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"We have not won this war and we must not withhold any effort in fighting it."—President Roosevelt, May 15, 1943.

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MINE UNION BOSS HIT AS AIDING FOE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The War Labor Board said today that United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis has challenged the sovereignty of the United States and the issue now "is whether Mr. Lewis is above and beyond the laws which apply to all other citizens of the United States."

SOLDIER MUST THINK

The Tale Of One Who Learned

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—After four years! A chance for invasion. Page 5.

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In The Times TODAY

'Pretty' Sweaters Cut. WASHINGTON, May 17.—For the duration, men must do without "pretty but unessential shades" such as baby blue and pink sweaters, the War Production Board warned today. Colors of men's sweaters have been reduced from 24 to 6.

Price Chief in Hospital. WASHINGTON, May 17.—CP—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown entered the Naval Hospital last night for a minor operation, described by his office as the removal of a cyst on the arm.

Army to call many now in 4-F classification. Page 9.

Raid would trap Boeing workers, says union. Page 2.

Dinner was pay-off in deal, says solon. Page 8.

Von Arnim Is '\$10,500-a-Year Captive'; British Bear His Pay



COL. GEN. JURGEN VON ARNIM
He'll see no more battlefields for a while.

Chicago Daily News Foreign Service LONDON, May 17.—(Special Cable)—Direct from Tunisia by way of Gibraltar, Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim, surrendered German commander of Tunisia, arrived in London yesterday and was handed over to the War Office by the Royal Air Force at an air field in the south of England. Nothing can be said about others who may have accompanied him but it is indicated that he will be treated in captivity with the courtesies due his rank and will receive the same pay as he would in the German army, which is approximately \$10,500 annually. (Copyright, 1943.)

Councilman Proposes City O. K. Vice District; Army Restricts 74 Blocks

A "restricted area," in which houses of prostitution could operate under municipal supervision, was suggested today by City Councilman William L. Norton as a solution to Seattle's vice problem.

Norton, who is chairman of the Council public-safety committee, said he would mark off a part of the city in which such houses could operate, and then require all such enterprises to move into that district.

This "red-light district" would be supervised closely by the Police and Health Departments, if Norton's plan were followed.

"You can't legislate morals into people, but you can control them," Norton declared. "Why be hypocritical about this thing? Why not recognize that some things go on, only why not control them?"

All Out of Bounds Norton is a former policeman and clergyman. His proposal came after Paine Field officers were reportedly Mayor William F. Devin to designate 74 city blocks as "out of bounds" for their men, and after McChord Field officers said a similar order to their men is pending.

Col. C. R. Melin, commanding officer at Paine Field, denied issuing the order, however.

Norton pointed out that the Paine Field order kept soldiers out of the South End only.

"How about the North End?" Norton asked. "Does the Army contend there are no houses in the North End? How about the East Side? The West?"

"As long as you have human nature, you are going to have human vices. But the city could make them less objectionable to the Army and everyone by segregation," he said.

The venereal-disease rate is being cited by all military authorities as the cause for the "out-of-bounds" order. Soldiers who contract disease are required by the Army to name the source.

When the situation gets too bad, military men reported this morning, a map of the worst area is compiled. An individual commanding officer may order his men to remain away from a specified area, but his order will not affect men from other military posts.

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PLANES MINE PROJECTS IN RUHR VALLEY

LONDON, May 17.—British bombers attacked Berlin, the environs of Rome, the Ruhr and the Rhineland last night and burst two of the largest dams in Germany, flooding the Ruhr and Eder Valleys in huge waves.

Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair said walls of the Mohne and Eder dams were broken. One backed up 134,000,000 tons of water and the other 202,000,000 tons, he said.

Subsequently, an Air Ministry communique said the Mohne Dam had been breached for 100 yards and the power station was swept away by resulting floods. The dams were attacked with mines.

The Eder Dam, controlling the headwaters of the Weser and Fulda Valleys also was breached and "photographs show the river below the dam in full flood," the ministry said. The communique said the two dams controlled two-thirds of the storage capacity of the Ruhr Basin.

The attacks were pressed home from low level with "great determination and coolness" in the face of fierce resistance, it said.

Both dams produced hydroelectric power for Ruhr Valley industries. The German yearbook lists only 30 dams, so the Royal Air Force's night work probably was a great blow to German industries, it was stated.

The Berlin radio reported that the floodtide took a heavy toll of casualties. The broadcast did not announce the location of the damaged dams.

