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AXIS SQUEEZE ON VICHY UNDERWAY

REDS AGAIN LUNGE AT KHARKOV

MEXICAN CROWD BURNS NAZI FLAG—Amid shouts of "let's declare war," a Mexican crowd tore down a big Nazi flag and trampled and burned it during an anti-German demonstration in Mexico City's Central Plaza. A member of the throng holds the burning flag as others watch.

Appear To Be Holding Initiative Elsewhere

Nazi Tank-Led Attack Stopped

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Red Army fought its way forward again from newly established positions on the Kharkov front today, proceeding in a series of lunges through the German fortifications, and appeared to be firmly holding the initiative elsewhere as the Ukrainian offensive entered its third week.

About the Izyum-Barvenkova sector to the south, Marshal Timoshenko's forces were reported to have beaten back a violent German assault led by 150 tanks.

"Repulsing attacks of German Fascist troops in the Izyum-Barvenkova direction, our troops are inflicting heavy losses on enemy tank units," the Soviet Information Bureau announced.

The army newspaper Red Star declared that a German line of pillboxes and trenches before Kharkov had been broken by Soviet infantry and artillery attacks and that the invaders were alleg ing to fortify a series of natural defensive positions to check the onslaught.

Red fliers held aerial superiority in the Kharkov sector and were hammering enemy mechanized forces heavily in the Izyum-Barvenkova area, dispatches said.

Russian cavalrymen, whose squadrons moved up with tanks in the initial attacks, were reported to have dispersed two battalions of German infantry, killing 300 of the enemy.

Hand grenades and bayonets were used by the Russians in close-quarter fighting to crack the Kharkov line, Red Star said. A single group was reported to have taken three pill-boxes and captured eleven German survivors.

The Germans continued to shift

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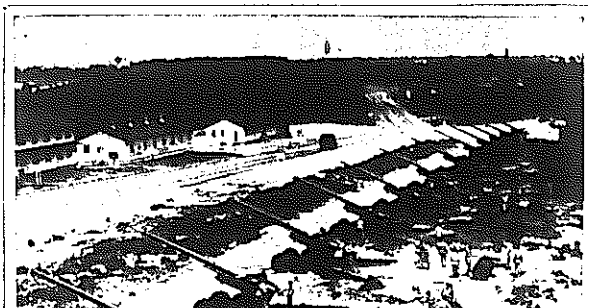

MAMMOTH RIFLES ON PARADE AT FORT BRAGG—Lined up for inspection by Secretary of War Stimson during a recent visit at Fort Bragg are the 155-mm. rifles of a regiment of Col. Walter W. Hess Jr.'s Provisional Field Artillery Brigade. These heavy hitters have a range of about fifteen miles.

French Fleet Threatened By Nazi Action

Italy Reported Demanding Title To Nice and Corsica

LONDON—(AP)—An Axis squeeze play to get the French fleet or grab French territory, or both, was suggested today in parallel reports that Italy had demanded title to Nice and Corsica and that Pierre Laval has consented to the training of German seamen at French naval bases on the characteristics of French warships.

Comparison of the various reports brought out the outlines of a situation in which Germany and Italy each was using the needs of the other to seek her own ends, while the Vichy French Government in the middle, forlornly trying to play off one master against the other.

The Germans were portrayed as using the Italian territorial demands as a threat to force Vichy to give up the French fleet peacefully.

The Italians were described as seeking to bolster their home front's morale by taking a slice of French territory and at the same time using this maneuver as a pretext to keep at home 300,000 Italian soldiers that the Germans would like to have sent to the Russian front.

LAVAL WILY

Pierre Laval, the Vichy Chief of Government and the man on the spot from all angles, was reported by diplomatic observers to have offered to negotiate the Italian demands, with a disarming offer to discuss Tunisia. The Italians have wanted Tunisia since before the World war, but their new demands were reported to deal with Nice and Corsica, so that injection of Tunisia into the discussions would further complicate and possibly delay matters.

