathered in his office, Knox noted that the announcement from his headquarters said, "The weather was clear and visibility was excellent."

PERFECT TARGET

The torpedo hit at 4:16 A. M. while the ship, was 40 miles off Brisbane and most of those aboard were asleep below decks. The huge Red Crosses on its side had been newly repainted in Sydney two days before and survivors said the vessel "was lit up to glory." It offered a perfect target for the murderous attack.

Sister Eleanor Savage of Syd-

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ALLIES FOCUS AIR ATTACKS ON AXIS TARGETS—The shading on this map covers areas on the continent where Allied planes struck at German military targets for the sixth consecutive day. The current air offensive was launched with a heavy raid on Duisburg, and reached its peak with attacks upon Berlin.

"Beat Japan First" Controversy Rages

Senate Debate Viewed as Sounding Board for Military Strategy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—An idea that a Senatorial appeal to "beat Japan first" may have been suggested during conferences with United States military leaders was expressed on Capitol Hill today in the wake of a three-hour Senate row over diverting American military might to the Pacific.

Senator Chandler, Democrat, Kentucky, who started the wrangle with warnings that if Germany is beaten first the United States may count on little or no help from Britain or Russia to whip the Nipponese, acknowledged himself that he was "encouraged to make the speech."

BIG DRIVE SEEN

The Kentuckian declined to say from what source the encouragement came but he expressed belief that a decision may be forthcoming soon from the Roosevelt-Churchill war conferences pointing to a powerful American offensive against Japan.

The President was disclosed last night to have told Premier Stalin of Russia that it is "reasonable to expect further successes on both the Eastern and Western fronts," and to have expressed a hope to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that Allied forces will take the initiative against Japan in Asia "in the near future."

Those developments followed a Navy report of new American submarine successes in the Pacific, and indications that the Attu Island phase of the battle toward driving the Japanese out of the Aleutians may be proceeding toward a swift cleanup.

President Roosevelt's messages to Stalin and Chiang Kai-Shek were in response to congratulations sent by them on the victory in North Africa. The Navy told of the destruction of six Japanese ships, including a destroyer, by American subs in the Pacific.

In the Senate, Chandler said his previous appeal for a full assault in the Pacific had been made

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Big Flood Is at Crest

No Apparent Serious Levee Break Caused

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP)—The Arkansas River flood reached a crest of 32.4 feet at Pine Bluff today, apparently without causing a serious break in the strained levees.

Sand boils and small cracks in the Tucker Lake dike just above the city sent a trickling current through some 30 blocks of the city and 300 families were evacuated as a precautionary move.

State, city and military authorities at Fort Smith, where the flood did its greatest damage, tackled the emergency construction of a $50,000 two-lane highway trestle and pipeline support across flooded lowlands separating Fort Smith from the Van Buren bridge.

Camp Chaffee troops over the week-end spanned the gap with a pontoon bridge carrying two small water conduits but these brought in only 3,000,000 gallons daily while the city and camp have an average consumption of 7,000,000 gallons. The main conduit was broken by the flood last week.

Admiral Esteva Arrives at Vichy

LONDON.—(AP)—The Vichy radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press that Admiral Jean Esteva, whose whereabouts had been a mystery since the eve of the fall of Tunis, has arrived at Vichy by plane and has been received by Marshal Petain.

Churchill Will Talk Tomorrow

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech to a joint session of Congress tomorrow will be delivered in the House chamber at about 12:30 P. M., Eastern War Time, House officials said today.

British sources said the Prime Minister will speak from notes, probably for about 20 minutes, as he did on the occasion of his first address to Congress on Dec. 26, 1941.

At that time, speaking in a crowded Senate chamber, the British leader said 1943 would see the United Nations taking the initiative "on an ample scale" and that the Axis would be given a lesson in the end the world "will never forget."

Threat Of Coal Tieup Averted

WLB Appears Standing Firm on Position Lewis Must Recognize Power

WASHINGTON—(AP)—With the threat of another production tieup dispelled until the end of May, the War Labor Board met on the soft-coal dispute today and apparently decided to stand pat on its position that John L. Lewis must recognize its authority.

Holding that it shall be the sole judge of issues unless Lewis capitulates and bargains under WLB auspices, the board has restrained operators from negotiating until the mine union chief agrees to recognize its authority.

