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## INDIA

Will she gain a self-government status from Britain in return for support against Jap invasion? Churchill's next speech will supply the answer. Watch for it in the NEWS-REVIEW.

# THREAT OF INDIA REVOLT FACING BRITAIN

## Tax Program Of Treasury Facing Fight

### Opposition in Congress Makes Attainment of New Goal Doubtful

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—House ways and means committee opposition to Secretary Morgenthau's new tax program became so widespread today that members began to predict that his goal of \$7,610,000,000 in new revenue would not be achieved.

They said that no one could yet tell whether the committee would accept the treasury secretary's principal recommendations for raising more than \$6,000,000,000 in greatly-increased individual and corporation taxes, but they said clear-cut opposition had developed to less important suggestions. Hearings on the program continued today.

Apparently there had been a considerable change of heart since the program was first presented, for then individual members of the committee indicated a generally favorable attitude toward the broad principles of the treasury's proposals.

It was learned, however, that President Roosevelt has been advised that overwhelming opposition already had developed to Morgenthau's renewed request that married persons be compelled to file joint income tax returns and that congress end the practice of permitting oil well operators to deduct up to 27 1/2 per cent of their income annually as a "depletion allowance."

Morgenthau told the committee those two changes would yield \$380,000,000 in new revenue. Sales Tax Mentioned

Two members said privately that preliminary indications were that "this cutting away" would lead to elimination of still other treasury recommendations with the result that the estimated yield of the new tax bill would be reduced sharply from original guesses.

"Unless we go to a sales tax, the yield will not be anything like \$7,610,000,000," one of them predicted.

Treasury experts have said that a 5 per cent manufacturers sales tax covering everything would raise about \$3,500,000,000, but if such things as food, clothing, medicine, fuel and state and federal purchases were exempted the yield would drop to \$153,000,000.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RUSSIA is urging the swift creation of an Anglo-AMERICAN front in Europe, arguing that Germany can be smashed by fall, thus for a short-cut solution of the F. E. C. war.

(This argument is based on the assumption that if Hitler falls Japan will fold.)

Late dispatches tell us that well-placed AMERICANS and British in London support this view.

Recent dispatches also have told of the arrival of large additional American fighting forces, with full equipment, in northern Ireland.

It is obvious that things aren't going too well for Hitler in Russia. Reports (rumors is really a better word) from Switzerland assert that Germany is even building a fourth defense line in Poland, clear outside Russia.

What Russia is seeking to do is to make it so hot for Hitler that he won't be able to get his much-advertised spring offensive under way.

THIS writer's advice is to watch and keep your fingers crossed. If Hitler ISN'T ABLE to launch an offensive in the spring, you will be justified in believing he has been badly weakened.

If he smashes down through

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### Columnist Will Be Contributor To News-Review



John W. Kelly, pictured above, Washington, D. C., columnist, will be a regular contributor to the columns of the Roseburg News-Review, starting Monday, March 16. Mr. Kelly, for many years connected with newspaper work in Oregon, began service as a Washington correspondent several years ago. His syndicated column has been growing rapidly in importance among readers of the Pacific northwest.

In view of the important happenings in the national capital today, the News-Review, in its effort to keep its readers informed through the most reliable channels, has contracted for the column, which after next Monday will be a regular feature.

Mr. Kelly particularly presents the news of events affecting the Pacific northwest states and is alert to legislation or administration policies affecting this area.

## Jap Destroyer Sunk, 3 Cruisers, Carrier Disabled

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—The navy announced that U. S. submarines in the western Pacific had sunk a Japanese destroyer and a naval tanker and put out of action an aircraft carrier and three cruisers.

The submarine actions covered the week ending March 6. They raised to 18 the total of Japanese vessels sunk by United States submarines and to 138 the total of all types of enemy ships sunk by the army and navy in the western Pacific.

A destroyer leader was described as a large destroyer which served as a leader of a flotilla of such vessels.

The aircraft carrier was not identified as either a regular warship or a converted merchant ship. Previously the navy had reported sinking one aircraft carrier and the probable sinking of another, and the army had reported that a third had been damaged.

### LONDON THINKS U. S. PLANS BIG NAVAL MOVE

(By the Associated Press) British naval circles, commenting on the assignment of Admiral Harold R. Stark to London as commander of American warships in European waters, speculated today that the United States might be planning to increase its naval strength across the Atlantic.

These quarters declared it was obvious that an officer of Admiral Stark's high rank would not be sent to London unless some new development of naval importance were in the offing.

Other observers saw the possibility that powerful units of America's rapidly expanding navy might be sent abroad to counter any shift in the European naval balance through absorption of French warships into the German fleet. Such reinforcements might also be used in protecting a British counter-invasion of the continent to establish a "second front" against Germany, as repeatedly urged by Russia.

Authorized quarters in Vichy denied that 40 French warships had been turned over to Germany, as reported yesterday by Tass, the soviet news agency.

