

3 Jap Carriers, Battleship Blasted by U.S. Planes Final Cherbourg Assault Is On

Rest of Fleet Gets Away; 14 Ships Hit

U.S. carrier planes caught up at last with the elusive Japanese fleet on Monday and destroyed or damaged 14 ships, including a battleship and three carriers, a Pearl Harbor communique announced yesterday, but the rest of the fleet slunk away in the darkness and the American warships could not bring them to battle.

But the sinking of four and possibly five Jap ships and the damaging of others by the U.S. planes, plus the destruction of 353 Jap planes, was the heaviest blow struck at the dwindling Japanese Navy in more than a year. Two aircraft-carriers and a battleship of Adm. Raymond J. Spruance's Fifth Fleet were damaged, but not seriously enough to impair their fighting power, and 49 U.S. planes were lost, 21 in combat.

The Japanese ship losses were:
Sunk—One carrier of the powerful new Hayataka class; three fleet tankers; possibly one destroyer.

Damaged—One Hayataka-class carrier hit heavily and left burning furiously; another carrier, believed to be the 20,000-ton Zuikaku, hit three times with 1,000-pound bombs; one light cruiser, probably of the 10,000-ton Zuiho or Taiho class, hit by at least one bomb; one battle-



Cross marks scene of clash ship of the old 30,000-ton Kongo class, one cruiser, two destroyers in addition to the one listed as possibly sunk, and two tankers.

The engagement, about midway between Saipan, in the Marianas, and Luzon, in the Philippines, opened Sunday when planes from the Jap fleet sought to attack the American task force. In this attempt, which proved disastrous for the enemy, the Jap plane losses previously had been estimated at 300, but Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique yesterday gave the exact count as 353—335 shot down by U.S. fighters and 18 by the ships' anti-aircraft fire.

The next day, U.S. reconnaissance planes finally located the Jap fleet, which included at least four battleships, a half dozen carriers and an unspecified number

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The War Today

France—American troops launch all-out final attack on Cherbourg around whole 20-mile defense perimeter. . . . Defenses blasted by waves of Allied planes in tremendous 80-minute bombardment after Germans ignore 8 AM surrender ultimatum.

Air War—U.S. Forts, Libs give robot sites in Pas de Calais sixth heavy pounding in 36 hours. . . . Medium, light and fighter-bombers soften up Cherbourg fortifications.

Pacific—U.S. carrier planes catch Jap fleet between Marianas and Philippines and sink or damage 14 ships, including one battleship and three carriers. . . . rest of enemy fleet escape before U.S. warships can bring it to battle.

Italy—Allies 27 miles from Adriatic port of Ancona. . . . German casualties in last 31 days put unofficially at 80,000 to 100,000.

Russia—Red Army opens two new offensives 225 miles east of Vipuri, threatening to cut across waist of Finland. . . . Stockholm hears rumors of Russian "last chance" offer of armistice to Finns.

From the ETO to Russia



In the first two-way strategic bombing mission from Britain to Russia, U.S. Eighth AF long-range bombers and fighters landed in Russia after attacking Germany.

U.K. Heavies, Fighters Hit Reich, Land in Soviet

A U.S. AIR BASE SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIA, June 22—Long-range bombers and fighters of the U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force were being refueled here today after making the first two-way strategic bombing mission from Britain to the Soviet Union.

Escorted by American and Soviet fighters, the bombers landed here yesterday after attacking synthetic-oil refineries and installations in Ruhrland, 50 miles southeast of Berlin, and other targets in Germany.

In what was probably the longest fighter-escort mission ever made, Mustangs of the Eighth Air Force accompanied the "large number" of heavies from Britain to the bases here. Yak planes of the Red Air Force joined in the latter part of the flight.

Eastern Command of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe announced that three bombers and two fighters were lost in the mission. The fighters reported the destruction of five enemy planes, while the bombers were credited with one.

"Weather over the target was fair and results were excellent. Light fighter opposition was encountered and anti-aircraft fire varied from light to intense," the communique said.

High-ranking Soviet and American officers greeted the airmen as they landed. Russian girls also were on hand to shower them with bouquets of flowers.

"Shuttle raids place any given point in Germany or her satellites within reach of the Allied air forces," the colonel in command of the American bombers said on arrival here.

German News Agency reported yesterday that the planes landed at a field near Poltava, and that the base was raided Wednesday night by 100 Luftwaffe bombers. Poltava is in the Ukraine about 100 miles southwest of Kharkov.

The presence of the American bases in the Soviet Union was revealed June 2. Italy-based long-range bombers and fighters landed there for the first time after bombing military objectives in Rumania.

Loss of Tanker To Sub Is Bared

The American tanker Seakay, set afire by a torpedo in mid-Atlantic, was lost several weeks ago, the U.S. War Shipping Administration announced yesterday.

More than 80 merchant seamen and Navy gunners were aboard the vessel, but only one life was lost, it was reported. The ship was bound for the ETO with a full cargo of vapor oil and a deck load of war material.

