

Soviet Warplanes Sink 10 Nazi Transports

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2 OR 3 JAP CARRIERS SUNK WITH ALL PLANES IN GREAT U. S. SEA VICTORY

China Holding Chuhsien

SHIPS ARE PICKED OUT OF CONVOYS

May Have Been Headed For Sea Try At Leningrad

MOSCOW, June 6 (AP).—In a sudden eruption of warfare in the Baltic, Stormovik dive-bombers of the Soviet fleet air arm have sunk 10 German vessels, nine of them transports, in assaults upon three convoys and on a Nazi naval base, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

Seven of the enemy vessels were reported sent to the bottom in attacks on one convoy and the naval base, and the three others in a second convoy while a third convoy was declared scattered in an earlier operation. The radio announcement said further that an ammunition dump was blown up and anti-aircraft batteries knocked out at the undisciplined naval base.

More Invasion Bents
(The big scale German naval activity in the Baltic followed Stockholm reports Friday that the Germans were moving flat-bottomed invasion boats through the Kiel canal to the Baltic.)

(Among the possibilities suggested by their transfer to the Baltic was that Hitler might now be planning a sea-borne thrust to knock out Leningrad, Russia's second city, which has withstood siege by his land forces for almost a year.)

Sweden Target?
(There also have been suggestions that Germany might try a 1942 invasion of Sweden, particularly if the United Nations move into Norway.)

Three German battalions, supported by 35 tanks, were reported in one sector of the German-Russian front with losses of about 500 killed and 16 tanks destroyed, dispatches reported tonight. He reportedly had flown to a rear base earlier in the week.

Rommel's heavy return to the desert, "couldn't" west of the Knightbridge camel crossing was reported authoritatively and viewed as new evidence that the Nazi armored and mechanized units were being mated by a massive force of British tanks and infantry advancing from the east.

JAP SUB IS SUNK

Allied Plane Destroys Another Off Australia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, June 7 (AP).—An allied plane has destroyed another Japanese submarine, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

This raised the total to seven and possibly nine within a week.

Could It Mean No Rationing?

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP).—Fuel co-ordinator Ickes advised Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) today that "it appears impracticable to impose restrictions" on petroleum deliveries in areas where there is no shortage.

Aiken said he understood this to mean that the co-ordinator did not contemplate nationwide gasoline rationing at this time.

Weather Report

Little temperature change Sunday; local thunderstorms in north portion and near upper coast.

War's Murder; We Must Murder Best

We'll Be Twice As Tough As Foe—Brown

LOS ANGELES, June 6 (AP).—Warning against over-optimism, Cecil Brown, CBS radio correspondent, asserted today "America should not waste time being indignant when our aviators are machine gunned as they bail out of disabled craft or are floating helplessly in rubber boats. We should do the same to enemy aviators."

6000 Planes Used In Week's Sweeps

3000 Bombers And As Many Fighters Rule Air Over Occupied Coast In Mighty Aerial Stabs

LONDON, June 6 (AP).—The RAF's monster seven-day offensive, in which between 6000 and 7000 planes have been used by day and by night, smashed to weekend climax with a third powerful night assault last night on Germany's industrialized Ruhr and a daylight sweep today which perhaps overshadowed all the others over the doorstep of Hitler's Europe.

The air ministry news service said German army units at a Normandy encampment were blown high into the air at noon when Hurricane bombers with a Spitfire escort roared over at nearby ground level. They encountered no German fighters.

England Lightly Bombed
A few enemy aircraft were reported over the English south coast today. Bombs were dropped but damage and number of casualties were declared small.

Hundreds of Britain's fighter craft appeared to rule the air over the enemy-occupied coast tonight as British bombers estimated that more than 3000 bombers in the past week had dropped their destructive explosives on cities of the Reich. (Turn to Page 5, Column 3.)

OUTPUT SOARS

Production To Be More Than Doubled—Nelson

DETROIT, June 6 (AP).—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, completed a whirlwind tour of automotive industry war plants late today with a forecast that American industry could "more than double present production by 1944."

Nelson, praising the automotive industry as "the pacemaker of difficult war production jobs," said America's war plants, given sufficient raw materials, could continue increasing its output of armaments every month until the year 1944.

War In Brief

CHUNGKING—Chinese claim to be holding besieged Chuhsien, taking terrific toll in Jap dead; 11,000 reported slain.

MOSCOW—Soviet dive-bombers sink 10 Nazi troop transports in convoys heading possibly for a sea-borne drive at Leningrad.

