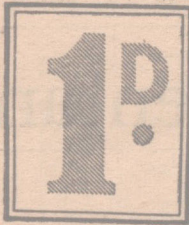


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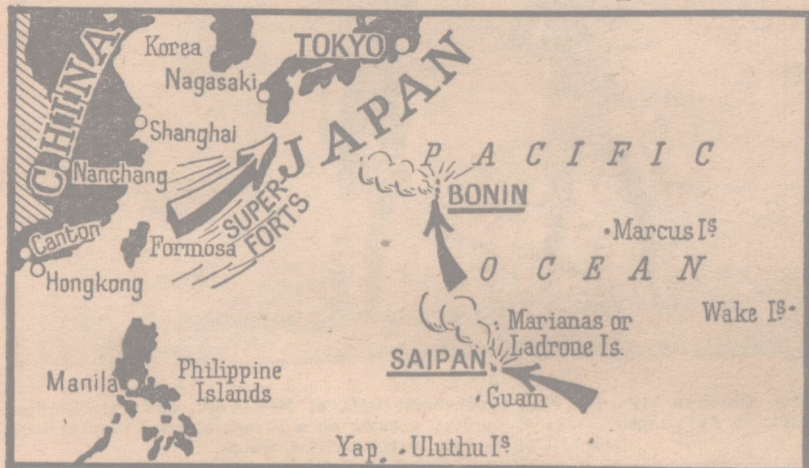


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War on Tojo's Doorsteps



Americans advancing inland after landing on Saipan Island in the Marianas, while Tokyo reports an "enemy task-force" attack on the Bonin Islands, 550 miles from Yokohama, in the wake of the B29 Super-Fortresses' historic raids on the Japanese mainland.

B29s Hit Steel Works; Yanks Push In at Saipan

2 of Giant Planes Lost to Accidents

WASHINGTON, June 16—The War Department announced today that none of the U.S. B29 Super-Fortresses of the "sizable force" which attacked Japanese industry Thursday night in an historic raid from bases in China was lost as a result of enemy action. (The raid occurred Wednesday night, according to time as figured on this side of the international dateline.)

However, it was officially disclosed that two of "the world's mightiest bombers" were lost in accidents, but that the crew of one was known to be safe.

Target on the mission was the largest iron and steel works in Japan, the Imperial Iron and Steel plant at Yawata, a seaport on the northern tip of Kyushu Island, southernmost of the Japanese islands, which lies 530 miles south of Tokyo.

The Imperial, largest steel works in Japan, has been credited with 20 per cent of the empire's steel production, and Yawata has become known as "the Pittsburgh of Japan."

Reports from the U.S. Army 20th Air Force Headquarters in western China said that the Super-Forts reached the works shortly before 11 PM after fighting their way through fierce anti-aircraft fire. Tons of high explosives were dropped on blast furnaces, coke ovens and other factory objectives, it was said.

The raid, it was officially disclosed, was the second carried out by the B29s, the first having been made June 5 on the railway yards at Bangkok, Siam.

(Tokyo radio claimed that seven bombers had been brought down in the attack, but admitted that damage was done "to the railway line between Orio and Hakata," towns which lie in the northern part of Kyushu Island.)

"A sizable force of B29s bombed industrial targets at Yawata, in the Japanese homeland," the War Department communique said.

"The fliers who participated report that the bombing was accurate and large fires and explosions were observed," it added.

The War Today

France—U.S. troops push farther west within two miles of cutting last German communication lines to Cherbourg . . . fighting slackens on central front . . . beachhead buildup continues.

Air War—Nazis use new pilotless "secret weapon" plane in retaliatory raids over southern England, set anti-aircraft guns going in daylight for first time since 1940-41 blitz . . . Allied air activity on reduced scale . . . RAF heavies plaster E-boat pens at Boulogne, bomb rail centers in northeast France.

Pacific—War Department reveals none of China-based B29s which raided steel plant on Japanese mainland lost through enemy action . . . Tokyo reports raid by carrier-based planes on Bonin Islands, 550 miles south of Yokohama . . . Saipan beachhead secured, Yanks take island town.

