

# OVER 300 RAF PLANE ATTACK DUISBURG

Industrial center is target of air assault  
13 bombers do not return

LONDON. — (AP) — The Ministry announced that many large and widespread fires were started in the city last night on a long RAF force during widespread operations from which thirteen bombers failed to return.

An RAF informant said more than 300 planes took part in the assault upon the German industrial center. They were favored by good weather.

The Germans said six British bombers were shot down in attacks which caused civilian casualties in Duisburg and Moers. The cause was said to be incendiary bombs.

The RAF said the raiders dropped a large number of high explosives and incendiary bombs.

INDUSTRIAL OBJECTIVE  
Duisburg, a large industrial town at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr Rivers, was the main objective among targets in the Ruhr Valley. It was last night.

The RAF announced it was attacking Duisburg last Saturday.

Interdiction of air routes over the Ruhr and the Low Countries by the RAF was the main objective of the fighter command, it was announced.

Thirteen of our bombers are missing from these operations. The Ruhr Valley centers had been destroyed.

WEATHER  
Little change in temperature today.  
Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight.

Monday's Temp.: H. 81; L. 76
Tuesday's Temp.: H. 83; L. 76
Wednesday's Temp.: H. 83; L. 76

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.

## Admiral Made Chief-Of-Staff: Expect Leahy To Head Army-Navy Setup

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON — Admiral William D. Leahy became President Roosevelt's Chief of Staff today amid disclosures of a grave crisis in the shipping situation and of sharp criticism of the administration.

There was immediately speculation that the President would create a Supreme Army-Navy General Staff about the grandfaced sailor and diplomat who listens long and talks short and who represented at Vichy America's friendship for a broken France.

Mr. Roosevelt announced Leahy's appointment last night and said the Admiral would assume his duties immediately. Confronting the Chief of Staff as he took office was a report by the War Shipping Administration that shipping losses during the week of July 12 were the highest since the war began and that sinkings of United Nations vessels have greatly exceeded new construction.

## Last Minute Gas Rush

Get Full Tanks Before Ration Deadline  
By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The long lines that have been forming at gasoline stations during the past few weeks were absent today as permanent rationing gasoline rationing went into effect along the Atlantic seaboard.

Motorists—many of whom had full tanks as a result of a last minute rush to use their old cards apparently hoped that under the new rationing system long lines would be gone.

Under the new rationing system long lines formed last night. In the Bronx, Manhattan and other boroughs of the city, motorists kept vigil for as much as four hours but starting today there were no actual need of forming lines. Gasoline was there, but only in four gallon lots.

In Baltimore, the 800 stations ran out of gas early last night and one large distributor said that the permanent rationing scheme effective today would mean the closing of from 20 to 50 per cent of all stations within the next three to six months.

Traffic was noticeably lighter in Manhattan. With the exception of trucks and taxis, both of which are entitled to "B" cards, giving them all the gasoline they need, New York City's streets were practically devoid of traffic.

The streets were usually packed bumper to bumper. There was plenty of room. Traffic banks were broken out when a new scheme, had one pocket crammed than usual—the pocket originally used to store parking tickets.

RUSH IN SOUTH  
In the five-state Southern area there was a rush last night to fill up in the Atlanta region.

The Navy, meanwhile, had announced the sinking of three more Japanese destroyers by United States submarines in the vicinity of the Aleutian area of Kiska. This brought Japanese losses in the Aleutian area to six destroyers, one transport and one cruiser sunk; one destroyer probably sunk; and four cruisers, two destroyers, one aircraft carrier, one gunboat and one transport damaged.

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## Allies Rule Air In North Africa

Hardly Any Axis Activity in Skies Observed Yesterday  
By EDWARD KENNEDY  
CAIRO — The Allied Air Force has virtually driven the Germans out of the sky over the North African battle area, British military sources said today.

"These sources, whose identity it was not permitted to disclose, said hardly any enemy air activity was observed yesterday by bombers and fighters which ranged far beyond the El Alamein Front, blasting at large concentrations of Axis vehicles and attacking the Nazi supply base in Crete.