HONOLULU—U. S. fleet wins great Pacific sea battle, sinking two Jap aircraft carriers and possibly a third and damaging seriously two enemy battleships, four cruisers and three troop transports.

ADDRESS, ENSIGN TO WED
NEW YORK, June 6 (INS).—Jo Ann Sayers, 23-year-old screen actress; and Ensign Anthony A. Bliss, 29, U. S. N., one of New York's most eligible young socialites, obtained a marriage license today.

NIPS PAY HUGE TOLL IN DRIVE

11,000 Killed As Defenders Refuse To Yield City

CHUNGKING, June 6 (UP).—The bloody battle for Chuhsien (Chuchow) has lost the Japanese at least 1000 men a day, and besieged Chinese defenders still are holding out behind the ancient walls of the vital western Chekiang rail center, military communiques reported tonight.

(Tokio broadcasts said Japanese invaders occupied Chuhsien today after seizing its nearby Allied air base during the morning.)

11,000 Japs Killed
Since the enemy converged on Chuhsien from three directions, more than 11,000 Japanese have been killed or wounded, many in bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the city's environs.

Official Chungking reports acknowledged the gravity of the Chinese position, but said that countless Japanese spearheads were being hurled back at the city's walls.

The Japanese attack followed the usual pattern, with a force of 100,000 employed in an encircling movement.

13 MORE DIE IN REPRISAL

LONDON, June 6 (INS).—The German-controlled Prague radio tonight announced that another 13 Czech patriots were executed by Nazi firing squads today in reprisal for the assassination of gестаapo "Hannau" Reinhard Heydrich.

This brought to at least 221 the number of Czechs executed, according to Nazi radio announcements, since Heydrich was fatally wounded at Prague ten days ago.

State President



Mrs. Florene Carney, above, Saturday was chosen president-elect of the State Business and Professional Women's clubs at their annual convention in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Carney, executive secretary of the Port Arthur Community Chest, long has been a leader of the local B.P.W. club, which sent a large delegation to the convention. Other officers named are: Dr. Mattie L. Wooten, Denton, first vice president; Mrs. Jane B. Johnson, Dallas, recording secretary; Mrs. Helen Maddux Crockett, San Angelo, corresponding secretary; and Miss Pauline Hattenbuehler, Tyler, treasurer.

PLANTS MUST COMPLY WITH BLACKOUT RULES

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP).—All manufacturing plants must comply with blackout instructions issued by defense commands in which they are situated, the war department announced today, even though this means a temporary cessation of production.

Damage Toll Of Warships Is Set At 12

Other Nip Losses: Damaged, 2 Carriers, 3 Battleships, 4 Cruisers, 3 Transports; U. S. Loses 'Some Planes'

HONOLULU, T. H., June 6 (UP).—The United States navy, in its greatest sea victory of the Pacific war, destroyed two and possibly three Japanese aircraft carriers, damaged 11 or 12 warships, including three battleships, four cruisers and three transports in an historic battle near Midway island half a year after the Nipponese peace-time attack on Pearl Harbor.

Jubilantly proclaiming that "Pearl Harbor has been partially avenged," Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, announced that a crushing defeat had been inflicted on the Japanese navy and that "our citizens can now rejoice that a momentous victory is in the making."

In contrast to the terrific losses suffered by the Japanese fleet in the three-day engagement, the American forces sustained but one hit on an aircraft carrier and lost "some planes," Admiral Nimitz' communique announced. Casualties among American personnel were light.

U. S. HITS WITH DEADLY IMPACT

"This is the balance sheet," the communique recounted dramatically, "that the army, navy and marine forces of this area offer their country this morning."

American warcraft and planes struck with deadly impact against the strong enemy fleet, shattered its dreadnaughts and blasted to the bottom some of its carriers and crippled other naval units apparently headed for an attack in force on Midway or perhaps Hawaii itself.

Most of the Japanese aircraft mothered by the carriers were lost when the big ships went down before the blazing guns of the American attackers. It was estimated conservatively 100 Japanese planes were lost.

PEARL HARBOR PARTLY AVENGED

It was on Sunday, just six months ago, that the Japanese made their peace time attack on our fleet and army activities at Oahu.

"At that time they created heavy damage, it is true, but their act aroused that grim determination of our citizenry to

avenge such treachery and it raised, not lowered, the morale of our fighting men.

"Pearl Harbor now has been partially avenged. Vengeance will not be complete until Japanese sea-power has been reduced to impotence.

"We have made substantial progress in that direction. Perhaps we will be forgiven if we claim we are about midway to our objective!