Italy—Fifth Army captures Aquapendente, 12 miles west of Orvieto, and moves on Grosseto, less than 75 miles from Florence . . . Eighth Army captures Terni, 50 miles north of Rome, and Todi, 25 miles beyond Terni.

Russia—Red Army reaches outposts of third and last Finn defense line before Vipuri 32 miles away . . . Both sides moving up reserves for crucial battle to breach last Karelian fortifications.

Bonin Isles Raided, Tokyo Reports

Tokyo radio reported yesterday that an "enemy task force" had struck 550 miles south of Yokohama in a raid on the Bonin Islands, a small chain between the Japanese mainland and the Marianas, where American troops yesterday pushed out from secure beachheads on Saipan to take a town on the island's southwestern tip in the face of fierce opposition.

Announcing that naval gunfire and bombing had knocked out virtually all heavy coastal and anti-aircraft batteries on Saipan, a mountainous island 1,300 miles from Yokohama, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, said that assault troops were advancing inland against artillery, mortar, machine-gun fire and tanks.

Nimitz's communique made no mention of losses in the Marianas landings but reported that "good progress" was being made.

The assault on Saipan, 12½ miles long and 5½ miles wide, was launched Wednesday morning by a U.S. amphibious task force.

There was no confirmation yesterday of the enemy report of Allied carrier-based aircraft attacks on Chichijima and Wajima, in the Bonin Islands.

Meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur announced U.S. planes dropped 180 tons of bombs on Truk June 12-13 in the heaviest blow of the war against that base.

Allies Surge On In Italian Push

American troops of the Fifth Army, racing up the west coast of Italy, have captured Aquapendente, 12 miles west of Orvieto, and are approaching Grosseto, less than 75 miles from Florence, yesterday's Allied communique announced.

To the east, the Eighth Army seized the traffic center of Terni, approximately 50 miles north of Rome, and swept through Todi, 25 miles farther north, after being slowed by Nazi resistance for three days. Other Eighth Army troops moved ten miles past Orvieto, whose capture was announced Thursday.

Meantime, German radio admitted the plight of Nazi forces, declaring that "our troops were unable to prevent the Allies from making further advances to the north."

3 More Captured Airmen Shot by Nazis; Toll Now 50

The British Air Ministry announced last night that 50 captured RAF and Allied fliers in all were shot by the Germans following a mass break from Stalag Luft III last March.

The death of 47 previously had been reported. Information that three more had been killed—one Briton and two Poles—was received officially from Switzerland.

Chaplin Will Support Joan's Baby Till Trial

HOLLYWOOD, June 16—Charlie Chaplin has agreed to support Joan Barry and her baby at least until December, when a paternity suit, in which Miss Barry charges Chaplin to be the child's father, will be tried. The agreement came after Miss Barry's mother told a court that her daughter was destitute. Chaplin said he already had paid \$10,000 for the baby's support.

Pilotless German Planes Now Are Bombing Britain

Yank Threat To Key Port Is Mounting

Drive Carries Within Two Miles of Enemy's Last Lines to Cherbourg

By William R. Spear

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Dogged American doughboys drove to within two miles of snapping the last German communication lines to the port of Cherbourg yesterday, and Allied Headquarters announced that their threat to the whole peninsula was "substantially increasing."

The Yanks, battling and beating Hitler's vaunted SS troops on a ten-mile front, scored their westernmost advance at Reigneville, a village two miles from the western highway running up to Cherbourg and about three miles from the road junction of St. Sauveur le Vicomte. Eight miles southeast of Reigneville, another American thrust stood six miles from the highway town of La Haye du Puits.

At the northern end of the American front, the foe clung to some parts of Montebourg, 14 miles down the eastern highway from Cherbourg, but the Yanks occupied flanking positions northwest and northeast around the town and held the beach at Quineville to the northeast.

At the center of the Normandy front the big tank battles fought for the last ten days in the Caumont-Tilly-Villers Bocage triangle appeared to be quieting down. This might mean that both sides had withdrawn slightly to regroup and that only minor forces were in contact.

