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PROMISE OF EUROPEAN COMMITMENT SAYS AMERICAN SOLDIERS WILL LAND IN FRANCE

U. S. Seen As Winning War In Atlantic

Loss of Trained U-Boat Crews Biggest Worry for Germans

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite heavy losses inflicted on American coastal shipping by Nazi submarines, naval experts said today that the United States was slowly winning the Battle of the Atlantic. They emphasized, however, that only steadily increasing production of both war and merchant ships could check the U-boat victory.

The greatest present need, it was said, is for more defensive anti-submarine, blimps and patrol bombers—manned by experienced personnel.

Losses are open, primarily, naval authorities say, because warships have not been diverted to protecting coastal waters.

On the other side of the ledger, 223 merchant ships of American and other nationalities have been sunk on the American side of the Atlantic since mid-January. Also on the loss side is the torpedoing of two and possibly three destroyers. The Jarob Jones was sunk off New Jersey in March. The Sturtevant was destroyed by an "underwater explosion," which may have been a mine.

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Red Lines Hammered By Fierce Nazi Blows

But Say Foes Repulsed

MOSCOW (AP)—Nazi pressure against the Izium-Barvenkovo sector of the Donets Basin front subordinated even the Red Army's operations before Kharkov in Soviet dispatches today and the only official claim concerning Thursday's fighting was that of another successful defense against attacks.

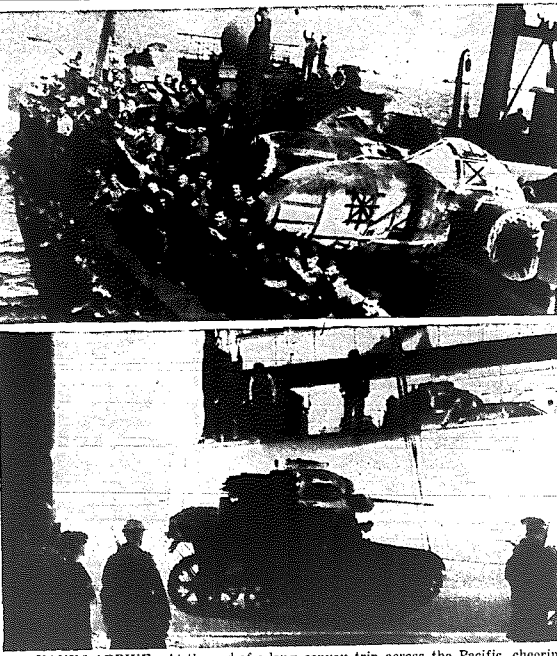
For the first time since Marshal Semenov Timoshenko hurried Red Army shock divisions westward upon Kharkov's defenses May 12, that theater was not mentioned in the midnight communique.

"In the Izium-Barvenkovo direction (80 miles below Kharkov) our troops repulsed fierce attacks of enemy tanks and infantry," the Soviet information bureau said. "On other sectors of the front, nothing of significance occurred."

After a week in which Timoshenko's divisions drove hard upon Kharkov, the Germans took the sector five days ago in an effort to divert Red Army strength.

The information bureau said 28 German planes were destroyed and Russian air squadrons demolished or damaged 22 German tanks, 35 munitions carts and six railway trains Wednesday. It reported six German Soviet aircraft were lost.

Northwestern front detachments were credited with killing more than 500 Germans and demolishing 50 enemy blockhouses and bunkers recently.



YANKS ARRIVE—At the end of a long convoy trip across the Pacific, cheering United States troops (top) wait to disembark as their ship pulls up to a dock somewhere in Australia. Note fuselage of knocked-down fighter plane on top deck. Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, tanks were unloaded (bottom) from a U. S. transport at a port in Northern Ireland as American soldiers stood guard. The ship was in the convoy which recently landed the largest AEF contingent of the war in Northern Ireland.

Says American Soldiers Will Land In France

First Definite Statement From U. S. Official Land Offensive Planned

WEST POINT, N. Y. (AP)—An invasion of the European continent was promised today by General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, who told the West Point graduating class that American troops "are landing in England, and they will land in France."

Marshall said the Army would total nearly 4,500,000 men by the end of this year, instead of the previously announced estimate of 3,500,000. During the past four weeks, he said, the Chief of Staff, the Army has grown by 900,000 men.

Your utmost endeavor, backed by high and unselfish purpose, will be required to bring this struggle to a triumphant conclusion," he told the graduating cadets.

To Surpass Plane Goal

U. S. To Produce Over 50,000 This Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said last night that the United States would produce more than 50,000 airplanes this year.

Referring to President Roosevelt's call for 50,000 planes, Patterson said that many people believed it "a fantastic impossibility" and added: "But this year's production of planes by American industry will surpass the 50,000 figure by a healthy margin."

The Under Secretary spoke at a dinner in honor of Maj.-Gen. Charles M. Wescom, who will return on Sunday as Chief of Ordnance. The dinner, sponsored by the New York Post of the Army Ordnance Association, was for the benefit of the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

Patterson said that the output of tanks and ammunition was rolling along to new levels also.

"We are no longer counting our tanks by the tens of hundreds but by the thousands," he said. "We measure our weekly production of ammunition by the hundreds of millions of rounds."

