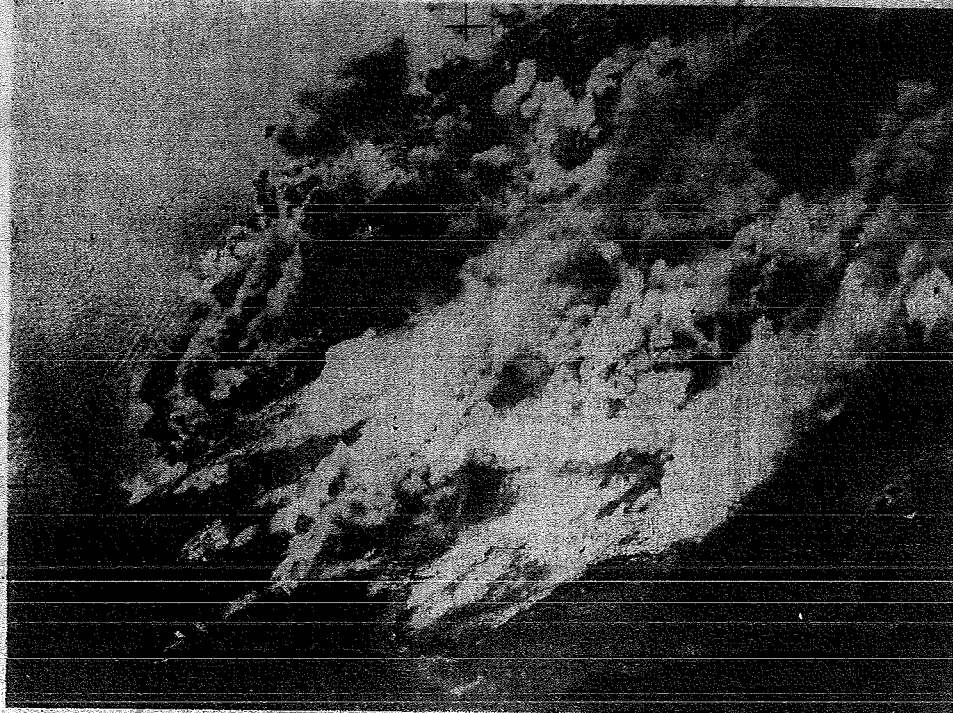


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ALLIED AIR FURY SUBMERGES HUN DEFENDERS



Here is another official air photograph of the disaster which befell the Axis garrison on Pantelleria island, June 11. A giant smoke pall wreathes the island so that only bits of land, here and there are seen, but beneath that pyre a hell of bursting bombs churns Pantelleria's vaulted impregnable defenses into rubble, while her Italian defenders cower in caves cut deep in the heart of the rocky cliffs. They were glad to surrender; as who wouldn't be in such case?

Jap Farm Transfer Battled

Valley 'Resettlement' To Be Fought In Courts

Prospects of resettling B.C. veterans on Japanese farm lands in the Fraser Valley were jeopardized today by disclosure that Japanese owners will challenge the deal in court.

In protest against the transfer of the 769 farms to the director of the Veterans Land Act by the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, the Japanese rural advisory committee has resigned.

He is Yasutaro Yamaga, who doesn't think the Japanese are getting fair treatment, but who denies that his withdrawal was dictated by pressure from his countrymen (last month the Wap newspaper reported that evacuees were exerting such pressure).

No successor to Yamaga has been appointed although Judge Whiteside's committee will be called upon later to assist in the disposal of rural holdings other than farms.

PETITIONS OF RIGHT

Three petitions of right seeking to upset the Jap property liquidation in Exchequer Court are now being prepared by Arthur MacLennan, for presentation within a few days to Hon. Norman McLarty, secretary of state.

Mr. MacLennan, solicitor for the Japanese Property Owners' Association, will suggest to Mr. McLarty, however, that a simpler method of feeding the custodian's jurisdiction be adopted.

This would involve the reference of the broad underlying principles to the Exchequer Court to establish the rights of the various parties.

IN ONE ACTION

The solicitor indicates that a better definition of the principles could be obtained in this manner than by a trial of private actions.