Informed sources in London who have underground connections, said that in dealing with Germany, on the other hand, Laval had consented to the training of a considerable number of German seamen at French naval yards and stations to familiarize them with French warships. Possibly less than the Germans want, this still would serve a placatory

These sources said virtually all major units of the French fleet at the Toulon naval base had been drained of oil and did not have enough to reach Algeria in an emergency.

LAVAL AT VICHY

The Berlin radio said Laval had returned to Vichy after week-end conferences in Paris with German officials and his closest collaborators.

Meanwhile, Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, who has just left his post as commander of Britain's Mediterranean Fleet to head the British Admiralty delegation in

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Sees Allied Sea Victory

Says They Can Win In Mediterranean

LONDON—(AP)—Admiral Sir A drew Browne Cunningham, gr recently commander - in - chief Britain's Mediterranean Fle promised "complete victory" tod for the Allies in the Medite ranean, once Britain and the U ted States meet the Axis' air a surface fleets on terms of equali

Admiral Cunningham was nam eight days ago to head the Brit Admiralty delegation in Washin ton and was succeeded in com mand in the Mediterranean Admiral Sir Henry Harwood.

ITALY NEARLY OUT

Although "we have lacked t very essentials of victory" un now, Cunningham declared, "Ita was nearly out of the war" at t end of 1940 as a result of Brit naval and land victories.

He called the present phase the Mediterranean a "campaig of mutual destruction of supp lines" and said that at one tim 50 per cent of Axis supplies Libya were being sunk by air a sea attacks from British forc based on Malta.

Now, however, these attacks a "severely hampered" by Germa attacks on the fortified Brit ish isle, he said.

"As a result of these attack the Germans have been able t move considerable quantities supplies to North Africa recently Cunningham said.

Sir Andrew, who for two an one-half years held the Mediterranean for Britain against th Italian fleet combined with Ita lian and German Air Forces, sa that sea power plus the propor proportion of air power could n be defeated by air power alone.

"We must always have sea pow er," Admiral Cunningham de clared, "but sea power today is an indissoluble adjunct of a power."

This, he asserted, has bee proved by operations in the Medi terranean during his command there.

Disc bomber attacks against ships he said, are "very danger ous."

Chinese Suffer More Reverses

Japs Move Nearer Chekiang Capital —Last British Soldiers Leave Burma

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

China's grim battle to stave off Japanese conquest of Chekiang province on the China East Coast, springboard for a potential Allied offensive against Japan, suffered new reverses today while far to the west the last British defenders of Burma were reported to have withdrawn into India.

Chinese headquarters acknowledged that Japanese troops, estimated at divisions, had advanced within two miles of the ancient walled city of Kinhwa the Chekiang provisional capital.

Chinese dispatches said the Japanese assault on Kinhwa had been thrown back with heavy casualties, but acknowledged that "the situation is still very grave and the coming week will witness even fiercer battles."

Official Chungking dispatches said that the Japanese had lost 3,000 men in vain attempts to storm Kinhwa from three sides and that Chinese troops had routed a Japanese force which captured Wolipao two miles south of Kinhwa.

For the moment at least the Chinese appeared to be holding last despite battlings.

JAPS BOMB HARD

Once again a Chinese spokesman indicated that Japanese aerial superiority was paving Japs with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Armies, declaring that the enemy is continually bombing us in relays."

Domei, the Japanese news agency, said Japanese troops

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Allowance Bill Backed

Military Committee of Senate Acts

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate Military Committee today approved a soldiers' allotment and allowance bill authorizing the Selective Service System and local boards to classify men with wives and children into categories to determine the order of calling them for Army duty.

The bill, different from one already approved by the House Military Committee and awaiting passage of the new Army Pay Bill before it is taken up, provides for deduction of $22 monthly from the enlisted man's pay with the government adding $26 with a $26 contribution to provide a $50 allowance for dependents of men in the lowest pay grades for being expected to pay $12 a month toward support

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U. S., RAF Smash At Germany Seen

American Military Mission Confers With British Opposites

LONDON—(AP)—Ranking United States military leaders conferred tonight with their British opposites at general headquarters and expert observers predicted a massive smash at Germany by the U. S. air force and RAF soon would follow.