It was not clear, however, how the board would enforce this injunction if some of the operators decided to bargain with Lewis anyway. The latter has said in New York that he is ready to renew contract talks, declining only to recognize a board order that he do so.

BOARD CHARGE

Lewis's stand brought from the board yesterday the accusation that he is challenging the sovereignty of the Government and giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

The three-man fact-finding panel which met with the board today is drafting a report on which the WLB will base its ruling, expected before expiration of the Lewis-extended truce May 31.

Some operators were reported eager to resume negotiations in the hope of terminating the dispute and having Government control of their mines withdrawn.

Secretary Ickes in a message to Lewis yesterday in his capacity as Fuels Administrator and head of the Government operated mines suggested that assurance of continued coal production would open the way for resumption of a collective bargaining conference. It was Ickes' plea that brought the truce extension. The WLB has taken the position, however, that Ickes has no authority to initiate or conduct such conferences and implied that it would quit if the Government by-passed it to deal with Lewis.

ICKES FORMULA

From highly-placed sources came reports that Ickes had prepared a formula which he believed would be acceptable to both sides, and

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Named Food Parley Head

U. S. Delegation Chief Nominated

HOT SPRINGS, Va.—(AP)—Judge Marvin Jones, head of the United States delegation, was nominated by unanimous vote of the steering committee today to be permanent chairman of the United Nations Food Conference opening tonight.

The nomination must be ratified by the conference itself. Jones had been designated temporary chairman by President Roosevelt.

Jones, who for many years was head of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives, would direct as chairman the efforts of the conference to find ways of making food an instrument for the peacetime construction of a healthier world.

The steering committee selected English as the language of the conference. French, Belgian, Luxembourgian and Haitian representatives asked, however, that this not be regarded as a precedent. French usually has been the language of international meetings.

The committee also adopted a motion that the conference complete its work not later than June 3.

Participating in the first formal meeting of the nations now banded together in a global war will be delegations representing 43 Governments as well as a French representative and the Danish Minister to the United States.

Laid out for the conference is an agenda which will lead the delegates and their technical experts into a discussion of the problems which, during the past quarter century, brought the world face to face with a perplexing dilemma of want, hunger, and starvation on the one hand and unmarketable food surpluses and potential plenty on the other.

Delegates accepted the topic of food as a logical starting point in making plans for postwar reconstruction. It is estimated that three-fourths of the world's people exist on diets inadequate to promote health, productive efficiency and long life.

Davies Sent With Message for Stalin

MOSCOW — (AP) — Diplomatic sources reported today that Joseph E. Davies, former United States Ambassador to Russia, had arrived in Kuibyshev bearing a message from President Roosevelt to Premier Stalin.

Information was not immediately available here, however, as to when Davies would reach Moscow.

Bomb Coast Of Sardinia

Italian Islands Under Relentless Attack

By WILLIAM B. KING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)— Carrying on an unremitting attack on Italy's Mediterranean islands, Allied Air Force Wellingtons of the RAF bombed the airfield and port of Alghero on the west coast of Sardinia last night.

Bomb bursts were seen in the town and port areas and one large fire in the center of the town appeared to be spreading beyond control, pilots said.

FLY LOW

The Wellingtons topped off their raid by machine gunning the targets from low altitude.

Bright moonlight which made it possible for the Wellingtons to conduct a raid under conditions almost as good as daylight on the outskirts of Rome the night before, again aided the bombers and they did some of their strafing from as low as 200 feet. One pilot had to veer sharply to avoid a church steeple, he said.

Photographs taken during the Flying Fortress attack on Cagliari, Sardinia, on May 13, showed the freight yards, gasworks, the oil storage area and dock installations smashed up, air spokesman said.

In routine patrols, the only other air activity reported by today's communique, a single Beaufighter encountered two Junkers-52 transports yesterday off the coast of Sardinia and shot down both of them. None of the occupants of the big transports was seen to escape as they plunged into the sea.

In another encounter a Beaufighter knocked down a Heinkel-111 and a Junkers-88 Sunday night. The attack was so fierce and sudden that other German planes began shooting at one another, the pilot reported.

U. S. Making the Arms, Delivery Is Problem Now

NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—America, having overcome a ten-year lead by her enemies, now "is producing more munitions than can be carried to where it can be utilized," Editor John H. Van Deventer of "Iron Age" told the New Jersey branch of the American Society of Metals last night.