East of Caen the battle settled into trench warfare and the front around Troarn approached more nearly a "line" than any other sector of the bridgehead.

The Germans hung on to Troarn and to strong positions around Caen, but in Caen itself front-line dispatches quoted civilians as reporting the Germans had evacuated the ruined city and the German news agency announced that the sluices and dams of the Orne River had been blown up by Nazi engineers.

Announcement was made yesterday that Gen. Eisenhower, paying his second visit to the beachhead, toured the eastern sector Thursday and conferred with Gen. Montgomery.

Meanwhile the Allies' "striking power grows steadily," SHAEF announced, indicating that unloading continued on the beaches despite poor weather.

Late reports from the front indicated that the Germans had 300,000 men in Normandy, of which 200,000 were fighting troops, with their armored strength the equivalent of four panzer divisions. More than 10,000 German and satellite prisoners are now in England.

The Germans claimed to have captured a colonel commanding the U.S. 175th Infantry Regiment on the Cherbourg peninsula; his name was not given.

Reach Last Line Before Vipuri

Strong Soviet tank and infantry forces, successfully past two powerful Finnish defense lines, yesterday reached the outposts of the third and last before the Finnish gulf seaport of Vipuri. The swift advance has taken the Russians in a single week within 32 miles of Vipuri.

Reserves on both sides were reported moving up to the new front for what Moscow newsmen expected would be the biggest of the three battles to breach the Karelian Isthmus defenses.

The Red Army's drive brought the Soviet-Finnish war back to the situation in the 1939-40 winter war when the Mannerheim line was the principal barrier between Finland and capitulation.

36 WAC Phone Operators Rushed to ETO by Plane

Thirty-six WACs, rushed to England by plane to fill an immediate need for trained telephone operators, will comprise the advance unit of a WAC communications detachment in ETO Headquarters.

The WACs were specially selected for their jobs and were taken from various Army airbases and posts throughout the U.S.

First Heavy Bomber Sets Down in France

SHAEF, June 16 (AP)—With two engines out and the other two damaged, an American Liberator made a forced landing on an airstrip in Normandy Tuesday to become the first four-engined plane to touch French ground wrested from the Nazis, SHAEF disclosed today.

Lt. Charles W. Grace, of Kalamazoo, Mich., pilot, and Lt. Arthur L. Pritchard, of Onaway, Mich., copilot, brought the craft down in a field where Allied bulldozers were carving out a landing strip. The eight other members of the crew bailed out along the coast and were picked up.

Heavies Batter French Coast

Blows Follow Big RAF Attack by Night on Nazi E-Boat Pens

Only hours after the desperate Luftwaffe hurled pilotless bombers at Britain, American heavy bombers yesterday flew out to lash the Pas de Calais.

The blow against the French coast followed a night in which Bomber Command again battered German E-Boat installations and topped off a day in which the Allied air offensive in support of ground troops was greatly curtailed.

Mounting a second high-altitude, daylight-precision assault, 300 RAF heavy bombers Thursday evening plastered Boulogne's E-Boat, R-Boat and mine-sweeper pens with 1,500 tons of explosives as Bomber Command's campaign to wipe out the Nazi threat to Allied shipping roared through its second day.

Later in the night Mitchells sharply attacked a Panzer group headquarters near St. Vigor de Mezeret, 25 miles southwest of Caen, while another heavy-bomber force flew to the Forest of Rennes to hit the most important enemy ammunition dump in western France.

The non-stop air war against German transportation was pressed with increasing intensity through the course of the night, Lancasters and Halifaxes bombing rail centers at Lens and Valenciennes, in northeast France, and rocket-carrying Typhoons raiding river and ferry communications on the Seine. Unspecified objectives in western Germany were pelted by other RAF aircraft.

Reconnaissance pictures of seven bridges attacked from high altitude (Continued on page 4)

'Retaliation' Has Begun, Berlin Cries

Hitler Trots Out 'Secret Weapon'; May Be Guided By Remote Control

The Nazis launched a new type of pilotless plane—a flying bomb possibly directed by remote control—at southern England yesterday in an attack which Berlin trumpeted as "the beginning of retaliation" for Allied bombings of the Reich.