The mission, headed by Lieut-Gen Henry H. Arnold and Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chiefs of the Army and Navy Air Forces, also included two top ground officers, Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Major General Mark W. Clark.

Opinion was that the U. S. and Britain were preparing a massive blow at Hitler by air, land and sea before Germany could deal a death blow to Russia. Sizeable forces of U. S. troops already are in northern Ireland with complete invasion equipment.

LOOK INTO PLANS

Arnold and his mission first conferred with American air generals with the AEF to determine how far preliminary plans were advanced.

Their purpose is to confer with the British in talks believed designed to co-ordinate strategy for a master blow against Germany.

Within two hours after stepping from a train that brought them here yesterday from the landing place of a plane which flew them across the Atlantic, Arnold was attending meetings with the chiefs of Britain's fighting forces.

He assumed personal charge of United States air operation plans, taking over a prepared office in American military headquarters. His aides started immediately to check details of the United States air preparation thus far.

Attack Jap Airdromes

Allies Make Raids at Rabaul and Lae

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia —(AP)— Allied bombers shot their way through interception squadrons in blast again yesterday at Japanese airdromes at Rabaul, New Britain, and Lae, New Guinea, it was announced officially today.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said four Japanese planes were shot down, two on each foray. One Allied plane was lost in combat in the Lae raid, where heavy anti-aircraft fire and a strong fighter force were encountered.

For the second time within 24 hours, the Vunakanau airdrome and its installations were the targets at Rabaul.

"Aircraft on the ground were damaged and large fires were started in the building area," said the communique, which made no reference to Japanese offensive activity.

Air Minister Arthur S. Drakeford announced that many RAAF fliers

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Webb Girl Takes Stand

Denies She "Lured" Woman to Death

NEW YORK — (AP)—Dark-haired Madeline Webb, fighting for her life at her General Sessions trial for first degree murder, denied from the witness stand today that she had "lured" Mrs. Susan Flora Reich to her death by strangulation at the Hotel Sutton last March as the State has charged she did.

The pretty former model, accused with her lover, Eli Shonbrun, and John D. Cullen, of the slaying of Mrs. Reich, wife of a New Jersey war processor, asserted shortly after she took the stand in her own defense that she was not present in the Hotel Sutton suite at the time Mrs. Reich was bound and gagged and left to die.

Asked if she had at any time in the Sutton apartment or anywhere else discussed with Shonbrun, Cullen and Murray Hirsch, Shonbrun's uncle, the "luring of someone to the hotel to kill for the purpose of robbery," Miss Webb began:

"I would never—" as Assistant District Attorney Jacob Grumet objected.

"No no, no" exclaimed the 28-year-old girl from Stillwater, Okla.

Miss Webb, whose hopes for a Broadway stage career ended in her trial for murder, testified that

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Soldiers Get Enough Sweets

JERSEY CITY, N. J. —(AP)— Don't worry, Mom, the Army says it is doing fight by you in seeing that your fighting son gets enough sweet spreads for bread.

Captain A. F. Walsh, who has charge of the jelly, jam and marmalade purchases at the Jersey City Quartermaster Depot, said today that 500,000 pounds, or about twenty carloads of the stuff is consumed daily by the Army. That, the officer added, represents almost a third of the output of the nation's manufacturers of these foods and costs $90,000 a day.

Jam is an important part of the soldier's diet, rated an important element in the increase of his weight, an average of 7½ pounds during his first 90 days as a soldier.

Report U. S. Ship Was Torpedoed

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica —(AP)— The newspaper La Tribuna reported today that a submarine had torpedoed a United States merchant ship in the Caribbean 30 miles from the Costa Rica coast, but said the crew had been rescued by an American destroyer.

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"The Coat Gland Doctor" Is Dead

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—(AP)— Death today closed the turbulent medical political and radio career of Dr. John Brinkley, 56, originator of the operation screened known popularly as "the goat gland doctor."