Trailing that, Mr. MacLennan proposes to move on petitions to be made out in the name of a British subject of Jap racial origin and a Japanese national regarding the validity of sales of real estate in Vancouver.

A third petition, in the name of either a naturalized or Canadian-born Jap, would question the farm deal.

The three petitions might be consolidated in one action for purposes of the trial, the lawyer indicated.

NOT THE 'OWNER'

Mr. MacLennan has advised the evacuees that, in his opinion, the Custodian is not entitled to regard himself as the owner of the farms and consequently could not have sold them legally to the Veterans' Land Act director.

The Custodian, it is claimed, merely had control and management of the agricultural lands.

The current issue of The New Canadian, published at Kiaso, records that the association's lawyers take an altruistic attitude.

"The question of remuneration is not our prime concern in this matter," according to a letter quoted from Norris and MacLennan. "We feel very strongly that the Government is unjust in this case and we are anxious to do everything we can to see that justice be obtained."

Nevertheless, the association is pursuing its campaign to raise a \$3500 fund for legal expenses. Its secretary has collected \$1250 so far. Additional sums have been contributed by sympathetic Occidentals, the secretary declared.

PRISONER BECAPTURED

MONTREAL, June 29—(CP)—Hugo Forster, escaped German prisoner of war, has been recaptured.

U.S. War Work Expert Bared As Nazi Spy

NEW YORK, June 29—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today the arrest of a second man on charges of espionage in gathering vital war information for the German High Command.

E. E. Conroy, chief of the FBI New York office, said that Erwin Harry De Spretter, 53, had been arrested and charged with collaborating with Ernest Frederick Lehmitz, who admitted before a U.S. Commissioner yesterday that he sent news of American war preparations to the Nazi intelligence system.

Dr. Spretter, a consulting engineer for National Defense plants who was educated at the University of Heidelberg, furnished Lehmitz with technical information and other data concerning national defense, with the intention of having Lehmitz forward it to Germany, Conroy said.

Dutch Princess Christened

OTTAWA, June 29—(CP)—Princess Margriet Francisca, third daughter of Prince Bernhard and Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, was christened today according to the rites of the Netherlands Reformed Church.

Attending the service, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, were the parents of the Ottawa-born princess; her grandmother, Queen Wilhelmina, and her two sisters, Princess Beatrix and Princess Irene.

New Coal Strikes Begin in Alabama

WASHINGTON, June 29—(BUP)—New strikes broke out in the Alabama coal fields today, seriously threatening steel production in the state, while a back-to-work movement in the Pennsylvania bituminous regions gained some momentum and virtually all miners in other large soft coal producing areas were in the pits. The new walkouts in Alabama brought the total of United Mine workers now idle in the state to an estimated 17,000 men.

De Gaulle Kin Escapes

NEW YORK, June 29—(AP)—CBS quoted a French-language broadcast of the BBC yesterday as saying that a Fascist brother of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, who

General Union Parley Called on Trolleys

The question of increased basic wage rates for junior motormen and conductors will be laid before a general meeting of the Street Railwaymen's union next Monday night, union president Charles Stewart said today after a conference with British Columbia Electric Railway Company officials.

Union leaders met with W. G. Murrin, company president, to discuss the wage boosts asked by the junior employees, who on Monday threatened to quit work unless granted a basic wage rate to compensate for increased living costs, instead of the present sliding scale.

"We had a long and friendly discussion," said Stewart. "Other than that I have nothing to say except the matter will be presented to a general meeting of the union next Monday night."

Company officials also had no comment on the conference, sought by the union after advising the junior employees the matter should be handled through regular channels.

NOTHING TILL MONDAY

No further action is expected pending the Monday meeting. Under union procedure any walk-out would have to be preceded by a strike vote of the general membership.

At the same time it was indicated an early decision would be handed down by the Regional War Labor Board on the union's applications for a blanket 10-cent-an-hour increase and elimination of the first step in the sliding scale for students.

Decision to confer with the management was made at a Monday night meeting, called after 300 junior members threatened to walk out if they were not granted a basic rate of 69 cents per hour plus 4 1/2 cents hourly bonus.

They based their demand on the increased cost of living and high taxation which many claimed left them with only \$45 or \$50.