"The battle is not over. All returns have not yet been received. It is with full confidence, however, that for this phase of action the following enemy losses are claimed:

"Two or three carriers and all their aircraft destroyed; one or two carriers badly damaged, with most of their aircraft lost; three battleships damaged, at least one badly; four cruisers damaged, of which two were damaged heavily; three transports damaged.

"It is possible some of these wounded ships will not be able to reach their bases.

"One American carrier was hit and some planes lost. American personnel casualties were light."

It Began 6 Months Ago--But Now Look

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP).—A half-year of war was closing for the United States tonight much as it began, with a major battle in the mid-Pacific. There was, however, one striking and important difference which in a measure expresses what six months of fighting have done for America's services and its people as well.

Got Hot Reception
The attack on Pearl Harbor caught American forces with their guard down. The result was disaster. An admiral and a general were set down because they had failed to co-ordinate their efforts, because they had not ordered their forces to go on the alert.

But when the Japanese struck at Midway island the other day they met a hot reception and it got hotter day by day.

Between Pearl Harbor and the great and victorious battle off Midway lay nearly six months of disheartening defeats, illumined occasionally by brilliant victories, and everywhere made notable by proof of the man-for-man fighting

So The Japs Wanted A Fight, Eh?



ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ

Fighting Texan takes measure of Japanese in Pacific.

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SILENCE BIG SEGMENT OF POWER

In damaging three battleships and four cruisers and putting out of action a total of possibly five aircraft carriers, American naval and military might silenced a large segment of Japanese sea-borne gunpower and destroyed a huge part of Nipponese aerial striking force.

Admiral Nimitz made it plain that the great engagement, centering around the coral atolls of the Midway group, still was not over but that it was a great triumph thus far for the American forces.

It was possible that this United States victory may prove to be a turning point in the far-flung war of the Pacific. Beaten and shattered, with uncounted hundreds of Japanese sailors and soldiers lost, the Japanese fleet already had been reported to be "withdrawing" from Midway before tonight's communique told of the utter rout and annihilation of the enemy.

At the start of the war, the Japanese were believed to have had nine aircraft carriers. Since then, a number of vessels were believed to have been converted into carriers.

Unofficially naval experts said the loss of carriers to the Japanese fleet, including one known sunk and one probably sunk in the Coral sea and one converted carrier known sunk in the raid on the Marshall and Gilbert islands—plus the known losses today—would be "exceedingly serious."

It was estimated unofficially the Japanese have lost definitely, at least, more than one-third of their aircraft carriers.

Admiral Nimitz, in his second communique on the battle of Midway, announced that "although it is too early to claim a major Japanese disaster, United States control remains firm in the Midway battle area."

Because Nimitz always is exceedingly careful to be conservative (Turn to Page 5, Column 2)

WIFE DIES, BEAUMONT MAN ENDS OWN LIFE

BEAUMONT, June 6.—Fred R. Miller, 71, whose wife died here Wednesday, was found dead at his home, 1215 Magnolia avenue, late Saturday with a pistol bullet wound in the head.

Justice of the Peace Horace Blades returned an inquest verdict of suicide. The body was discovered by a stevedore, W. T. Butler, Blades said Miller apparently had been dead for several hours before he was discovered. He was a retired plumber.

Bronnars' mortuary will announce the rites.

BRITAIN HAILS U. S. SEA VICTORY
NEW YORK, June 6 (AP).—The British radio said tonight the United States navy's defeat of the Japanese off Midway "obviously adds up to one of the greatest sea victories of the war."

"The highlights of the story show that the American forces engaged have earned the gratitude of the world," said the BBC commentator, heard here by CBS. "We send them congratulations from London."

TAXICABS' MILEAGE MAY BE REGULATED
WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP).—Specific operating mileage restrictions soon may be imposed on taxicabs, trucks, buses and government-operated automobiles throughout the nation, it was reported today in informed quarters.

MYRNA LOY IS WED TO SPORTS TYCOON
NEW YORK, June 6 (INS).—Screen Star Myrna Loy was married to John D. Hertz, Jr., Chicago advertising executive and sports tycoon, in a surprise ceremony in New York tonight.

FIGHTERS: YOUR CHIEF SALUTES YOU
WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP).—Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, today congratulated members of the Pacific fleet "who have so gallantly and effectively repelled the enemy advance on Midway."

The admiral's message, addressed to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, said:

"The navy, marine corps and coast guard join in admiration of the American naval, marine and army forces, who have so gallantly and effectively repelled the enemy advance on Midway, and I am confident that their comrades in arms will continue to make enemy realize that war is hell."