Dr. Brinkley died in his sleep at 2 A. M. Central War Time of a heart ailment which followed the amputation of a leg in Kansas City several months ago. He had been under the care of physicians at Del Rio and San Antonio since his return to Texas.

Old U. S. Destroyer Damaged By Torpedo

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Navy announced today that the World War destroyer Blakeley had been damaged by an enemy torpedo in the Caribbean Sea, but had reached port with ten members of her crew reported missing and six injured.

The announcement came in the Navy's communique No. 81.

The Blakeley was the thirteenth naval vessel announced as sunk or damaged from all causes and was the first combatant ship reported attacked in the Caribbean.

The Blakeley was of 1,090 tons standard displacement and was built at William Cramp and Sons, Philadelphia. She was launched Sept. 19, 1918 and commissioned May 8, 1919.

She was named for Captain Johnston Blakeley, a native of Ireland who was lost at sea on the Wasp in 1814.

John Barrymore Better

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)— Actor John Barrymore's condition was definitely improved today.

Attendants at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital said Barrymore had spent his most restful night since he was stricken last week, that he is conscious much of the time and is able to take a little nourishment.

More Than One Sub Attacked Off Brazil--Single Sinking Confirmed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—(AP)— A high source said today that it was understood that more than one submarine was attacked in the battle near Fortaleza on Brazil's northeast coast three days ago in which one submarine was sunk by United States planes.

The anti-submarine attacks by United States forces were part of a great activity off Brazil's northeast coast, including an assault on another Brazilian merchantman by a submarine and the rescue of an estimated 40 survivors from an unidentified vessel.

As a result, Brazil increased her defense preparations.

Authoritative sources at Fortaleza said the sinking of the submarine was confirmed by the appearance of a large oil slick and wreckage on the surface. They were unable to name the aviators involved, or to give further details.

Earlier reports said the submarine attacked for and when it first was attacked by one United States plane, joined later by at least three others.

U. S. SILENT

Although an authorized announcement at Fortaleza yesterday was positive in stating that the submarine had been sunk, Brazilian authorities here said they had issued official information and United States authorities here denied having the slightest confirmation of this report.

A high Brazilian source said it was possible that the submarine which was sunk was the same raider which bombarded without making the Brazilian ship Comandante Lyra.

It should there be a submarine supply base near their but the raiders must be receiving supplies in some manner near-by, or they would be unable to cruise the shipping lane for long times as

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$42 Service Pay Proponents Fear House Record Vote On $50 Issue

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Fearful of the outcome of a record vote on whether to establish a $50 monthly minimum pay base for the armed forces, House proponents of a $42 floor cast about today for some means of averting a roll-call when the bill comes up tomorrow.

They conceded privately that it would be difficult to retain the $42 recommended by a Senate-House Conference Committee if the issue were put squarely to a vote, which Representative Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, said he would demand.

It was Rankin who proposed the amendment overwhelmingly adopted by the House May 15 to increase the base pay of privates and apprentice seamen to $50. The Senate had voted the $42 figure and this was accepted by the House Military Committee. The present pay is $21 for the first four months of service $30 for the first eight, and $40 monthly after one year.

"It would be political suicide, this close to the elections, to vote against raising it to $50," said one military committee member who said he favored the $42 proposal. "If we can avoid a roll-call vote, and there may be ways to do it, there will be no difficulty in retaining the $42, but there's not a chance to do it on a record vote."

Veteran House observers said they did not know how a record vote could be avoided if Rankin and enough other members insisted on one.

TIME ELEMENT

Economy-minded members were expected to rely heavily on the time element in their arguments for the $42 compromise. They pointed out that the bill would not

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Americans Die in Australian Crash

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia —(AP)— Several members of the United States Army Air Corps, including an officer, and two members of the Australian Air Force were killed when a Douglas liner under charter to the United States crashed in central Australia yesterday morning.

Motor failure was blamed for the crash.

The names of the victims were not announced.

WEATHER

Slightly warmer tonight.

Today's Temp.: H., 78; L., 6
Sunset Today 8:2
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:1

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