The flame-spitting "secret weapons," streaking across the sky at terrific speed, set Britain's anti-aircraft batteries to thundering in daylight for the first time since the days of the blitz in 1940-41 and brought from Herbert Morrison, British home secretary, the following warning to the public:

"When the engine of the pilotless aircraft stops and the light at the end of the machine is seen to go out, it may mean that the explosion will soon follow—perhaps in five to 15 seconds.

"So take refuge from blast. Even those indoors should keep out of the way of blast and use the most solid protection immediately available."

'More Serious' Thursday Night

Morrison told the House of Commons that "a small number of these missiles were used" in raids Tuesday and "a larger number" were sent over Thursday night and yesterday. On the first occasion they caused a few casualties and inconsiderable damage, but the Thursday night attack "was more serious."

Morrison's reference to the planes as "missiles" appeared to indicate that they were designed to crash against their target rather than drop bombs as orthodox aircraft do. He indicated further that they were not expected to return home by saying that a number of them were "destroyed before they could explode."

Morrison gave assurance that vigorous counter-measures were being taken, but did not indicate whether fighter planes were being used against them, as well as flak. And he explained that in order not to give the enemy any information as to the success or failure of the attacks any raids taking place south of a line from The Wash to the Bristol Channel would be reported only as occurring in "southern England."

An Associated Press correspondent (Continued on page 4)

After Pilotless Plane Stopped Flying



Rescue workers search the debris of a house in the south of England hit by one of the Germans' pilotless planes.

Watches Bombs 'Ton Upon Ton' Fire Jap Mills

U.S. Broadcaster With B29s Tells of 'Glowing Masses Of Wreckage'

NEW YORK, June 16—An American broadcaster who flew with B29 Super-Fortresses attacking Japan said that "tons upon tons of bombs" were dropped on coke ovens and open hearth furnaces of a steel mill at Yawata, on southernmost Kyushu Island.

Roy Porter, of the Columbia Broadcasting System, related from China that the attack was "carried out to the almost complete amazement of the Japs."

"Glowing masses of wreckage" were left after the bombs "went down into the heart of the Japanese steel industry," Porter said.

"We only stayed for about ten minutes over the outer defenses, but it seemed ten times that long. We entered the bomb run as the Japanese themselves lit up the target and searchlights played on the planes.

"The lesson being studied today, as reports of pilots and crews are compiled, is that while the enemy was caught by surprise in the initial attack he has prepared defenses and can marshal enough night-fighter planes to cause at least some interference with our bombing pattern."

Great Bases Built By Chinese Coolies

AN AMERICAN BASE SOMEWHERE IN CHINA, June 15—The 20th U.S. Army Air Force, whose B29 Super-Fortresses carried out Thursday's raid against the Japanese mainland, slipped secretly into China in the spring of this year to prepare for the assault.

Five hundred thousand Chinese laborers, including men, women and children, began building the special airfields for the Super-Fortresses last February and completed them in a little more than three months. The fields have the longest runways ever built in the China-Burma-India theater.

Engineers and officers in charge of the project regarded it as one of the war's construction achievements and the greatest feat of human labor since the Great Wall was erected.

Col. Waldo Kenerson, of Marblehead, Mass., directed the construction by conscripted labor, using practically no modern equipment, of the "bomb Japan" bases, which cost about \$300,000,000.

Millions of cubic yards of rock and gravel were transported on the backs of coolies working 12-hour shifts for about 10 cents a day and a rice allowance.

While awaiting operations, the huge planes were used as transports. A number were converted into tankers and hauled thousands of gallons of fuel across the hazardous "Himalaya Hump" into China.

Ninth Sets Up Defense Unit

Activation of the Ninth Air Force Air Defense Command, the only organization of its type in the USAAF, was announced yesterday by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth AF commander.

Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson, of Ontario, Cal., commands the new unit.

An air defense system, employing fighters and anti-aircraft batteries, has been developed to protect Ninth AF landing strips in Britain and on the Continent.