FDR Signs Into Law The 'GI Bill of Rights'

WASHINGTON, June 22—President Roosevelt today signed the so-called "GI bill of rights," known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

As finally adopted by House and Senate, after long consideration by a conference committee, the measure provides veterans education benefits and unemployment compensation and guarantees loans up to \$2,000 for purchases of homes, farms or businesses.

U.S. Heavies From Italy Attack Plants at Turin
ALGIERS, June 22—Mediterranean-based heavy bombers today attacked Fiat plants at Turin in northern Italy and motor-repair shops at Chivasso, 12 miles southwest of Turin, Algiers radio said tonight.

Extend War-Time Controls
WASHINGTON, June 22—Legislation to extend war-time price, wage and rent controls for another year went to the White House today following final congressional approval.

Ultimatum Ignored, Yanks Move In After Great Air Barrage

American troops drove a steel semi-circle around Cherbourg yesterday and launched a full-scale attack all along the 20-mile perimeter of its defenses in a supreme final push to wipe out the German defenders and capture the great port.

The assault was opened after waves of U.S. and British medium bombers, dive-bombers and fighters, some roaring down to within 100 feet of their targets, poured tons of high explosives on the hapless Nazis in a blinding bombardment which lasted 80 solid minutes. It was the closest co-ordinated air and land attack of the campaign.

An ultimatum had been broadcast by the Allied army field radio station in Normandy calling on the German garrison to surrender by 8 AM yesterday and giving detailed instructions for the procedure. It warned that "if you do not stop the fight now you will never see your homeland again," that "thousands of planes are waiting for the signal to rain death on you."

Defense Area in Flames
But 8 AM passed without a white flag, and 9, 10, 11 and 12. At 12.40 PM the straining Allied air fleets struck. There were hundreds of Thunderbolts, Mustangs, Marauders and Havocs, plus RAF wings. A Reuter correspondent at the front reported that "the bulk of the U.S. Ninth Air Force" was concentrated on that one mission. One Thunderbolt wave alone sent 23 tons of bombs hurtling down on the target. Pilots reported that the whole defense area was in flames when they left. Artillery took up the bombardment where the planes left off.

Then U.S. infantrymen struck around the entire strongly-defended German arc, 4 1/2 to five miles deep, around Cherbourg, moving through the green hills in bright sunlight.

The encirclement of the Cherbourg forts was almost completed last night, and U.S. forces threatened to trap the Nazi defenders remaining on the two tips of the peninsula by thrusts east and west of the city toward the Channel coast on the north. The Yanks captured St. Pierre Eglise, cutting the last road into Cherbourg from the east, advancing to within two miles of the northern coast

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Allies 27 Miles From Italy Port

Allied troops storming up the east coast of Italy yesterday were reported only 27 miles from the important port and naval base of Ancona, a Reuter dispatch from the front said.

Inland, Eighth Army forces captured Umbra and Camerino, ten and 20 miles northeast of Foggia, which itself is 20 miles southeast of Perugia, Algiers radio announced. British troops which Wednesday took Fermo, five miles inland from Porto San Giorgio on the coastal railway running south of Ancona, have advanced several miles to Adagio.

On the west coast, Fifth Army troops on Highways 1 and 73 were 15 miles north of Grosseto.

German casualties in Italy in the last 31 days were unofficially estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 killed, wounded or captured, dispatches from Fifth Army headquarters said.

The report added that 27 or 28 German divisions had been absorbed by the fighting in Italy and that 25 of them already had seen action.

Senate Votes Infantry Raise

WASHINGTON, June 22—The Senate passed and sent to the House yesterday an Army-indorsed bill which would boost the pay of expert infantrymen \$5 to \$10 a month.

A \$5 increase would go to infantrymen who attain a standard of proficiency or perform satisfactorily in combat, while a \$10 raise would reward exemplary conduct in action of satisfactory duty in a "major operation."

Supporting the measure, an Army spokesman asserted that infantrymen faced greater dangers than airmen and paratroopers, who receive as much as 50 per cent extra a month.

Russians Open 2 New Assaults

Aim at Cutting Into Center Of Finland; 'Last Chance' Offer to Finns Reported

While the Red Army emphasized the might of its arms in the north by opening two new offensives aimed at cutting across the waist of Finland, a series of unconfirmed reports came from Stockholm yesterday that Moscow had given the Finns one last chance to seek an armistice and save their country from devastation.

One of the principal conditions, according to a Reuter Stockholm dispatch attributed to "a usually reliable informant," was the Finns' return to their 1940 frontier, which would give the USSR the newly captured port of Vipuri and all the Karelian Isthmus between the Gulf of Finland and Lake Ladoga, plus a sizable area along the eastern boundary with Russia at the Arctic Circle.

The Stockholm Aftonbladet, publishing a similar report, said the Red Army desired freedom of movement in Finland, especially air bases in central Finland, for use against the seven Nazi divisions in the north, and also bases on the Aaland Islands at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland between Sweden and Finland.