"Tank for tank and gun for gun, the Ordnance Department are holding their own against our enemies," he said. "Tanks and Japanese can produce."

Czechs Called Upon To Resist Nazis

Report 200 Hostages in Danger of Execution Due to Heydrich Attack

LONDON (AP)—In the face of Nazi retaliations for the attempted assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, deputy Reich's Protector for Bohemia and Moravia, the Czech Government here today called on all Czechs in the homeland to resist their German oppressors.

U. S. Vessel Torpedoed

Sub's Captain Offered Cigarettes and Rum

NEW YORK (AP)—A British radio said late today that "reports have circulated in New York and London that a U. S. submarine was sunk by a German U-boat sent to intercept the vessel, then torpedoed and sunk. The crew, including the captain, and 22 members of his crew, who drifted for five days in open boats, were brought to the U. S. submarine here after rescue by a Navy ship.

For five and a half hours from the time he first sighted a decoy sub, the captain fought to keep his sub-captain only to lose to the survivors on this page 4.

British Naval Squadron Reported at Gibraltar

BERLIN (AP)—From German broadcast—A dispatch from Alexandria today said the British battleship and aircraft carrier Eagle, five large submarines, including one under the Polish flag, and six destroyers arrived today at Gibraltar.

Mexico Vows Belligerency, Goes Ahead With Preparations For War

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico, avoiding her belligerency although her formal declaration of war will be announced, today declared her belligerency against the Axis still in the preliminary stage. Mexico's formal declaration of war will be announced today.

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Nazi Say Kharkov Battle Has Ended

BERLIN (AP)—The High Command reported today that Soviet forces had attacked on the central sector of the Russian front—presumably before Moscow—and had been repulsed in a fierce fight with some of the attacking force encircled.

Hear Kharkov Shelled By Soviet Artillery

LONDON (AP)—The Vichy radio, in a report issued as coming from the Soviet front, said today that Russian artillery had bombarded the city of Kharkov for the first time in three months.

Russies Can Convert Rifle Into Machine Gun

NEW YORK (AP)—The Australian radio said today that a rifle converted into a machine gun had been tested successfully in Australia and that Army Minister Francis M. Biddle had announced that a similar conversion would be made as soon as possible.

Comment Not Needed, Is Berlin's Attitude

BERLIN (AP)—From German broadcast—May 29.—Noting Mexico's avowal of belligerency against Germany, Italy and the United States, Paul Schmidt, chief of the German Foreign Office Press Department, said today, "We do not think this is so important as it is generally interested in. Hence, comment is superfluous."

British Repulse Nazis In Desert

German Panzer Column Turned Back After Knifing Inside Lines

CAIRO (AP)—A German armored force was repulsed today after slipping past the British front line in the Lybian desert.

At Sidi Rezegh, one of the main battlefields of last Winter's campaign, the Germans were met by a British tank force. There is heavy fighting, almost entirely by the extended Axis communication lines between there and Ain El Gazala, region of the westerly Pacific, made up of Frenchmen and natives from Tobruk and other French Islands in the Pacific.

The RAF, constantly in action over the Lybian desert, reported that Axis air activity was on a reduced scale. RAF raids were made on enemy airbases behind the lines and on vehicles in the field.

British headquarters indicated the outcome of the tank battle still was in doubt, but reported that machine guns were being dealt the extended Axis communication lines by roving armored patrols.

The heaviest fighting was said to be centring around Knightsbridge, junction of a series of desert tracks about 100 miles southwest of Tobruk.

Military experts said the situation was particularly dangerous for the companies with which Stone had a contract for the five per cent.

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'Earnings' Very High

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Refugees Make Escape New Guinea Natives Stamp Out Flying Field In Marathon Dance

MELBOURNE (AP)—Two thousand New Guinea natives who were persuaded to organize a three-night dancing party stamped out a makeshift landing field which enabled 20 refugees to reach the continent.

Persons arriving here reported today said this was only one of a series of similar incidents which happened the night.

The refugees walked 250 miles across some of the wildest parts of New Guinea, northeast of Australia, to an unidentified point where they hoped to depart for Australia.

The plane landed safely but the ground was too soft for it to take off loaded.

A resourceful explorer named Healy persuaded the natives to be a ceremonial dance. The refugees danced with them to hasten the process. After three nights an adequate landing field was stamped out and the plane took off.

The refugees credited a hospital matron, Miss Joyce Jones, with a major part in their escape. She found their bivouac each night of the 250-mile hike and drew them after the longest dance.

Chinese Still Hold Cities

CHUNGKING, China, Saturday, May 30.—The Chinese have retained possession of the cities of Kinshwa and Hsueh.

Central News reported the defenders of the two cities were offering strong resistance. He also said a Japanese unit driving southwest from Kinshwa toward Anpingka was encircled and annihilated.

Russo-Jap War

War between Russia and Japan is certain and will be launched with a terrific attack on Russian territory by Jap bombers with Red bombers retreating, says Eastern Expert J. W. Snyder in our authoritative article on page 13.

More About The Draft And You

The second in a series of articles by our staff explaining the machinery of the draft and its application to men in the 18-48 age group is on page 11.

Weather

Little change in temperature tonight

Today's Temp.: H. 82; L. 67
Sunset Today 6:18
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:10

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 11.

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