The Berlin radio said tonight that a mixed American and British bombing force had attacked Nazi bases on the Atlantic at noon today. Lorient and St. Nazaire are on France's Atlantic coast. The broadcast said 17 bombers were shot down. Three German fighters were reported lost.

Sinclair's disclosure was made in a speech celebrating Norwegian independence day at Albert Hall.

Eight Bombers Lost "The operation was one of extraordinary difficulty and hazard," the air minister declared. "Eight big Lancasters were lost with their precious crews but Wing Commander Gibson, who commanded an aircraft engaged in the operation, pressed home the attack against strong defenses and regardless of danger."

Sir Archibald called the Royal Air Force attack on Germany last night "a trenchant blow for victory of the Allies."

He electrified the crowd by saying: "I have got news—great news—for you today. The Bomber Command—the joy in our hearts—has struck heavy blows of new kind last night at the sources of German war power."

The minister praised the Bomber Command staff and "those superbly daring and skillful crews who

NAVY STILL SILENT ON ALEUTIANS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—American submarines raiding through Pacific waters have sunk six enemy ships, including one destroyer, and damaged another Japanese vessel, the Navy reported today.

Sea-borne American forces are landing a steady stream of reinforcements in the seven-day-old battle of Attu Island, a Tokyo broadcast said today, and heavy fighting is now in progress on the northern coast of the key Japanese outpost in the Aleutians.

In Washington, Navy Secretary Frank Knox said the battle was "moving along satisfactorily."

The Tokyo radio said United States troops, striking in a three-pronged offensive, were attacking under cover of aerial and naval bombardment.

There was still no indication of Japanese warships attempting to challenge the Americans or to bring up reinforcements.

While emphasizing "tremendous numerical odds" in favor of the Americans, a Japanese army spokesman asserted that Japanese garrison troops had made a number of damaging counter-attacks and were holding their positions.

The spokesman, Maj. Gen. Nakao Yahagi, army press chief, was quoted by the Tokyo radio as declaring that United States troops attempting to land on the east coast of the 35-mile-long island were "completely annihilated."

The main attacking force, Yahagi said, effected a landing on the south coast last Tuesday morning and succeeded in moving inland, but he declared counter-attacking Japanese soldiers drove them back to the beach that night.

A third United States contingent landed on the north coast in a synchronized attack Tuesday morning, the broadcast said, and a pitched battle is developing there.

Use of Gas Charged The spokesman also made a propaganda charge that the Americans twice resorted to the use of poison gas.

Official Washington quarters still maintained silence on the battle, the last word having come from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, who declared Friday that the Americans were progressing "very satisfactorily."

Tokyo's version of developments in the Battle of Attu Island lacked confirmation and observers entirely discounted the Japanese report that American troops were using poison gas.

Navy spokesman in Washington said: "Enemy claims that the United States forces in the Aleutians have used gas are absolutely untrue."

Both President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have denounced gas warfare as barbarous, but have warned that the Allies would retaliate promptly if the Axis started using it.

For Japanese home consumption, the Tokyo broadcast emphasized purported Japanese successes in the early phases of the fighting, but the stress laid on United States reinforcements indicated that the Americans were gaining the upper hand.

Washington quarters expressed belief that United States commanders were too busy to send in detailed reports on the struggle for the rocky, fog-shrouded little island, which lies at the westernmost tip

BOMBERS FLY OVER ROME TO HIT BASE

By WILLIAM B. KING
Associated Press Foreign Staff
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 17.—Allied bombers roared over Rome in bright moonlight last night and blasted the Lido di Roma seaplane base at the mouth of the Tiber, 15 miles southwest of the Italian capital, it was announced today.

Royal Air Force Wellingtons which carried out the attack bombed and machine-gunned the Lido di Roma hangars, moorings and planes at will, with no interference from enemy fighters and almost no anti-aircraft opposition. Two hangars were set afire.

No bombs were dropped upon the Eternal City, but the raid marked the closest announced approach of the Allied aerial offensive to its outskirts.

The Wellington crews said that Rome, although well blacked out, was clearly visible in the moonlight. Anti-aircraft fire there also was scant.

Confirming a report yesterday by the Italian High Command, headquarters announced that Wellington bombers attacked Trapani, Western Sicilian port, Saturday night. Bombs hit the gas works, causing a huge explosion in the center of town. Other bursts were observed near the Trapani railway station and near the barracks to the north.

Bomber Runs Low The moon was so bright at Lido di Roma that the Wellingtons, having engaged the craft, were able to employ the tactics of daylight fighter-bombers. One Wellington made four separate runs over the target. The last at only 750 feet altitude.