Launched on Isthmus
The new Soviet offensives were launched on the Aunus Isthmus between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, about 100 miles east of Ladoga. Both areas are virtually due east of Vipuri, about 225 miles away. At the northern end of Onega the Russians seized the town of Medvezhyagora on the Murmansk-Helsinki railway and at the southern end they drove the Finns back across the Svir River roughly paralleling the Stalin Canal between the two big lakes.

Meanwhile, the Karelian drive beyond Vipuri continued, with the Russians advancing at a pace that led some Finnish circles in Stockholm to fear they would sweep into Helsinki, 125 miles from Vipuri, in a week.

The Soviet Information Bureau, reviewing three years of war with Germany—the USSR was invaded June 22, 1941—said that in that period the Nazis lost more than 7,800,000 officers and men in killed and prisoners, up to 70,000 tanks, 60,000 aircraft and more than 90,000 guns.

It said the German Army was "now facing a complete rout," in part attributable to the "considerable contribution" of the U.S. and Britain in providing strategic raw materials and arms.

Predicts FDR Will End Silence on a 4th Term

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, leaving the White House after an appointment with the President, told newsmen today he believed Mr. Roosevelt would make a public statement shortly after the Republican National Convention, "taking the people and the Democratic Party into his confidence" concerning his attitude on a fourth term.

The GOP convention opens in Chicago Monday.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Hash Marks

The \$64 question. When a second lieutenant is assigned to Supreme Headquarters does that make him a Shaef-tail? Lt. Herb Caen is still a little groggy from a recent incident. He finally met a Bobby who, upon giving directions,



askshilly said, "You go down this road to the left, take the second turning on the right, go over the hill and it's a hundred yards from there, south by southeast—you'll probably miss it!"

Bennett Cerf's definition of a Meteorologist: A man who can look into a girl's eyes and tell whether.

From T/5 Benedict Borrazzo comes another terse verse: Mess Hall: Grub Pub.

If you don't watch out, those old civilian habits will creep up on you. Ann Pennick, WAC Sgt. at a Lib base PRO office, used to be an attendant for a child specialist. The other day she startled the office by absentmindedly answering the phone, "Hello, children's clinic."

From Pvt. David Houser comes this little verse, with apologies to "The Purple Cow":

I've never seen A. Hitler, I never hope to see him. But since I'm his belittler, I'd rather see than be him.

Try and stop us if you've heard this one. A Pfc, strolling around, passed a group of British kids staring intently into a pig sty. Looking the situation over, he exclaimed, "My, isn't that a big, fat sow!" A youngster promptly retorted, "I should think it would be; them ten little 'uns have been blowing it up for the past half hour."

Minefields and booby traps are nasty, but our spy on the Normandy front reports how a British medical corps



soldier used them to his advantage. Advancing with the troops, he came across a nest of fresh eggs, but didn't have time to pick them up and take them with him. So he hastily scribbled a sign, "Booby Trap" and placed it over the nest. When he returned the eggs were still there, untouched, and ready for the frying pan.

Signs of the Times (or trouble in reverse). A WAC private attached to Camp Hale, Colorado, is suing her husband for divorce—because when SHE returned home she found him in the arms of another woman.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Wonder what keeps them outta the Army!"

Movies Come to Yanks in France

Pvt. Rooney Cavorts —By Courtesy of The S & S

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer CARENTAN, France, June 20 (delayed)—This town's only movie house, Le Jeanne d'Arc, which for the last four years provided entertainment for German soldiers and their girl friends, last night housed more than 1,000 paratroopers for the first film show staged in a theater for Americans in France.

Where a couple of weeks ago the Jerries were seeing Magda Schneider and Heinz Engelmann in the Nazi-produced "Jeunes Filles," the Yanks, according to the owner of the theater, enjoyed themselves a helluva lot more looking and laughing at Mickey Rooney (now Pvt. Rooney) in "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble."

The show was staged by The Stars and Stripes, which besides gathering, publishing and circulating news in Normandy, also finds time to show a picture now and again with equipment not on its TE, but which it managed to lug across the Channel and operate until additional Special Service units get here. Shows were staged in the last week in tents and barracks, but last night marked the first time comfortable seats and a legitimate theater were available.

The movie house is owned by Marc Mouchel-Cafosse, 30-year-old English-speaking Frenchman, who enthusiastically declared it was "a pleasure, monsieurs," to open the theater for the "parachutes." The theater is equipped with American-made machinery for 35mm. film, and when The Stars and Stripes turned up with 16mm. stuff M. Mouchel-Cafosse assigned three of his engineers to run the



A Yank in Normandy takes time off from his duties to read The Stars and Stripes

projector. A second lieutenant, on his way to the front, stopped off for a couple of hours to lend a hand. The theater equipment, stocked in Paris before the war, was brought to Carentan about a year ago and used mainly to entertain the German garrisons in this vicinity. Civilians, with the exception of the soldiers' girl friends, were barred, and all pictures furnished by the Wehrmacht were loaded with Nazi pro-

paganda, according to M. Mouchel-Cafosse. There was one German-produced film in the theater when the town fell last week. It was turned over to U.S. authorities. Last night's show was split into two performances and the only complaint from the paratroopers was that those blonde twins Pvt. (just inducted) Rooney couldn't handle were on the screen and not in the audience.