ARTILLERY DUELS  
Ground fighting, meanwhile, had settled into artillery dueling. British General Headquarters reported, "Suda Bay, island of Crater, was attacked in force and direct hits were scored on two vessels, the communique reported. A near miss was scored on a larger ship and a pier was set afire."

The United States airman probably took part in the raid, RAP sources said. American Liberator bombers have been employed frequently on assignments in the Mediterranean and the mention of "heavy Allied bombers" indicated that Americans had participated, these sources said.

DESERT POSITION  
The Axis desert positions at which British artillery units were firing lie from two to five miles west of the front. The British used the El Alamein line, British military sources said.

In the central sector of the 40-mile desert front, the Allied bombers attacked a concentration of about 1000 Axis vehicles and started many fires, the communique said.

## Own Murder Scheme Traps Marion Mother

Sobs Heated Out in Jail After Making Error of Trying to Hire Sheriff for Job  
By T. L. KLUTZ  
CHARLOTTE, N. C. Special Writer  
MARION — Mrs. Hugh McCall, dark-haired young mother who made the irreparable mistake of "hiring" Sheriff Gladys Nichols to kill her late husband, sat in her jail cell here today sobbing her heart out.

She was arrested yesterday after the sheriff said she offered him \$200 in cash to poison Mrs. Charlie May Harshaw, a middle-aged widow living near her tenants, three miles north of Marion.

The sheriff said she negotiated the deal with him at the Southern Railway Station here Monday when he was introduced to her by an unnamed man she had asked to find some one who would kill for hire.

Presented merely as "my friend who will do the job for you," the sheriff said, he instructed her to make the deal and to consider an offer if she'd make it worth his while.

She explained that landlady-friend Harshaw had influenced her to the point that about four months ago she tried unsuccessfully to kill him. Harshaw had possibly her trial and get by putting strychnine in her strawberries.

Mrs. Harshaw had reported to the sheriff that she was sure some one had tried to poison her, for something in the shortcake bilstered her mouth. She threw the cake in the shop, and the next day her boy died, apparently of poisoning.

Mrs. McCall thanked the sheriff for accepting her offer, saying it "would divert suspicion from herself."

The sheriff, however, declined to take the \$200 until "after the job is done satisfactorily" and made arrangements to meet her at the station again Tuesday afternoon.

His attention had been called by Jim Roland, deputy, and T. J. Jolly, highway patrolman, nearby in conversation.

"You know, I never slept a wink last night," she was quoted as saying as she breathed

"HEY, MY PANTS!"—Gene McArdle, 12, comes up spluttering out of the East River in New York just in time to see one of man's best friends make off with his pants. Hollering at the dog didn't help much. And since swimming in the river is forbidden, Gene couldn't call for a policeman. Playmates finally caught up with poob and pants.



## Nazis Push Closer To Stalingrad And Rostov

Danger Cited By Army Paper  
By EDDY GILMORE  
AP War Correspondent  
MOSCOW. — (AP) — Stalingrad and Rostov both were imperiled gravely by fresh German advances today, the million men of Marshal Fedor Von Bock pressed relentlessly south and east against bitterly fighting but outnumbered Russian forces.

Red Star, the Army newspaper, said ominously that the Germans were approaching the border of Stalingrad Province.

A furious German assault against the men of Marshal Leonid Timoshenko along the Don-Rostov Railway. The drive was directed by the chief of staff of Milnerov and from Voronezh, Don, both of which have fallen to the German. The Russian general Don Basin offensive.

Red Star pointed to the danger thus:

"Terrible days are ahead of us. The enemy has advanced to the very gates of Stalingrad. The newspaper said that the example of the German troops, who in defensible positions are attacking the city with charges with their hands, are dying in the struggle."

"The German High Command has ordered the army to be crossed on a broad front and to organize Russian resistance and to hold the city. The Russian general Rostov was declared himself."

HOLD VORONEZH INITIATIVE  
Even as the Russian army in the south drove the German advance the northern and the southern fronts were holding the initiative and retreating vigorously.

The advance of the four bridgeheads had been sealed.

But the Russian press stated that the greatest danger to Stalingrad, both in the industrial and communications centers and sources of supplies for the Caucasus, and lands and fertile farms.

