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### New Russian Attack Cracks Nazi Line In Kuban Area

### ROUGHBOYS WIN FOOTBALL ON ATTU ISLAND

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### Enemy May Collapse if High Ground Is Captured

#### Our Casualties Relatively Low

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American forces supported by naval bombardment and attacking Army bombers and fighters have won a foothold on a ridge south of the enemy-held Chichagof Harbor after two days of hard fighting, the Navy reported today.

Despite the ferocity of the fighting on Attu, Secretary of War Stimson reported today, the American casualties have been relatively light, with preliminary reports indicating the Army has lost 127 killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing.

Navy Department communique No. 291 said:  
"1. On May 25:  
"(A) A United States naval vessel bombed Japanese shore installations in the Chichagof area and started numerous fires.  
"(B) Army Hawhawk (Curtiss P-40) fighters bombed the main camp sites at Etka. Hits were scored in the vicinity of gun emplacements and other vital installations.

Buildings Destroyed  
"2. On May 26:  
"(A) All buildings in the Chichagof area have been destroyed.  
"(B) United States Army troops, after hard fighting, in a co-ordinated attack along the ridge of Chichagof corridor, succeeded in gaining a foothold on the high ground south of Chichagof.  
"(C) The right flank of the United States Army's southern forces is opposed by Japanese forces dug in on a ridge south of Lake Corie.  
"(D) Air support was provided by Army Liberator (Consolidated B-24) heavy bombers and Mitchell (B-25) medium bombers which attacked Japanese positions in the Chichagof Army Lightening (Lockheed P-38) fighters, assisted by strafing attacks.

From the communique and the War Secretary's discussion of the situation it appeared that the main enemy position is that at the head of Chichagof Harbor, which is being heavily pounded by sea, air and ground troops.

However, the communique brought out although Stimson did not see FOOTHOLD on page 6

### England's Church Bells Ring Again

LONDON—(AP)—Britain's church bells, rung as an invasion signal during the early war years, may now be rung at noon on Sunday and religious holidays, but now, Morrison said, they can be rung "for any purpose at any time provided their sound is not liable to be mistaken for a signal in connection with air raids or a gas attack."

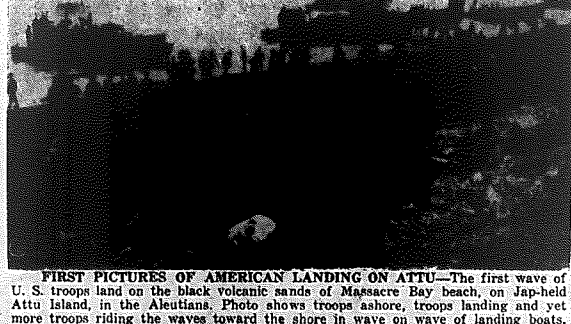
### Report Death of Jap Admiral

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Berlin radio, in a dispatch from Tokyo today, reported the death in action of Rear Admiral Ryunosuke Taniguchi, who was drowned with his crew when his ship was sunk after a heroic fight.

### New Zealand Official Dies

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—J. O. Coates, New Zealand minister for the armed forces and war co-ordination, died suddenly at his desk today.

### First Pictures of American Landing on Attu



FIRST PICTURES OF AMERICAN LANDING ON ATTU—The first wave of U. S. troops land on the black volcanic sands of Massacre Bay beach, on Jap-held Attu Island, in the Aleutians. Photo shows troops ashore, troops landing and yet more troops riding the waves toward the shore in wave of landing boats.

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The attacking force, which struck after thunderous artillery preparation, was reported made up of six Soviet rifle divisions and three tank regiments.  
DNB said the main attack was delivered against German positions between Krasnaya and Krasnaya, which lies twenty miles above the port of Novonovosk. Other attacks were reported pressed to the south in the Novonovosk sector and to the north, along the banks of the Kuban.

American Return Jap Fire from Hills—A U. S. landing party on Massacre Beach vigorously returns fire from camouflaged Japs in the hills of Attu Island. The Nips came down the hills to the edge of the fog line and entrenched themselves in crevices. With bayonet and gunfire they were driven back across the island. (Official U. S. Navy photo.)

### Machinists Blast Axis Bases in Mediterranean

Get Out Because of Jurisdictional Row  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The International Association of Machinists with a reputed membership well over half a million, announced today it is quitting the American Federation of Labor as of May 21 because of a long standing jurisdictional row.

The AFL thus lost almost the same numerical strength it stands to gain by the prospective readmittance of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.  
The jurisdictional fight involves chiefly William L. Hutchinson's Carpenters Union, which the machinists contend has been "manipulated" by Hutchinson.

### 74 German Planes Destroyed By Yanks

By LEO BRANNAM  
U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, England—(AP)—High-based United States heavy bombers established a record for a single day's bag by destroying 74 German planes May 21 during the unescorted raids on submarine construction yards at Emden and Wilhelmshaven. It was announced today.  
Twelve bombers were lost in this joint attack.  
The record bag of enemy craft brought the total to 297 destroyed in eight raids which embraced 16 targets during May.

The previous high for a single day was 64 shot down during the four-day attack on Kiel, Aachen, Courtrai, France, and Velsen, Holland, May 14 by medium and heavy bombers.

### Nazi Radio Announces Setback on Soviet Front

100,000 Russians in Smashing Drive  
By JAMES M. LONG  
LONDON—(AP)—Attacking nearly 100,000 strong Red Army infantry and tank men have forced the Germans to fall back from a front line sector of the Kuban bridgehead several miles long and two kilometers (1.24 miles) deep, DNB announced today in a dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio.