S&S Writer's 49-Cent Tour of Normandy

By G. K. Hodenfield Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH U.S. FORCES IN NORMANDY, June 21 (delayed)—A U.S. soldier's 49-cent tour of Normandy: Most of it was made in a commandeered German command car, so Germanic you have to yell "sieg heil" three times in order to get it started. It is now operated by the courtesy of the U.S. Army.

Signs of the times: No two-bomb blasted buildings in Valognes; Yanks have placed penciled signs, "Termites" and "Closed for alterations," on buildings in the town.

Relationships: In Montebourg, a civilian rushed to the car, showed an entry in a last-war book to prove he had been cited for bravery in action with the Americans. He also bought a round of drinks.

Befuddled prophets: In another village, Germans pasted posters on buildings showing huge snail crawling along the instep of the heel of Italy. British and American flags represented the snails. Rome pictured as many miles away and caption said: "It's a long way to Rome." It was most puzzling because caption was

written in English rather than the usual French. Adaptation: One infantry division has a collection of ammunition carriers being towed behind jeeps as trailers which originally were property of the Wehrmacht, and German lettering still can be seen on the back; but over all the printing is scrawled in huge letters with blue crayon: "U.S.A."

If this weren't being censored, I'd inclose some personal remarks addressed

to Hitler which also are inscribed on the trailers. Rewards: To all good men come the fruits of their labors, it says here in small print. Two officers, one assigned to civil affairs and another to quartermaster, were told by two farm women that two German snipers were hiding in the barn. They promptly captured them. The farm women were so overjoyed they gave the officers two fresh eggs each—sunny side up.

Silver Stars Given Paratroopers At Ceremony in French Town

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer CARENTAN, France, June 20 (delayed)—Eleven men of the 101st Airborne Division, ranking from brigadier general to buck private, were decorated with Silver Stars here tonight at an impressive ceremony in the town square.

The awards, given for "gallantry in action" from June 6 to June 11, were presented as more than 1,000 paratroopers assembled near a memorial to French soldiers killed in World War I.

The 11 included, in addition to the division artillery commander: Lt. Col. Julian J. Ewell, Columbus, Ga.; 2/Lt. George H. Craft, Owosso, Mich.; 1/Sgt. Bruno E. Schroeder, Lockhart, Tex.; S/Sgts. Harry A. Clawson, Safford, Ariz., and Frederick A. Bahlan, Jackson, Mich.; T/4 Willie H. Webster, Lebanon, Tenn.; T/5 Robert E. Wright, Columbus, Ohio; Pvts. Ben J. Rice, Philadelphia; Walter H. Sanderson, Fort Fairfield, Me., and David C. Bifford, Cleveland.

More than 1,000 citizens of this liberated town, for which American and German troops fiercely battled, heard the division commander speak to them in French after he had opened the ceremonies by addressing his men.

"You are here because soldiers of this division are willing to sacrifice their lives," he told the paratroopers. "The honor which is given to these men before me not only recognizes their heroic action but honors every man in the division. We are tonight honoring our living. Later on we will honor our dead."

The general then told the French audience that Americans were in France to free the people of German oppression and that the men who were being decorated willingly and gallantly risked their lives to liberate them.

The decorations were pinned on by a corps commander.

The corps commander praised the paratroop and glider-troop men of the

division for their distinguished action. He said the U.S. airborne forces in France should occupy a "front page in the history of World War II."

Before the ceremony was over a small girl stepped up on the platform, where local French officials stood with division leaders, and presented the corps commander with a bouquet of flowers. Other girls gave each of the decorated soldiers bouquets.

When the presentation was over and the paratroopers had "presented arms" before their unfurled American flag, women broke through the ranks to kiss the decorated men.

Almost in one voice the citizens shouted: "Vive L'Amérique."



Whom oceans part Whom oceans part, O Lord unite— E'en though our loves be out of sight; Though from each other far we be, We are, O Christ, not far from Thee.

On many a distant island shore, Afar from those whom we adore, Mid silent hills, beneath fresh skies, Our prayers for loved ones do arise.

Bring thoughts of home, sweet memories, Of those we miss, our families; And speed the day for which we yearn, The day when soldier "Joes" return.

Our sons and daughters guide in truth, O God, lead Thou our precious youth; Give courage to our darling mates, And keep them safe from unknown fates.

Whom oceans part, O Lord, unite— But may we never cease to fight Until all peoples, conscience free, By their own wills do worship Thee.

Adapted by Capt. C. E. Lunn (Chaplain). Can be sung to tune "Sun of My Soul."