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Court Fears Babies Getting Liquor Permits

Liquor permits illegally held by two minors were cancelled by Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson

Soviets Beat Off Non-Stop Air Attacks

MOSCOW, June 29—(Front Line Dispatches)—Today reported heavy aerial fighting over the approaches to Leningrad with German bomber squadrons attacking around the clock in an attempt to exhaust Soviet fighter units.

Nearly 24 hours of daylight prevail at Leningrad at this season, and the Germans are taking full advantage of the light to send wave after wave of strongly escorted bombers against the city.

Most formations, however, were being intercepted by Soviet fighters some distance from Leningrad.

In one engagement alone, fighters intercepted 50 bombers and 15 fighters and shot down 19 of them. The following day seven more enemy planes were destroyed.

The Red Army hurled back three small German thrusts in the Ukraine during the last 24 hours, the Soviet High Command reported today, and Russian bombers caused big fires and explosions in an attack on Taman, Black Sea port used as a supply base for the enemy's narrowing Kuban bridgehead.

More than 3000 enemy troops were routed in a bayonet charge near Lischansk when the Russians met a German reconnaissance force.

Nazis Say British Cruiser Sunk

LONDON, June 29—(CP)—The Berlin radio claimed today that a German submarine had sunk a British cruiser and torpedoed another vessel in attacks on a Royal Naval squadron in the Mediterranean.

The broadcast, recorded by Reuters News Agency, was without confirmation from any Allied sources.

Ontario Maintains 53-Oz. Rye Ration

TORONTO, June 29—(CP)—Hon. A. St. Clair Gordon, chairman of the Ontario Liquor Control Board, announced today the quantity of liquor and beer

Cologne Again In Heavy

Flying Fortresses Batter Italians in 1800-Mile Raid

By NOLAND NORGAARD Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in North Africa, June 29.—One hundred United States heavy bombers flying roundtrip more than 1800 miles smashed the northern Italian port of Leghorn with several hundred tons of bombs yesterday, damaging a light cruiser and four supply ships and creating havoc in oil tanks, railway yards and industrial plants.

The bombers hammered at the city for nine devastating minutes, and returned home without loss, Allied headquarters announced.

They created such ruin that an official report said, "Five hours after the raid the entire port was still so heavily covered by smoke that accurate inspection of the damage was then impossible."

Later, however, the report stated, "It was learned that all the storage tanks and an oil refinery were ablaze and that an 'inactive' light cruiser and four supply ships in the harbor were damaged."

The Italians admitted "very great" damage at Leghorn and said 175 persons were killed and 300 injured.

Meanwhile RAF Wellingtons raided San Giovanni near the toe of the Italian mainland, and medium bombers and fighters attacked airfields in Sardinia.

Medium bombers ranging over Sardinia encountered heavy enemy opposition both from the ground and in the air. (New attacks upon Reggio Calabria and Messina also were reported by the Italian High Command.)

SARDINIA HIT

Airfields in the Olbia-Venafiorita district in northeast Sardinia were attacked by medium bombers, escorted by fighters that dropped explosives on the barracks, administrative buildings, hangars and dispersal areas in the Alghero-Fertilia district on the northwest coast.

In other forays, fighter-escorted bombers attacked airfields at Mills and Decimomannu to the south.

A dozen enemy aircraft were destroyed in the day's operations, the war bulletin said, and two Allied planes were listed as missing.

Aircraft Escorts Surprised Goering

STOCKHOLM, June 29—(AP)—Reichsmarshal Goering's Es-ser National Zeitung says that the Allied use of aircraft carriers to protect convoys "came as a surprise to the Germans" who have been forced to alter their submarine tactics.

The newspaper said the German Admiralty was attempting to devise new methods of attack and this explained the reduction in U-boat activity.

The paper significantly gave no figures on June sinkings, but said that, prior to June, submarines had sunk 31,000,000 Allied tons (a figure nowhere else confirmed).

NEW ITALIAN ROYAL BABY

LONDON, June 29—(CP)—A fourth daughter has been born to Princess Maria and Crown Prince Umberto of Italy, the Rome radio said.

Battle of Atlantic Menu

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