Sky Artillery



A crew member of a B-25 Mitchell medium bomber holds up a pair of shells fired by the powerful 75-mm. cannon, whose muzzle bristles in the nose of the plane below one of its 14 .50-cal machine-guns. The cannon, heaviest in use in Allied aircraft, has been battering the Japs in the Pacific Theater.

They're Streaming Into France to Help



A steady stream of reinforcements continues to advance from a Normandy beach to the front line.

Flying Bombs

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gave this description of the pilotless craft:

"The planes have a distinctive rhythmic note, giving the effect of a pulsating low throb. They are much smaller than a Spitfire but have an appearance much the same. They are really midget planes.

"At night they show a distinct yellow glow at the rear and in the light of searchlights streams of thick smoke can be seen being ejected from them.

"They appear to be painted dark brown or black. Smoke issues from them in small thick puffs attuned to the throb which can be heard. They streak across the sky at very great speed.

"They appeared to come across the Channel and it is believed that at times two or three were sent over together."

The craft may have been launched from the Pas de Calais coast of France, some 20 miles from the British coast and north-east of the Normandy fighting front. The Pas de Calais has been pounded incessantly by U.S. and British planes since late last year in attacks generally believed to have been aimed at installations for the launching or control of rockets or pilotless planes.

'Business As Usual'

As AA batteries in Southern England rumbled intermittently, business went on about as usual. Bomb-hardened Britons regarded the pilotless planes with more curiosity than concern.

"Seems 'orrible queer to me" remarked an 80-year-old woman. "I believe I'd rather have bombs."

"I don't like the idea of nobody in those planes," commented a delivery boy. "I don't know why, but it's sorter ghostly. But we'll get used to them like we did the rest."

The German High Command headed its daily communique with an announcement of the new development, saying:

"Novel explosives of super-heavy caliber were dropped on London and southern England during last night and this morning."

The Nazi press and radio told the German people that the weapon would give them revenge for the Allied bombings—"it will be an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," said Helmut Suendermann, deputy Reich press chief. The radio said that "there is no German who will not receive this announcement with deep satisfaction and a full heart. One can be happy to be in Berlin now, instead of London."

OK Ship Lease to Latins

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP)—The House Naval Affairs Committee, on recommendation of Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, approved legislation which would permit lease of patrol vessels, minesweepers and other small naval craft up to 1,000 tons to South American republics.

Skelton's Plane Helping Reds

The "We Dood It," a plane presented to the Red Army by film comedian Red Skelton, has sunk six ships totaling 26,500 tons in a year's action over the Gulf of Finland, the Gulf of Riga and the Baltic, Moscow radio said.

Kerr Keynotes For Democrats

CHICAGO, June 16—Gov. Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, advocate of a fourth term for President Roosevelt, was chosen unanimously by the Arrangements Committee yesterday to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention July 19.

Kerr, 47-year-old veteran of World War I and a former Oklahoma state commander of the American Legion, is a former attorney and independent oil man. He was elected governor in 1942.

Meanwhile, Chairman Harrison M. Spangler of the Republican National Committee announced that former President Herbert Hoover would address the GOP National Convention on June 27.

Army Gets New, Larger Fighter

WASHINGTON, June 15—The War Department revealed today the development of the P66 King Cobra, a new, larger and improved version of the P39 Airacobra fighter.

The War Department added the recently-announced P61 Black Widow night fighter could be described as having 2,000 horsepower engines and four-bladed propellers. It is armed with 20-mm. cannon and .50 caliber machine-guns.

Air War - - -

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Thursday by a record force of B17s and B24s show all were directly hit and left at least temporarily unserviceable, it was revealed yesterday. At least 24 hits were scored on a bridge east of Nantes. The bridge was cut at several points and one span knocked out. At La Ploissiniere one span of another bridge was dropped into the river.

Thursday's widespread day blows cost the Luftwaffe 24 aircraft and the Allies three heavies, one medium bomber and four fighters out of a force which approached 5,000 planes.

Spearheaded by dive-bombing Thunderbolts and Lightnings, which by evening had carried out 18 separate attacks on French targets, more than 225 Marauders and Havocs Thursday evening blasted fuel and supply dumps, wrecked bridges and disrupted communications in the area extending from Valognes, in the Cherbourg Peninsula, to Laval and Domfront, behind the battle zone. One B26 did not return.