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### Violent Battle Rages

Both Russian and German reports had indicated a violent upsurge in the land and air battle for the Kuban zone held by the Germans from Novorossk northward to Tamruyk, on the Azov Sea.  
The Germans, too, issued reports that other sectors of the long Russian front had come alive, with heavy Russian attacks that dented the German lines southwest of Velik Luki and near the Soviet scouting activity south of Staraya Russa.  
The Germans said their troops were forced to withdraw temporarily from the main defense line near Velik Luki, but that a counter-attack re-established the front.

Velik Luki is 270 miles west of Moscow and 90 miles from the Baltic border.  
The Germans also declared a Soviet scouting party had invaded their lines south of Staraya Russa before being repulsed. Staraya Russa is 285 miles northwest of Moscow and 24 hours, making a total of slightly east of Leningrad.  
The Soviet midnight war bulletin declared a force of Germans trying to cross the Donets River near Lishchank behind a smoke screen was routed by the Janes, with the retreat. Soviet artillery also smashed German positions on the Western front and west of Rostov, it was said.

### Italian Evacuations

MOSCOW—(AP)—A Tass dispatch from Istanbul asserted that the order of Premier Mussolini to evacuate Italian civilians removed from Sardinia and Sicily.

### Actual Higher

The actual total undoubtedly is higher, air sources said, because no figures have been given out since early in the week regarding planes destroyed on the ground.  
"With twelve planes listed by Middle East and Malta flares, the total for the period runs to at least 300 planes destroyed."  
Today's headquarters communique also announced that direct hits were scored on the power station at Tripoli, in Sardinia, which power is generated by the Tiro Dam, in the island.  
The bombers encountered the only major enemy resistance offered by Sicily. They shot down three of 50 Messerschmitt-109 which intercepted them.

### Two Planes Missing

No Fortress were lost, but from all operations of the Northwest African Air Force two planes are missing.  
The extraordinary coordination of the attack was reported by the Associated Press.

### CIO Unionists Heed Call of F. R. To Work

Noon Deadline Had Been Set By President for Production To Be Resumed  
AKRON, Ohio—(AP)—CIO unionists ended strikes at three major Akron rubber companies today, complying with the noon deadline set in a Presidential ultimatum concerning a five-day production stoppage that threw more than 50,000 into idleness.

A small shift returned to work jobs at the B. F. Goodrich Co. just as the deadline approached after United Rubber Workers unionists there decided to observe the Commander-in-Chief's order.  
The back-to-work movement started earlier at the Goodrich Tire & Rubber Co. and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. employees straggled into the plants throughout the morning and six hours after the first shift reported on the 6 A. M. (EWT) shift. Firestone guards estimated 50 per cent of the force was on the job.

### U. S. Casualties In Africa Given

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—American Army casualties in North Africa from November 8 to May 15 total 2,184 killed, 9,437 wounded and 6,937 missing or prisoners, Secretary of War Stimson said today.

Total Allied casualties in the Tunisian campaign, including British and French figures not reported in detail, were "less than 70,000," Stimson said. By contrast, he said, the Axis lost 20,000 killed, 20,000 wounded and 286,000 prisoners.  
Previously the U. S. Army had reported 1,180 casualties in the initial landing operations which began on May 8 and the great number in the over-all figure reported by the Secretary.

### Late Bulletins

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### Nazis See Red

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### Nazis Hope Allies Won't Strike Until German Losses Replaced

By JOHN COLBURN  
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Dispatches from Berlin asserted today that Germany is preparing for Summer defensive warfare while Nazi leaders expressed hope that no large-scale Allied offensive will start until they can replace the losses in men and material suffered in the shattering defeats in the Danube Basin, at Stalingrad and in Tunisia.  
While there is talk in Berlin about a Russian summer offensive between Kursk and the Crimea, a correspondent of the Stockholm Tidningen said, however, that the Allies have made preparations for invasion and that they are not prepared to go on the defensive.  
Other quarters, he said, held the view that there would be considerable "sounding out" of offensive preparations throughout the Summer but that there would be no major warfare.  
Nazi military circles, acknowledging that the big gaps caused by the Russian and North African defeats were represented as indicating that Hitler would not launch any offensive, it was said, hoped that intensified war production and total manpower mobilization would enable Germany to return the German fighting machine to full strength before any Allied attacks were launched.  
Das Schwere Korps, weekly organ of the Elite Guard, said, however, that the Allies have made preparations for invasion and that they are not prepared to go on the defensive.  
Neutral circles in Berlin were quoted by the Stockholm Tidningen as saying that Prehler Stalin was not going to begin the offensive first because, they asserted, he was not sure whether the American and British forces were ready to strike from the other side of Europe.  
Hitler, Berlin sources said, was confident that the Germans could even if the Nazis are prepared for one because he believes it would only bring Russia closer to Britain and America.  
German dispatches said that great stress is being placed upon the production of more armaments and that millions of additional workers have arrived from occupied countries to work in German war factories.  
The Brunser Zeitung (Belgium) of May 29 said that out of 366,600 persons in the Axis-occupied countries and Finland, Spain and Bulgaria, 188,270,000 are working for the Axis.

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### WEATHER

Little change in temperature.

Today's Temp. H. 88 L. 60  
Sunset Today 8:20  
Sunrise Tomorrow 5:45  
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