Pilots said the hangars looked only like frameworks of twisted steel as other raiders, after dropping their bombs, swept in

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OTHER WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW GUINEA—Allied planes raided the Japanese base at Losi three times, but their air activity in the Northern Australia theatre was comparatively minor. See communique, Page 12.

BURMA—American and British planes continued widespread raids on Japanese communications and supply lines. There was no development in land fighting. See communique, Page 12.

BLOCKADE—Two Axis ships attempting to run the blockade of the Continent were scuttled by their crews when intercepted, the British announced. See Page 8.

Ship sinkings in Western Atlantic continue low for 15th week. United States and Norway each lost one vessel last week. Page 8.

Court Upholds Right Of U. S.-Born Japs to Vote

WASHINGTON, May 17.—CP—The Supreme Court refused today to review a decision holding that Japanese born in this country are American citizens and hence entitled to vote.

This ruling, by the Federal Circuit Court at San Francisco, was challenged by John T. Regan, a resident of San Francisco, who contended that "dishonesty, deceit and hypocrisy are racial characteristics of the Japanese," and that this makes them unfit for American citizenship.

Rights Said Invaded Regan instituted suit in the Federal District Court at San Francisco in an effort to compel Cameron King, San Francisco registrar of voters, to strike the names of a group of Japanese born in this country from the list of eligible voters.

In the suit, Regan contended that the voting by Japanese constituted an invasion of his "rights as a citizen of the United States." His suit was dismissed by the District Court and that action was upheld by the Circuit Court.

Among other actions today the court:

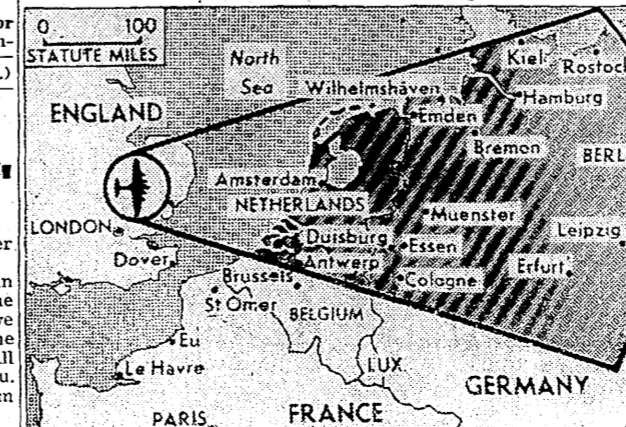
Ruled 4 to 2 that a radio station whose operating license would be affected has a right to intervene in the proceedings before the Communications Commission to determine whether facilities of another station should be increased.

Held that the government, in determining compensation for condemned property, is not required to consider profits which might have been received by the owner in the future through private power development. The Tennessee Valley Authority was involved.

Refused for a second time to review a decision approving a plan for the reorganization of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company worked out by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The review was first denied April 19, 1942.

(See Page 12 for other details.)

ALLIES FOCUS BLOWS



AIR ATTACKS ON EUROPE—Shading covers areas on the Continent over which for the sixth consecutive day Allied planes today struck at German military targets. The present air offensive was launched with a heavy raid on Duisburg and reached its peak last night with attacks on Berlin, the Ruhr and Rhineland. Many Germans lost their lives in floodwaters caused by the bursting of two dams from air assaults.—Map prepared by Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

After 'Will You?' 140 Times In 11 Hours, Girl Says 'Yes'

NEW YORK, May 17.—CP—An 11-hour telephone offensive during which he popped the question successively 139 times ended victoriously today for Pvt. Marvin Rubin, 22 years old, of Brooklyn. The soldier Romeo will be married in July to 19-year-old Beatrice Brown, also of Brooklyn but that's only a part of the story.

Armed with 37 worth of nickels, Rubin climbed into the confines of a candy-store telephone booth yesterday and began what probably was the most dogged dialing spree in telephone company annals.

Every five minutes he rang up Miss Brown and posed this question: "Will you marry me now?"

At the end of \$6.95 the answer was still "No."

But on the 140th call—Rubin says he lost five pounds during the ordeal by phone—his lady love broke down and consented. "All right, Marvin, I'll marry you. There's nothing else I can do. I'm worn out."

The couple became engaged in April, but Miss Brown had thought it better to postpone the nuptials until after the war. Rubin is stationed at New Rochelle, N. Y.

State plans \$76,000,000 for postwar work. Page 22.

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