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British "Reverse Lend-Lease" Aid To U. S. Stressed

English Assistance To America Through June Put At Over Billion

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt and the British Government, in separate reports, today laid heavy stress upon the material aid which this country has received from the British Empire under "reverse lend-lease," stated by the President to have totaled \$1,174,900,000 through last June.

The reports followed, but made no specific reference to, charges in Congress that the U. S. lend-lease act of all time, and in particular in the House of Representatives, was bearing a disproportionate share of war costs in money and supplies. The Senate Appropriations Committee and the Truman War Investigating Committee are now jointly inquiring into lend-lease operations.

WHITE PAPER
Apparently in recognition of these discussions in Washington, Sir John Anderson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave the House of Commons a white paper on the subject of reverse lend-lease which the British Government is making available to the United States.

The white paper said that up to June 30 material aid to the United States from the United Kingdom (not including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India) amounted to \$271,500,000. A British Information Service bulletin added the estimate that such aid, in cash, now amounted to "well over a billion dollars."

Emphasizing the unmeasurable aspects of Britain's war contribution to the United Nations pool, Sir John told Congress: "It is only in a very limited sense that this white paper introduces the measure and to those, if there are any, who are interested in the subject."

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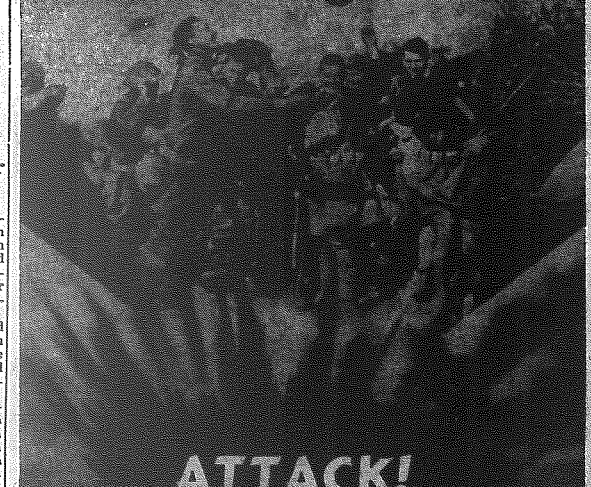
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RUSSIAN DAILY DEBTS
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Nazis Fear New Allied Landings

By NOLAND NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—Skilled American mountain fighters of the Fifth Army stormed up the heights and drove the enemy from two mountains, including Mount Rofondo northwest of Migano where the main inland road to Rome passes through the heavily fortified line that Nazi soldiers have been ordered to hold until New Year's, Allied Headquarters announced today.

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Army Swings Into Fight Against Japs

Troops Landed To Help Marines Break Down Bougainville Counter Stroke

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—Powerful reinforcements of regular U. S. Army troops, landed without loss from warship-guarded transports, fought today alongside the Marines against a heavy Bougainville counter stroke.

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Trial Of De Marigny On Charge Of Slaying Sir Harry At Climax

By E. V. W. JONES
NASSAU, BAHAMAS—(AP)—Chief Justice Sir Oscar Bedford Daly told a Bahamas Supreme Court jury trying Alfred De Marigny for the murder of Sir Harry Oakes today that he is convinced there has been no faking of evidence.

Reporting jurors to give the accused son-in-law the benefit of any reasonable doubt, he asserted in closing tones: "I may as presiding judge that to my mind there is no evidence whatever to justify any charge of fabricating or falsifying evidence."

Defense Counsel Geoffrey Hogg yesterday in his final argument suggested that the magistrate, which the president heard in case against De Marigny was not obtained from a bedroom where Capt. James O. Barker, the notorious gangster, had been held.

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Blast Nazi Rail Routes

Air Blows Struck From Britain and South

LONDON—(AP)—Powerful Allied air forces in Britain and the Mediterranean theater struck their combined weights at German rail routes and the French coast today in the heaviest bombing raid since the start of the war.

The RAF's heavy formations of four-engine bombers and fighters struck a concentrated blow at Moudon, France, at the northern end of the Mt. Cenis Alpine tunnel, one of the world's longest. Good weather favored the operation.

The American Fifth Air Force, commanded by Brig. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Command, rained explosives yesterday on the French coast and the Alps and numerous other installations at Bizanion in the Alps on the route through eastern France.

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Lists Italy Casualties

8,556 For Army Since Salerno Landings

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson reported today that Army casualties in Italy since the landings at Salerno (Sept. 9) total 8,556, with 1,995 killed, 4,104 wounded and 2,457 missing.

The losses of British forces in Italy during the same period have been somewhat greater, Stimson said, but the exact British figures were not available.

American Merchant Ship Sunk In Indian Ocean

ESTAMI, Fla.—(AP)—The sinking of a U. S. merchant ship in the Indian Ocean in September was reported today by Navy officials. The crew of 28 was reported missing. One torpedo struck the ship, which sank in slightly more than an hour.

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Dog And Its Soldier-Boss Cry At Reunion

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—Four months of grieving ended today for Pal, 17-year-old Alsatian shepherd dog, when he was reunited with his weeping soldier master. Special Train Franklin E. Roosevelt was immediately to the scene arriving in Albany to greet the 1,300-mile train trip from Camp O'Dowd, Pa. The soldier, named a special "pal" on the train, was the first of a group of dogs that were sent to the front during the war. The dog was reunited with his master at the train station.

From Behind Enemy Lines—Italians Angered By Brutality Of Nazis Toward Jews In Rome

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ROME—This is the fourth and last of a series of unexplained deaths in what is going on in German-occupied Italy. The deaths are especially for the Associated Press by Gannar D. Kuznetsov, chief news correspondent for the Stockholm newspaper "Tidningen," who made an arduous journey to bring them out of Italy.

Such questions are circulating in Rome when the persecution of Jews offered prospects in Northern Italy, where the Germans made haste to remove the Jewish population.

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