Ninth Mustangs concentrated on rail yards at Granville, on the west coast of the Cherbourg Peninsula, at Folligny, ten miles east, and at Hyenville, 12 miles north of Folligny.

Frenchman Found Beating Up Last Nazi in His Town

A Canadian patrol had its orders: Penetrate to the outskirts of a village and fight in—if the opposition wasn't too strong. Arriving at the town's limit, the commander carefully inspected the situation through his glasses.

He spotted two men fighting—a Frenchman beating up a German, the last Nazi in the village. The Canadians moved in and the German became the happiest prisoner on the beachhead as he was ushered away from the reach of the Frenchman.

Recent visitors to Allied airstrips in Normandy were Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, commander of the AEF, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, commander of the RAF's tactical air force.

Flying at 5,000 feet over France, Lt. Herbert H. Kramer, of Rocky River, Ohio, a Ninth Air Force fighter pilot, saw something move in a field near Tours. Twice more he spotted the object—apparently a bush—advance.

Suspicious, Kramer swept down to tree-top level and then gave the "bush" the works, wrecking a disguised German troop truck.

Lt. Col. David Niven, former film star, now is associated with SHAEF's radio programs for troops in France.

Capt. Gerald B. Sammons, of Butler, Ill., is convinced the Americans have a lot of friends around Paris. The other day, near the French metropolis, Sammons, flying in an Eighth Air Force heavy bomber, noticed a light flashing.

"At first I thought it was the sun's rays hitting the glass in the window of the compartment," Sammons said. "As I kept my eyes on it, the thing began to make sense. It spilled out 'Hello, Yank,' then disappeared."

The part that pilots of the U.S. Navy, Fleet Air Arm and RAF are playing in spotting for Allied ships bombarding enemy positions and installations in Normandy is illustrated by the following:

Two British fliers circling near Bayeux spotted a concentration of enemy tanks in a town. They notified the British cruiser Orion of the tanks' location. The cruiser's first shell landed 50 yards from the target; the next was a direct hit.

The pilots later observed the tanks dashing for near-by woods. Their position again was radioed and the cruiser scored again, chasing the tanks back to town. There the panzers were battered some more.

Report U.S. Lib Attacked While Landing in Turkey

ISTANBUL, June 16 (AP)—A U.S. Liberator making a forced landing was fired on by Turkish anti-aircraft defenses at an airport near Istanbul Sunday, eyewitnesses have reported.

The plane landed without injury to its crew of ten, all of whom were interned.

NEWS FROM HOME

26,000 Drivers Plan a Truck Strike in U.S.

1,800 Firms and 250,000 Other Workers May Be Affected by Move

CHICAGO, June 16—A strike involving 26,000 long-distance truck drivers to take place within the next 30 days has been voted, Dexter Lewis, director of the Central States Drivers' Council, announced.

Lewis said that 98 per cent of the Council's drivers had balloted in favor of the walkout. He claimed that employers had failed to abide by a WLB directive in February which called for a pay increase of seven cents an hour.

According to Lewis, the strike would affect 1,800 trucking companies and 250,000 other workers in addition to the drivers.

Lumberjacks in ODs

WASHINGTON, June 16—Higher wages for lumbermen would not solve the manpower shortage in the nation's lumber industry, Thomas Coakley, representing northwestern fir and pine organizations, told the WLB. Coakley said most lumbermen now missing from the industry were in the armed forces.

Gable Released by Army

HOLLYWOOD, June 16—Maj. Clark Gable has been released by the Army after 22 months with the USAF. Gable still is working on an air-training film, part of which was made while he was serving in the ETO. Studio officials said Gable did not intend to resume his movie career immediately.

Jeep Vanquishes Taxi

NEW YORK, June 16—The city's first traffic accident involving a jeep proved the jeep the master of the taxi. It crashed into the cab, which overturned, injuring the driver and a passenger. The jeep suffered a slight dent; neither of its two occupants was hurt.