The loss of either city is acknowledged, would be a disaster.

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## 18 Saved By Heroic Sacrifice Of Seaman Gives Life in Releasing Rafts Which Saved Members of U. S. Vessel's Crew

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Navy today announced two more sinkings in the Western Atlantic with a loss of 35 lives. Fifty crewmen were saved eighteen of them through the heroic sacrifice of a 25-year-old seaman aboard a U. S. cargo vessel.

The loss of the medium-sized American vessel, sent to the bottom June 28 about 650 miles off the East Coast, and a small British ship torpedoed in the Caribbean May 29 raised to 293 the unofficial Associated Press tabulation of United Nations and neutral sinkings in the Western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

Sinking of the British craft cost the lives of sixteen men from a

## Akron Meat Shortage Brings Investigation

AKRON, O. — (AP) — A meat shortage developed today in this rubber capital and Birket Williams, regional OPA administrator at Cleveland, immediately sent an investigator to inquire into packers' reports that deliveries here were off 50 to 75 per cent because of new price regulations.

Some stores reported they were out of meat and the proprietor of a concern with five stores said he had sold the few head of dressed cattle in his refrigerators against a normal 20.

POLICY BLAMED  
Francis George Galat of the Galat Packing Co. declared the shortage was "due to an impossible situation which was created when OPA set ceiling prices on wholesale and retail prices of meat but failed to put a ceiling on the price of live stock.

"The cattle are now selling on the hoof for approximately 32 cents a pound, and in March, when selling prices were established. The result is that packers are unable to afford to pay the present prices, sell at March prices, and still show a profit. Rather than operate at a loss, they have greatly reduced their livestock purchases and as a result a

## Shipbuilding Contract Cancelled

Will Probe Higgins Case  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Defense Investigating Committee announced today it would inquire into the cancellation of the Higgins shipbuilding contract, a scheme to construct giant air freighters in lieu of ships and the crucial problem of steel for either project.

Senator Truman, Democrat, Missouri, chairman of the committee, said in a formal statement that Andrew Jackson Higgins, proprietor of the New Orleans yard which was to build 200 cargo ships, and officials of the Maritime Commission, which canceled the contract, would be heard in public hearings that start July 28.

HIGGINS GRINS  
Higgins conferred at the White House this morning, after meeting for more than an hour with Maritime Commission officials, and left with a grin, he would not say.

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## Note To Readers

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## Appeals For Second Front Mount As Russians Reel Under Blows

LONDON — (AP) — Appeals for a British and American invasion of Europe to establish a second front this year mounted today while the Russians reeled back under the blows of German armored forces.

The Electrical Trades Union unanimously adopted a resolution similar to the one in which the Mine Workers Federation yesterday urged the Government to open a second front.

The Communist Party in London called a mass meeting for tonight and planned a mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square Sunday to voice its demands for invasion.

Speculation on a second front

## Guide to Good Reading

HOME FRONT FORECAST  
More changes are in the making for the way of life as the war winds on. Increasingly, the way of life in Washington and the nation is being shaped by the war.

WASHINGTON, presents an interesting picture of things to come in a Home Front Forecast on page 7.

THE ARMY REVEALS THE DOMESTIC FRONT  
The WPA, it is anticipated, will be a major defense agency in a new, defense-oriented program. Reporters Arthur Mac Brown visited the new rooming house, found out what workers really engaged in turning out garments for the Army auxiliaries at the new factory, and the only means of forming a service unit.

UNCLES SAM BATTLES PLANES MEET THE TEST  
Colonel Frederick Paulsen, the military expert of the Army Air Corps, says that the American Air Corps is a force to be reckoned with. He says that the American Air Corps is a force to be reckoned with. He says that the American Air Corps is a force to be reckoned with.

## CHAINED FOR PUNISHMENT—Children of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burney were found in the backyard of their home near Atlanta with 42-foot log chains padlocked around their necks. Mr. Burney is accused of chaining the children together as punishment for taking 20 to 25 cents from a pocketbook in the home. Shown, left to right, with chains in place as they were found by County policemen, are Archer E. J. Flornoy and Margaret Burney, with County Patrolman J. C. Holbrook.

