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ALLIES MAKE NORTH AFRICAN FRONT ATTACK ON SHATTERED JAP CONVOY

Heavy Blows Dealt Three Cargo Ships In Assault

Allied Bombers Attack in Waves By VERN HAUGLAND ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA (AP) — Flying Fortresses kept up an attack today on a Japanese convoy of three warships and six merchant vessels at Wevank, New Guinea, striking to add to the heavy blows dealt three merchantmen at the outset.

The convoy, spotted at dusk Thursday approaching the Wevank Bay with a light cruiser among the escort was swooped upon at dusk by the Fortresses. Flying over the sea spaced fifteen minutes to a half hour apart the raiders quickly started an 8,000-ton cargo ship to sinking by the stern, caused another of equal tonnage to list and forced a third of 8,000 tons to be beached.



NORTH AFRICAN FRONT—This battle cry from General Bernard Montgomery is spurring the British Eighth Army on in the advance up the Tunisian coast. Meanwhile American, French forces and the British First Army are thrusting toward Bizerte and Tunis from positions in the interior of Tunisia. Map spots key towns, roads and railways in the area where the last battles for Tunisia may be fought.

Reds Throw Mounting Air Power At Germans

Cities, Military Objectives Raided By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW (AP) — The Red Army is throwing a mounting force into the bombing of German military objectives and cities, the latest feat of Russian fliers being announced as a raid on a German airfield on the Leningrad front where thirteen German planes were destroyed on the ground.

The noon communique told of the exploits of a band of Russian fliers who bombed and strafed the German airfield setting fires to buildings in the area as well. The raid came on the heels of a Russian long-range attack on Koenigsberg the third bombing of that East Prussia city, and an assault on Danzig, the first one this year.

Reports of the raids were given wide display in the Soviet press along with accounts of the Allied bombing of the west.

In land fighting, Soviet troops struggled ahead in the Kuban area of the Caucasus, capturing the German strongholds and dominating the position in the face of fierce counter attacks by large numbers of German reserves.

Another sharp Nazi attack on the Donets River line north of Stalino was turned back by the Russians said.

The Danzig raid was made on the port's warehouses, ship building yards, chemical plants and machine tool factories as well as other industrial objectives, it was announced.

Investigative Government newspaper said the Soviet bombers made their way through bad weather and heavy clouds to reach the city but that visibility was better over the city.

While this group laid its bombs on Danzig another mission struck Koenigsberg and started fires in many quarters of the city, it was reported.

1st Army Goes To Within 15 Miles Junction

Pushing Closer to Tebourba, 18 Airline Miles West of Tunis By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) First Army infantrymen drove to within fifteen miles of the key road junction of Tebourba yesterday in some of the fiercest fighting of the Tunisian campaign, it was announced today.

In a series of local attacks east of Medjez-el-Bab, the Allied mountain line advanced to points between 25 and 30 miles from Tunis. Tebourba, once held by the Allies in the eastward push last Fall, lies eighteen miles airline west of the Axis-held capital.

Allied bombers and fighters continued their assaults upon Axis air fields in Tunisia, although the weather was bad, and it was announced that RAF Wellingtons struck effectively Wednesday night at enemy airbases in southern Sardinia.

Only patrol activity was reported on the Enfidaville line front, where General Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army again massing strength for a climactic push to the north.

The First Army led by Elton Sillitoe's Anderson's Sixth Army Infantry attacked the Axis positions, gained the Tebourba junction, and captured the main road to Tunis.

The Germans, in two savage counterattacks, temporarily regained the 2,000-foot Djebel Ang, eight miles north-west of Medjez-el-Bab, but British Infantry launched a counter-attack of their own and not only retook the peak but ground beyond it as well.

French forces who stormed forward Wednesday to capture Djebel Sefouf, seven miles above the village of Kararoum on the southwestern rim of the Axis line before Tunis and Bizerte, also were hard pressed by the Germans, but held their ground and captured more prisoners. It was announced.

French forces who captured the Djebel Sefouf, 30 miles west of Enfidaville, held their ground against German attacks and captured 50 more prisoners. It was apparent from the desperate resistance to even heavy Allied thrusts that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and Col. Gen. Hugo von Arnim intended to try to hold their present line.

Two British brigades, almost entirely on a pace transport, launched the first attack which took the Djebel Ang at midnight Tuesday. They needed vehicles were left behind.

The major credit for the attack must be given to the infantry who, after five months of continuous contact with the enemy, were able to sustain an over year effort, according to an official statement said.

Seek Tax Compromise

Bi-Partisan Effort To Settle Issue Made WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders supporting the skip-a-tax-year plan and Democrats opposing it launched a joint effort today, under the leadership of Speaker Fychau, to reach a compromise on pay-as-you-go income tax legislation.

The bi-partisan effort to settle the embattled issue developed at a morning conference in Rayburn's office attended by House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, Democratic McCormack of Massachusetts, Chairman Daughon, Democrat, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"We're going to try to forget the Ruml plan first to embody the plan, and then sit down and try to work out something that will be acceptable to all concerned," Martin told newspaper men.

It is expected that any compromise so reached would embrace a See BI-PARTISAN on page 4

Charge Eight With Sabotaging Ships

Men Accused of Doing Faulty Work In Order To Make More Money BALTIMORE (AP) — The arrests of eight men formerly employed as welders in two Baltimore shipyards, on charges of sabotaging ships by doing faulty welding, were announced today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Seven of the men, whose arrests were announced by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, were accused of doing bad welding on Liberty ships at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc.

The arrest of the eighth, on a similar charge of performing faulty work on a tanker under construction at the Bethlehem Steel Co's Sparrows Point yard, was disclosed when six men were brought before a U. S. Commissioner for arraignment.

He was identified as James B. Dixon, 25, of Baltimore, a native of Portsmouth, Va.

He admitted performing faulty welding in order to finish their work in a hurry and earn more money," He See TUNIS on page 4

Gen. Giraud Hopes To Lead Army Of 300,000 Frenchmen In Invasion

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALGIERS (AP) — General Henri Giraud hopes to lead an army of 300,000 Frenchmen in the coming invasion of Europe and to plant the tricolor in the city of Meers, old capital of Lorraine.

"On that day," he said in an address to the city of Meers, "I shall pass by my hand (through my power). Then France will be able to form a provisional Government."

"At that time 40,000,000 Frenchmen will say what they desire, but they will not say to the Allies which led to catastrophe in 1940."

Giraud said "We have 400,000 men under arms at this time and I am confident that this army will not be hampered by disorder in its rear."

Political observers here regarded Giraud's statements as a final, conclusive answer to the proposal that he be named as the provisional Government be formed now to govern the French Empire. Giraud has proposed, instead that an overseas council be organized for the purpose. It was believed he objected to a provisional government at this time on the grounds that France might find itself saddled with a regime of its own choosing after the Axis is beaten.

Tunis And Bizerte Areas Visible From Hills Where British Fighting

By WILLIAM B. KING CHAOVACH VILLAGE, North-Tunisia — Artillery-supported British infantrymen battled the Germans today in a range of hills from which the promised land of Tunis and Bizerte is visible on a clear day.

Escapee Found In Alcatraz Cave

SAN FRANCISCO, 36 South-west desperado who tried with three other prisoners to escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary this week, was found today hiding to a cave on the prison island.

Japs Stronger On Kiska, Attu

A FAR WESTERN BASE in the ANDREANOF ISLANDS, Alaska—Delayed by the Japanese in their drive to Kiska and Attu, returning Army pilots reported after bombing the enemy bases in the Aleutians the 30th time in March at 10,000-foot elevation.