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In a sudden intensification of the Allies' pre-invasion offensive in the Mediterranean, it was revealed today.

Formation after formation of heavy, medium and fighter-bombers swept across the Mediterranean to keep the two stepping-stone islands under a constant rain of bombs.

ARMED BARGES
The raiders ran into swarms of German and Italian fighters and fierce aerial dogfights ensued. When the day ended, however, 39 enemy fighters had been shot down and only eight Allied planes were lost.

Meanwhile Spanish dispatches from La Linea today said that large Allied landing barges with cannon mounted on the bow had arrived at Gibraltar from the Atlantic, and that a great Allied convoy, had left Gibraltar for North Africa. A convoy of 18 merchant ships had been reported in Gibraltar Harbor, where 2 British aircraft carriers, 2 battleships and 12 destroyers, as well as 5 American destroyers, were concentrated, the dispatches said.

The 39-plane bag was a new record for Doolittle's strategic airforce. The previous record was 37 Axis craft shot down over Pantelleria in one day.

HEAVY OPPOSITION
Allied planes met heavy opposition over Sardinia. One of the heaviest fights was over Aranci where 23 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

The bombing attack resulted in the demolition of warehouses, jetties and railroad tracks. At least three ships were sunk or damaged and docks, railway yards, airfields and other strategic objectives were blasted in a thunderous assault following two days of routine daylight patrols by the Northwest African air forces.

MESSINA SMASHED
A strong force of Flying Fortresses paced the offensive with a raid on Messina, ferry line terminus at the northeastern tip of Sicily.

Many hits were observed on the ferry terminus, the power station and in the railway yards. Lockheed Lightning fighter-bombers bombed and strafed the Milo airfield just east of the West Sicilian port of Trapani.

Strong formations loosed a heavy attack on docks and shipping at Olbia in Sardinia and set fire to three vessels, while medium bombers raided docks and railway yards at Golfo Aranci, also in Sardinia. Fighters escorted bombers on both raids.

(The Italian High Command, in a communique broadcast by Radio Rome, said 27 enemy planes were shot down yesterday during bombing and machine-gunning attacks on the inhabitants of towns in Sardinia, Sicily and southwestern Italy.)

Exiled Italians Urged to Aid Allies

ALGERS, June 19.—The French newspaper *De Peche Algérienne* today urged anti-Fascists exiled from Italy to create an Italian National Committee to aid the Allied war effort.

400,000 Railmen Get Pay Increase

LONDON, June 19.—(CP)—Four hundred thousand railway employees in Britain were given an increase of four shillings sixpence a week (about 90 cents) in an agreement announced today.

The agreement was retroactive to April 26.

The union had asked an increase of 10 shillings a week.

DODGE HEINNESS DIES

NEW-YORK, June 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Delphine Dodge Cromwell Godde, heiress to the Dodge Motor millions, died last night in New York hospital.

(A dispatch from San Juan, Puerto Rico, said a naval spokesman there had no information on the Martinique attack.)

Parley Seeks New Truce in Coal Dispute

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The United Mine Workers and the soft coal operators agreed to return to the conference table today to seek a basis for averting another tie-up of United States mines with the expiration of the "working truce" tomorrow night.

Even as this was disclosed a compilation from the mine fields showed that more than 50,000 miners already had left their jobs in protest against the War Labor Board's refusal to approve pay for underground travel time.

An informed source, disclosing plans for a mid-afternoon meeting, said the miners and the operators have not necessarily agreed to resume collective bargaining on the merits of the demands of the miners, but would "see what can be done about the War Labor Board order."

President John L. Lewis and the UMW policy committee faced another crucial decision as the deadline of their no-strike truce neared.

The new strike movement spread in Pennsylvania, Alabama, Ohio and Kentucky. There was no strike call by United Mine Workers leaders.

U.S. Munitions Output Drops

By British United Press

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today that war production has fallen behind schedule, and warned the U.S. that it must buckle down to the job of producing war materials or the opportunity to exploit recent military successes will be lost.

"The War Department is concerned over the army production situation," he said. "Production in May of material for the ground forces supply program, which was scheduled to rise 2 percent from \$1,553,000,000 in April to \$1,582,000,000, actually declined 3 1/2 percent to \$1,494,000,000."

The War Production Board only yesterday had disclosed that this country produced 7200 air-planes in May, for a new monthly record.

Trades Congress to Convene Aug. 23

OTTAWA, June 19.—The 59th annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be held in Quebec City, starting August 23 and continuing until the business of the convention is completed, it was announced today at Congress headquarters.

Dusseldorf 'In Ruins' RAF Desolates

By Canadian Press

LONDON, June 19.—The Air Ministry said today Dusseldorf "is in ruins," with more than 1000 acres devastated after the great attack by RAF heavy bombers June 11.

"When a complete count of all the damage has been made, it is thought that the figures will be more like 1500 acres—considerably over two square miles," the Air Ministry said after an examination of aerial photographs made following

Custodian Won't Keep Land Funds

\$1 Million Cash To Go to Japs

By CLIFF MacKAY

A flood of ready cash which may exceed \$1,000,000 will be poured into the pockets of Greater Vancouver's evacuated Japs as the proceeds of a forced sale opened today by the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property.