'Surrender or Die'

SURRENDER Call to Cherbourg—Biggest Ever Air Armada Hits Berlin—Jap Grand Fleet Flees Off Philippines—Germans Lose 80,000 in Italy. These mighty news events highlight the progress of the Allies' sweep toward final victory.

Taking the event nearest at hand, we find the enemy across the Channel working frantically to blow up the Cherbourg harbor before the flood-tide of Americans bursts into town. Dynamiting key points, dockyards and dumps, the garrison hopes to leave as little as possible since the panzer and air support which Rommel promised as "coming tomorrow"—like tomorrow—has never come.

"Nothing could stop the Americans' rush," writes Montague Lacey, of London's Daily Express. "The hills of the close orchard country, the rivulets—the 'insurmountable barriers' of German claims—were overcome.

"All day long the French folk lining the streets have cheered the Americans. They have brought flowers to garland the jeeps and armored vehicles. They have danced for joy in the roads and they have brought us eggs as fast as the hens can lay them. The men seem to have left their work in the fields, the women have forsaken their kitchens and the children have taken time off from school."

"The speed," writes Lacey, "is equal only to the last dash of the Tunisian campaign."

While the air and sea bombardments intensify and the mobile guns thunder out, the Yanks have taken time in their onslaught to capture intact several flying bomb sites similar to those in the Pas de Calais area. They are now prepared to push to the limit the defenders who apparently have gone berserk in their orgy of destruction.

After experiencing what the Americans have in store for them the besieged enemy will probably regard as paradise the Allied promise made on the leaflets of fair treatment, good food, first-rate hospital care, home mail facilities and guaranteed pay. At least they have little time left to ponder the decision the Allies have now given them: "Surrender or die."

Army Sky Pilots

SKY pilots in this war are all their name implies, for Army Chaplains, as was mentioned in a recent editorial, landed with the airborne units in Normandy. Some landed in the middle of a lot of trouble according to word received from Chaplain Tildon S. McGee, of Philadelphia, who hit the French soil with a battalion that made military history.

McGee ironically just missed a church steeple when he came down in Angoville. With his unit he headed for the objective, a bridge and a small canal, where a nasty scrap developed and the Chaplain was called upon to act in the dual capacity of physician and religious counsellor.

Chaplain McGee quickly selected a nearby farmhouse for his receiving station, where he was surrounded suddenly by the Germans. Twice the air force attempted to drop food and medical supplies but missed. To provide food for his patients the Chaplain directed his assistant to butcher a fatted cow. To keep off the Germans he hung out a red cross made from a crimson blanket and two pillow slips.

Finally the airborne boys took their objective, although outnumbered five to one, and rescued the Chaplain working with Nightingale fervor. Which all goes to prove that our troops will get help "from above" in one form or another if it's left to guys like Chaplain McGee.

Foxhole Delivery

A FOXHOLE in Normandy just is not complete without its daily copy of The Stars and Stripes, reports Lt. Col. E. M. Llewellyn, of this paper, in a dispatch from the front. Llewellyn is the self-appointed newsboy who had the interesting task of placing the historic first Liberation Issue in the hands of the GIs fighting in France.

This edition, he reports, was first put into the hands of news-hungry casualties aboard a hospital ship, who received it with enthusiastic yelps of delight. Then it was distributed to the troops under fire on the far shore.

He writes: "Receipt of the paper was greeted with roars of approval which increased in volume as we neared the front. GIs peeked out from foxholes with startled expressions as we tossed the rolled issue from a rambling jeep into each protecting shell hole.

"As we jeoped back to the rear the sonorous voice of a Texas Joe cracked, 'What, no bottle of milk?'"

GOP OK Seen On a Plank for Peace Combine

Chiefs Believed Agreeable To International Agency; Delegates Arriving

CHICAGO, June 22—Indications arose today that Republican leaders would agree on a platform plank committing the party to cooperation in an international post-war organization to maintain the peace backed up by military force.

At the same time, with delegates arriving hourly for the national convention which opens Monday, the possibility that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York might be nominated for President on the first ballot was widely discussed.

Former Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, the 1936 standard-bearer; Clarence Buddington Kelland, Arizona national committeeman, and Lew M. Wentz, Oklahoma committeeman, were among those predicting Dewey's nomination on the first or second ballot.

It appeared that California, with its 50 votes cast adrift by Gov. Earl Warren; Illinois with its 59, and Pennsylvania with its 70, held the key to the one-ballot issue, with no one certain how their votes would be cast.

Sen. Warren R. Austin, of Vermont, brought to Chicago a draft of a foreign-policy plank which he said went beyond last summer's Mackinac Island pledge for responsible participation by the U.S. in a post-war co-operative organization in its reference to the use of military force to back it up. The plank was understood to have been approved in principle by friends of Gov. Dewey and by Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, chairman of the resolutions committee.

House Votes to Probe Union Campaign Funds

WASHINGTON, June 22—The House voted yesterday to bring labor unions within the scope of its biennial congressional campaign-expenditures investigation this year for the first time.