Perils of the Ground

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 16—A cocker spaniel which participated in 55 missions over Europe as mascot on a Flying Fortress has been killed by an automobile. The dog returned to the U.S. with its master, T/Sgt. William R. Underhill, now an instructor at Langley Field, Va.

Mass Production of Houses

TOLEDO, Ore. June 16—The prefabricated Engineering Co. is turning out a house for the Army every 40 minutes. The homes roll off assembly lines in sections and are shipped complete with furniture, range and refrigerator.

Daily Prayer

PITTSBURGH, June 16—The City Council unanimously has passed a resolution calling for a daily "pause for prayer" at 11 AM. Citizens were urged to offer prayers for servicemen.

Mickey Rooney in Infantry

HOLLYWOOD, June 16—Actor Mickey has been inducted into the Army and assigned to the infantry at Fort MacArthur, Cal.

Albania Warned by Wilson Against Aiding Germans

ALLIED ADVANCE HQ, Mediterranean, June 16 (Reuter)—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean, warned the Albanian Government that its attempts "to recruit troops to assist the German army in the Balkans" would be considered "the act of an enemy of the United Nations."

He warned that any who assisted the Germans would be "treated as enemies both now and in the future day of liberation."

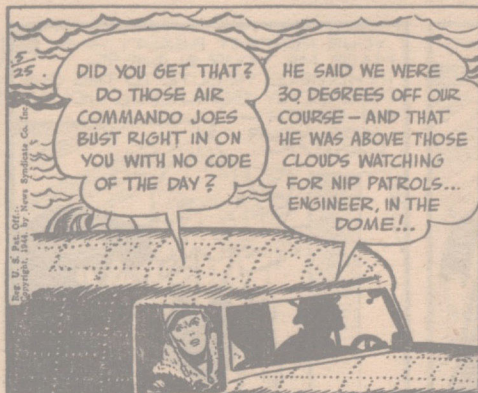
Turkish Foreign Minister Quits

Foreign Minister Numen Menemencioglu of Turkey resigned Thursday after the cabinet disapproved the policy he had followed "in the last few days," a communique broadcast by Ankara radio said. He had held the post since August, 1942.

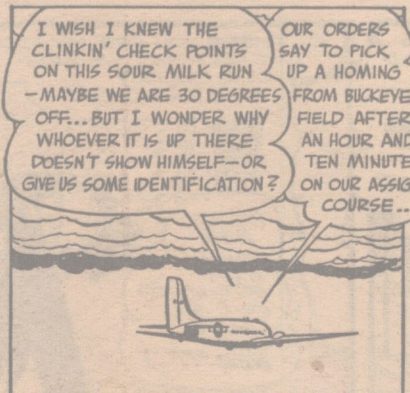
Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



DID YOU GET THAT? DO THOSE AIR COMMANDO JOES BUST RIGHT IN ON YOU WITH NO CODE OF THE DAY?
HE SAID WE WERE 30 DEGREES OFF OUR COURSE - AND THAT HE WAS ABOVE THOSE CLOUDS WATCHING FOR NIP PATROLS... ENGINEER, IN THE DOME...



I WISH I KNEW THE CLINKIN' CHECK POINTS ON THIS SOUR MILK RUN - MAYBE WE ARE 30 DEGREES OFF... BUT I WONDER WHY WHOEVER IT IS UP THERE DOESN'T SHOW HIMSELF - OR GIVE US SOME IDENTIFICATION?
OUR ORDERS SAY TO PICK UP A HOMING FROM BUCKEYE FIELD AFTER AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES ON OUR ASSIGNED COURSE...



HEY, TRANSPORT... YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR COURSE... YOU'RE HEADED FOR A JAP FIELD... GET GOING - OR YOU'LL CATCH MERRY-O! THIS IS MAJOR ENGLEWILLIE ESCORTING... I'M ORDERING YOU...



DID YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? IT'S AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING JAP TALKING TO THE TRANSPORT! HE HAS A LIST OF OUR NAMES - BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW MAJOR ENGLEWILLIE ISN'T A PILOT.
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?