The only possible hitch now foreseen is that the Japs might delay or upset the transaction by court action but the federal government is confident that it is well within its legal rights.

Contrary to a report published Thursday (not in *The Vancouver Sun*), money realized from the sale will be placed to the credit of the former owners and will be available to them without restriction. It will not be kept until after the war.

The catalogue prepared by the custodian for the convenience of bidders lists 454 parcels of real estate for disposal. A large percentage are residential but many, particularly in the Little Tokyo district, are developed commercially.

JAPS TO GET MONEY
"Proceeds of the liquidation will be placed to the credit of the Japanese owners," pointed out F. G. Shears, acting director of the custodian's local office. "It will therefore be seen that no question of confiscation is involved."

Mr. Shears emphasized that the sale will be conducted in an orderly manner. "Tenders will not be accepted," he said, "unless they are in line with the values as established by expert independent evaluators."

Tenders for the first batch of properties close at noon, July 19. It comprises 167 items on streets in alphabetical order from A to O. Tenders on two other groups will be invited later.

The second group also contains 167 properties on streets from P to Y and avenues one to four. The third batch numbers 130 properties on avenues five to 71 and in Burnaby and North and West Vancouver.

Bids must be for purchase for cash.

JAPS' COURSE
Japanese owners, represented by J. Arthur MacLennan, have undertaken to contest the sale in court. Mr. MacLennan could not be reached today to say when he will make the opening move or what its nature will be.

Total assessed value of catalogued properties is not available, Mr. Shears said, but the majority of them are in the \$2000-to-\$2500 category.

Properties outside Greater Vancouver, exclusive of the 768 farms in the Fraser Valley bought by the Dominion government for veterans of the present war, will be disposed of in the near future, officials indicate.

U.S. Fliers Raid Nauru in Mid-Pacific

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, June 19.—American heavy bombers and Catalina flying boats made "a very successful harassing raid" last night on Nauru, Japanese island base 650 miles northeast of Guadalcanal, South Pacific force headquarters announced today.

A headquarters spokesman said large fires were started in bivouac, oil dump and revelation areas on the island target. Returning pilots said the fires were visible 40 miles away.

The spokesman said preliminary reports indicated that all the planes, which struck Nauru in two waves, returned safely. Further reports of the Battle of Guadalcanal this week reveal that the American bag of Japanese planes totalled 94, not 77 as originally estimated.

Baby Buggy Upset by Cow

There's many a head to be encountered when one sets forth on a public street with a baby buggy, says Mrs. F. McNeill, 8185 Main Street.

Mrs. McNeill told police Friday that, on the previous day, she was walking in the 600 block Southeast Marine Drive when her baby buggy was knocked over by a cow.

U.S. Liquor Brings Arrest

EDMONTON, June 19.—(CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police today announced the arrest of Louis Davidson of New York on a charge of violating the Customs Act in connection with the bringing into Alberta of liquor on which no excise tax had been paid.

Davidson, a New York broker, was arrested as he was about to board a plane.

Soviets Crack Nazi Defenses Near Orel

By HENRY SHAPIRO

Special to The Vancouver Sun

MOSCOW, June 19.—Red Army troops, hammering at an exposed German salient southwest of Moscow, broke through German defenses in an advance above Orel today and captured a new offensive line.

Only 12 hour searlier the Soviets had announced the wiping out of 2000 Germans in several days of fruitless Axis counter-attacks aimed at dislodging the Russians from four newly-captured towns in the area.

Continued aerial operations which cost the enemy at least 53 planes in 24 hours were reported in the communique. Artillery duels were reported along various sections of the long front.

A large number of enemy planes were destroyed on the ground at key enemy airdromes by the Soviet long-range bomber force.

In the Leningrad sector, the Russians dispersed Nazi soldiers constructing defense barriers. In the Lischansk sector of the Ukraine, Red Army patrols pierced the German lines, killing 140 Germans in a reconnaissance raid.

EBC said Berlin admitted the Black Sea port of Novorossisk, held by the Germans in the northwest Caucasus, was under siege of Soviet artillery. The city was described by Berlin as a "complete inferno."

Elmer Davis May Quit Post

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1200 Pounds of Whale Steak on Ladner Menu

Residents of Ladner and Steveston are eating whale steaks today and the Greek Relief Fund is benefitting as the result.

Mitchel Fileck, 318 Westham Road, Ladner, caught an 11-foot, 1200-pound baby black fish whale in his gill net while out for spring salmon Friday, off the sandhead in Canoe Pass at the mouth of the Fraser.

"It took 10 men to lift it to the Steveston float," Nick Stephens, 380 Westham Road, a fish buyer, told *The Sun*. We took 200 pounds of good steaks of and disposed of a lot of it. Arthur Theodore, who collects for the Greek Relief, suggested we take donations from people willing to eat whale but we don't know yet how much we will collect."

Stephens said the meal tastes like baby beef.