Campaign-fund inquiries previously have been confined to contributions of corporations and business associations. The resolution for this year's investigations made any contribution by individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor unions and trade associations subject to investigation.

Meanwhile, complete but unofficial returns from the June 13 Idaho primaries indicated the defeat of Democratic Sen. D. Worth Clark in his quest for renomination. Returns from all the state's 845 precincts, including official returns from 818, showed 10,513 votes for Clark and 10,733 for Glen H. Taylor, of Pocatello, former cowboy radio singer. Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen won the Republican senatorial nomination.

Nomination of Colonel, 28, To Be General Approved

WASHINGTON, June 22—Two Air Force "youngsters" were among 63 Army officers whose Presidential nominations to the rank of brigadier general were approved by the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The two are Col. Richard C. Sanders, 28, commander of a bombardment wing in the ETO, and Col. Clinton D. Vincent, 29, commander of a composite wing of the 14th Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater.

The committee at the same time approved promotions of 20 officers to temporary grade of major general.

He Should Know

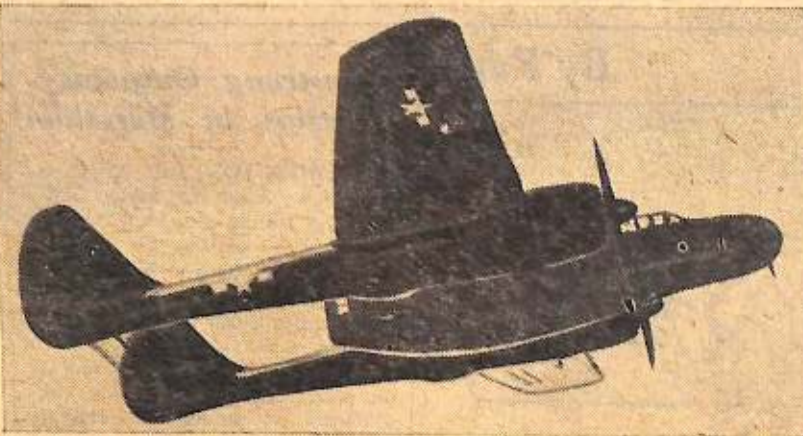
PENSACOLA, Fla., June 22—Sailors at the Naval Air Training Center here gave a concert under the direction of Sir Thomas Beecham, famed British conductor. After the program, Beecham exclaimed: "They're d--- good."

Radio Highlights

- AFN—In the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
- 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Friday, June 23
- 1005—Personal Album—John Charles Thomas.*
- 1015—Victory Parade—Jan Savitt.*
- 1100—Army Talks.
- 1130—Duffie Bag.*
- 1345—Melody Roundup.
- 1400—Visiting Hour—The Great Gildersleeve.
- 1530—On the Record.*
- 1700—Grand Old Opera.*
- 1730—London Column.
- 1745—Hawaiian Serenade.
- 1755—American Sports Roundup.*
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1905—Fred Allen.*
- 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.*
- 2005—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2030—California Melodies—Frank Duval's Orchestra.
- 2115—Paul Whiteman Presents.
- 2145—Fred Waring.
- 2200—Kay Kyser's Kollege.*
- 2230—Suspense.
- AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1050 kc. 285m.
- 0600—Rise and Shine.
- 0915—Hawaiian Serenades.
- 0930—John Charles Thomas.
- 0945—Ranch House.
- 1030—Music While You Work—Sidney Davey Players.*
- 1215—Lew Stone's Band.
- 1815—Starlight—Pat Leonard, Jimmy Bailey.
- 1830—GI Journal.
- 1925—KCAF Dance Orchestra.
- 2230—One Night Stand.

*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

Army's New P61—the Black Widow



The Army Air Forces' new Northrop P61 Black Widow night fighter plane, claimed to be the most powerful pursuit plane ever built, is shown here. The ship is equipped with the latest night-fighting devices and powered by two Pratt and Whitney engines.

FDR Takes Action On a Mother's Plea, Sarge Gets a Cake

NINTH AIR FORCE ADVANCE HQ, June 22—S/Sgt. Donald Kantner, of Ringtown, Pa., celebrated his 21st birthday at a Thunderbolt base in Normandy last night in style. He had a birthday cake—thanks to a letter his mother sent to President Roosevelt in which she asked that cooks in her son's organization be instructed to bake him a cake.

The Chief Executive marked the request "immediate action" and forwarded it to Kantner's commanding officer, Lt. Col. George L. Wertenbacher Jr., of Charlottesville, Va. The cake, inscribed "Happy Birthday," was flown from England to France yesterday.

A \$5 bill which Kantner's mother inclosed to pay for the cake will be returned to her, Wertenbacher said.

Make Decree Foolproof, Doris Duke Asks Court

RENO, Nev., June 22—Doris Duke Cromwell, seeking to make "foolproof" her divorce obtained last year from James H. R. Cromwell, told a court Tuesday that the former U.S. minister to Canada not only tried to gain control of \$7,000,000 of her fortune, but proposed that she finance a foundation that would net him \$110,000 annually as its president and that she should underwrite any loss.