"The next thing," he said, "will be to overcome the factor of distance."

Late Bulletins

BRITISH SUBS STRIKE

LONDON.—(AP)—British submarines torpedoed and sunk an Italian destroyer and at least five supply ships during a recent series of Mediterranean encounters, the Admiralty announced today.

BATTLE IN YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, (AP)— The Yugoslav government-in-exile reported today a seven-day battle in which it said Yugoslav patriots seized the important mining town of Vevcani last Friday and destroyed a power plant and mine installations.

DUTCH DEATH PENALTY

LONDON.—(AP)—Amsterdam, Netherland News Agency, reported today that a new decree imposing the death penalty for strikes or slow-downs had been issued by Arthur Seyss-Inquart, German commissioner for occupied Holland.

FLOOD IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—One of the worst floods since the disastrous waters of 1913 took hold in the central and northern Indiana today. At least four lives have been lost in the raging torrents.

AIR ACE HONORED

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— Captain Joseph Foss, United States Marine Corps Reserve, who has shot down a record bag of 26 Japanese planes, received the Congressional Medal of Honor today from President Roosevelt.

CANADIAN IN U. S.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)— Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada arrived today for conferences with Prime Minister Churchill of Britain and President Roosevelt on new steps in the war.

English Official $10 To Good on Appeal

LONDON —(AP)— Major General Sir Percy Laurie, provost marshal general of England and a brother of a former Lord Mayor of London, ended up $10 to the good today in his appeal from a fine and term equivalent to $2,247 imposed upon him April 3 for alleged racing-club offenses.

The Appeals Committee in London sessions quashed the earlier court conviction on the charges that he had supplied false information. The committee wiped out $247 in fines and costs and awarded him $210 costs. Penalties of $1,000 each on two other counts were reduced to $100 each.

Major General Laurie was suspended from his post pending the appeal.

Nazis Assure Italy She Will Not Be Left To Fight Attack Unaided

LONDON.—(AP) — Germany officially recognized the gravity of Italy's position today with assurances to her invasion-conscious junior partner that she would not be deserted and left to fight alone.

The campaign of reassurance, obviously intended to bolster weakened Italian morale, disclosed in dispatches from Bern which quoted Deutsche Diplomatische Korrespondenz, German Foreign Office organ, as saying the European southern front would be defended jointly. It came as an answer to speculation in the London press that

haunted, was about to be deserted and left to her fate.

But even as the Axis prepared the Italian populace to meet the threat of invasion London observers speculated that Italy may be knocked from the war quickly by a minimum of force and a maximum of psychology.

Evidence of the psychology campaign was seen in the slow advance of bombing raids toward Rome and, RAF flights over the Eternal City itself, designed to impress Mussolini and his people with the fact that the capital is highly vulnerable.

Sicily might be stormed by Allied land and air forces from Africa as a show of strength and to secure the Sicilian Channel, observers speculated. Then an ultimatum could be delivered to Mussolini to surrender the Italian Peninsula or have it pounded to pieces and then occupied forcibly.

Along with the German campaign to steady Italian nerves came a Rome broadcast apparently in answer to unconfirmed rumors that King Vittorio Emanuele was about to abdicate. The broadcast, heard

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299 Perish As Japanese Submarine Sinks Australian Hospital Vessel

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—The Australian hospital ship Centaur, brilliantly lighted and unmistakably marked, was torpedoed and sunk in flames by a Japanese submarine off the coast of Australia last Friday with a loss of 299 lives.

No warning whatever was given. The ship capsized and sank within three minutes.

Sixty-four of the 363 aboard, including only one of twelve women nurses, were saved. Forty-three of the crew of 73 and 245 Australian and British medical staff men went down, most of them trapped on a lower deck of the blazing ship.

There were no Americans aboard. The ship, en route from Sydney to New Guinea, carried no patients.

Survivors, crowded on made-shift rafts in waters swarming with sharks, were picked up 36 hours after the Centaur went down.

General Douglas MacArthur expressed deep revulsion at the "limitless savagery" of the sinking.

"The vessel was traveling unescorted and was fully illuminated and marked with the Red Cross and complying with all provisions of international law governing hospital ships in time of war," the an-

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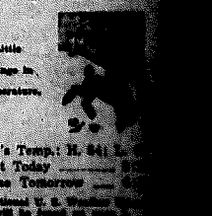

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