Mrs. Cromwell petitioned for a hearing July 19 to amend her Nevada divorce, the legality of which has been disputed by a New Jersey court.

Cromwell, suing in New Jersey as his legal domicile, won a verdict that his wife's Nevada divorce was "wholly void and of no effect" in that the Reno court lacked jurisdiction because her home was in New Jersey.

A Youthful Hunter, 16, Bags Himself a Wife, 37

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 22—His fingernails painted bright green—"to match Mary's"—16-year-old Ronald Smith last week married 37-year-old Mrs. Mary Ellen Brown, 37, a widow with two children.

Smith attributed the romance to a mutual liking for hunting and fishing.

Nature Was Applauding

PHILADELPHIA, June 22—Seven thousand persons sat in a downpour to hear a complete rendition of Brahms's Third Symphony at Robin Hood Dell bowl.

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of smaller units. The U.S. bombers and torpedo planes immediately took off to attack and struck the 14 ships within the two hours remaining before darkness. The Japs fled during the night through the passage between Luzon and Formosa.

With the Japs thus driven from the Marianas waters, U.S. soldiers and marines launched a major attack to clean up Saipan Island. The Americans in one week's fighting against an estimated 20,000 Japs have captured a third of the island in the south, including two airfields. One of these, Aslito airfield, already is ready for use after repairs by Seabees. The Americans captured large stocks of rice, fish, gasoline and other material.

Terry and the Pirates



Warn Civilians Of Rail Tie-Up

NEW YORK, June 22—Railroad officials yesterday warned civilians holding July reservations that they would have to give up their space if large numbers of American wounded begin returning from the Normandy battlefields.

All reserved space for July on eastern lines was sold out yesterday. Rail and bus spokesmen predicted summer vacation travel would set new records this year, despite a government appeal against unnecessary travel.

Officials of the Office of Defense Transportation warned that "the railroads need the full co-operation of public traffic curtailment, with organized military and furlough travel close to the three million mark each month and the necessity for transporting large numbers of wounded men."

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Lancasters and Halifaxes on a flying-bomb installation in northern France.

A senior Eighth Air Force officer yesterday forecast bigger blows on Berlin and other key German cities. He declared that with the Allied beachhead secured, the Allied air forces could resume their original job—the smashing of German manufacturing capacity and communications and the destroying of the Nazi ability and will to fight.

In the record assault on Berlin Wednesday, the heavies plastered railroad yards, factories, other military objectives and FW190 engine plants at outlying Basdorf. Forty-nine enemy aircraft were shot down—29 by the bombers and 20 by escorting fighters.

Although bad weather restricted aerial activity throughout the day, nearly 1,000 fighters were dispatched by the Ninth Air Force in widespread assaults on rail yards northwest of Paris, airfields and main lines supplying German troops in Normandy. The fighters also helped escort Eighth Air Force bombers.

Robots' Platforms Seized near Cherbourg

The capture of German pilotless-plane launching platforms by American troops advancing across the Cherbourg peninsula was confirmed yesterday at SHAEF. However, it was added that "there is no evidence that a single flying bomb ever was dispatched" from this area.

Meanwhile, reports from an Allied advanced command post said that more than one fourth of the Nazi flying-bomb installations were located in the Cherbourg area and that the others were in the Pas de Calais region. Allied experts were reported examining the captured platforms.

German Radio reported yesterday that the destructive power of the planes had been increased by equipping them with incendiaries.

In Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said that "robot bombs are not yet a major factor in the war, and various counter-measures already have been undertaken."

Emmons Transferred

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, chief of Western Defense Command, has been transferred to "an unannounced important command," it has been announced. His successor was not named.

Raised, He Has to Kick—He's the Treasurer

LEONIA, N.J., June 22—Floyd M. Fernald, district clerk for the Leonia Board of Education, was voted a \$200-a-year raise this week, but he threatened to resign immediately unless the board rescinded the action.

Fernald, who also is the chairman of the finance committee, told board members he must insist on keeping within the school budget and therefore could not accept the increase.

Asks Reduction Of 48-Hr. Week

UAW Aide Offers a Plan To Meet Job Problem in Contract Cutbacks

DETROIT, June 22—Reduction of the 48-hour week was listed today as one of the "requirements" for coping successfully with post-war cutbacks and contract terminations, in recommendations submitted to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes by Vice President Richard T. Frankenstein of the United Automobile Workers (CIO).

"By reducing the hours per week in plants affected by cutbacks," he said, "the remaining work may be spread over a large group of employees, layoffs made more gradual and opportunity afforded for government, industry and the unions to arrange for employment of laid-off workers."

Frankenstein also recommended elimination of restrictions on overtime pay and advocated in certain cases government-supervised retooling for civilian production.

Father Indirectly Blamed In Deaths of 2 Children

BUFFALO, N.Y., June 22—Edward C. Howard, a one-armed railroad worker, was arrested on a non-support charge after his 11-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter were found dead of fumigating gas in their former home.

Police said the Howard family had been forced to vacate the house, which then was fumigated for new occupants. Homeless for two weeks, the children forced their way through a cellar window, ignoring warning notices, police said.

Bonds in Hitler's Name Outlawed by Treasury

SIOUX FALLS, S.D., June 22—The Treasury department has clamped down on the War Bond buying of Dr. O. Charles Erickson, who has been listing such people as Tojo and Hitler as co-owners, with the money payable to him at their deaths.

According to regulations, bond purchases are restricted to residents of the U.S. and its possessions or citizens abroad temporarily.

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and isolating the forts of Cape Barleur to the east. Another thrust pushed toward the sea from St. Croix Hague, bottling up the defenders in Cap de la Hague on the west.

As the Germans claimed that they had already demolished most of the dock installations and blocked the entrances to the harbor, Gen. Eisenhower's spokesman broadcast a call to the French in Cherbourg, particularly factory, dock and railroad workers, to do their utmost to "safeguard equipment for Allied use when Cherbourg is liberated."

In another Allied broadcast, Gen. Eisenhower made it clear that the Germans could not afford to think he was concerned only with the fall of the port. He issued a radio warning to all the fishermen of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium, as well as France, to stay in port until 9 PM next Thursday.

Outside the Cherbourg peninsula, only patrol activity was reported on the Normandy front. In the Tilly-sur-Seulles area, SHAEF said that German artillery and mortar fire was unusually heavy.

The Germans during the day announced the death of a third Nazi general since D-Day—Lt. Gen. Heinz Hellmich, commander of the 243rd Division, killed June 17 on the Cherbourg peninsula.

NEWS FROM HOME

Plan to Renew Whisky Output Stirs a Protest

Food Chief Asserts Grain Could Be Put to More Vital Use by U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 22—Judge Marvin Jones, federal food administrator, today objected to a WPB decision to release alcohol for resumption of whisky manufacturing in August, contending that grain earmarked for alcohol could be put to better use.

His disapproval was not expected to prevent distilleries reopening in five weeks, however.

Chairman Donald M. Nelson announced yesterday that WPB would release alcohol for the manufacture of 40 to 50 million gallons of 86 to 90-proof blended whisky—a move that liquor dealers said probably would bring immediate relief from black markets, high prices and a general shortage.

Jones said alcohol allocations to manufacturers of mixtures, medicinal alcohol and other products could be increased if the output were not authorized for whisky. He told Nelson that grain not required for vital war alcohol should be used for livestock feed.

Nazis Strike on D-Day

TRENTON, N.J., June 22—More than 1,200 German prisoners of war at two New Jersey camps staged a sitdown strike on D-Day, the Fifth Military District of the Army's Second Service Command disclosed. Summary punishment provided under the Geneva Convention for handling such situations was imposed, and within 24 hours matters were normal, the Army report said.

Just Doodlers, No More

CHICAGO, June 22—Self-styled strategists who used hotel tablecloths to plot the landings of Allied forces in France before D-Day were generally wrong, the Linen Supply Association disclosed. Only one out of 20 picked the right spot, a checkup showed.

Artistic Theft

PHILADELPHIA, June 22—Residents were delighted when George Kelly answered want ads to paint their homes. They weren't so happy when Kelly left. Police announced that Kelly has been arrested and charged with looting 50 homes of more than \$20,000.

Endurance Flier Killed

EL PASO, Tex., June 22—Capt. Forrest E. O'Brien, who teamed with Dale Jackson to establish a world endurance flight record in August, 1930, was killed when his Army A20 crashed at the Municipal Airport.

Admits Allotment Fraud

DETROIT, June 22—Mrs. Korine Stankowich, charged in Federal court with fraudulently obtaining servicemen's allotments from two husbands, changed her plea from innocent to guilty after FBI agents helped her recall marriages to 16 men.

Hughes' Navigator Killed

DAYTON, Ohio, June 22—Col. Thomas L. Thurlow, navigator on Howard Hughes' record-breaking around-the-world trip in 1938, was killed in a crash three miles south of Love Field, Tex., the public-relations office at Wright Field announced.

For Ex-Presidents Only

WASHINGTON, June 22—Rep. Gordon Canfield (R., N.J.) has introduced a bill to create the office of senator-at-large for all former Presidents of the U.S. The ex-presidents would have all senatorial rights and privileges except one—voting.

Eleanor Powell Waits Stork

HOLLYWOOD, June 22—Eleanor Powell, the screen's dancing star, disclosed she expected to become a mother around the first of the year. Miss Powell's husband, former actor Glenn Ford, now is a Marine sergeant.

L-lucky G-guy

HOLLYWOOD, June 22—The stuttering film comedian Roscoe Ates, who entered the Army Air Forces as a captain in June, 1942, shortly will be placed on the inactive list, an Army spokesman said.

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