## Axis U-Boats Increase Toll In Caribbean

### Survivors of Torpedoed Vessels Land at 3 Ports; Brazil Asks Reparations

By the Associated Press The arrival of survivors from torpedoed merchant ships at three Caribbean harbors underscored the persisting menace today along the sea lanes between North and South America as the loss of Brazil's third ship pushed that country along the road which led her into the first World War.

The three ports where rescued crews put in yesterday were: In northwest Haiti—22 survivors, including the captain, of a United States steamer reported to have been sunk last Saturday. The vessel was identified as the 5,104-ton Lykes Bros. Cardonia.

Baracoa, Cuba—All 39 crewmen of a vessel described as a Standard Oil tanker who were picked up by a fishing boat after their ship was torpedoed and shelled about 20 miles off the eastern tip of Cuba. The ship was mentioned in Cuban reports as the Nanead, Handeact or Handead but Lloyd's records none of those names.

Kingston, St. Vincent, British West Indies—39 survivors, among them many who were injured, and the bodies of two men who perished in the lifeboats after their ship was torpedoed. No details of the torpedoing were disclosed. One man died after reaching shore.

Brazil Asks Reparation In Rio De Janeiro, the Brazilian government announced last night that Germany was being

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## Blind Tillamook Veteran Organizes Guerrilla Force

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Mar. 10.—(AP)—A guerrilla band, 1,000 strong organized by a blind veteran of the first World War, perfected plans today to support the army in fighting off any invasion attempt on the Oregon coast.

Stewart Arnold, the veteran, who lost his sight but not his spirit in the first A. E. F., said 24 companies of guerrillas had been formed. Only a few more are needed, he said, to complete defense plans for this rich coastal dairy community.

"We're just sort of backing up the army," Arnold explained. "This is a big country and we can help guard it."

Woods-wise loggers, farmers and townsmen have joined, each swearing an enlistment to defend until death the green hills and valleys stretching back from Tillamook bay.

The provide their own rifles and ammunition. They have no uniforms and they do no drilling. They intend to fight, as the Indians did before them, from the sandspits and cliffs along the ocean and in the timbered mountain passes leading inland.

Four retired army majors have helped lay defense plans and once a week the companies, organized by groups of 30 to 70 men, meet for target practice.

"Not that these boys need much practice," said Arnold. "It's just to keep their eyes sharp, so we won't waste powder."

Farm Aid Included Almost as feared as invasion is enemy incendiary bombing of the forest back of the bay, one of the last great virgin timber stands in the country. The guerrillas have mapped off sections for each company to guard.

They have pledged also to help farmers get in their crops despite what threatens to become the worst agricultural labor shortage in history.

But first of all, Arnold said, they are brush fighters.

"The army probably will take care of the Japs if they try to land on the beaches," he added, "but our boys will be pleased to meet any who might slip through into the woods."

## Wholesale Pork Prices Frozen By Federal Order

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—The government temporarily froze wholesale prices of 90 per cent of the nation's pork products, including ham and bacon, today at the highest levels prevailing between March 3 and March 7.

The ceiling, effective March 23, applies to dressed hogs and wholesale pork cuts, and Price Administrator Henderson declared it was expected "to help importantly in holding down the cost of living."

Last year, consumers spent more than \$2,000,000,000 for pork and other hog products.

Neither farmers nor retail outlets are covered directly by the emergency price schedule, but Henderson asserted both would feel its effects. When prices are fixed on dressed hogs or pork cuts, prices which the packer may pay for the farmer's hogs automatically are limited.

"Pork prices to the retailer are fixed under the regulation," Henderson continued. "OPA will step into the retail picture immediately, should present retail price margins rise beyond possibly a slight increase to reflect changes in replacement costs, thus adding to the consumer's burden unduly."

Parity Now Exceeded The OPA said that, with top prices of \$13.75 a hundred pounds currently prevailing for hogs in Chicago, prices received by farmers exceeded 110 per cent of parity.

The 110 per cent figure is the highest of four levels, in the case of hogs, which limit Henderson's discretionary power to set ceilings on farm products under the emergency price control act.

Products covered under the new ceiling include regular hams, fresh or frozen; regular hams cured, smoked, boiled or baked; baked and boned skinned hams, picnic hams, shoulders, pork loins, canned or packaged spiced luncheon meat made entirely from pork, slab bacon, Canadian bacon, sliced bacon, fat backs, spare ribs, and canned or packaged spiced ham.

Sausages, canned meats, manufactured meats except canned spiced ham and luncheon meat, and edible offals, are excluded from the ceiling. Officials said sausages contained various meat products and that it would be extremely difficult to arrive at a fair-price formula for them.

## Essen Ablaze After Fresh RAF Attack

### Six Nazi Planes Downed, Three Italian Ships in Convoy Set on Fire

LONDON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—RAF bombers set fires, some of them of "great size," in a heavy attack last night on the German industrial city of Essen, site of the Krupp munitions works, the air ministry reported today.

It was the second successive night attack on Essen. Three British bombers were reported missing from operations which included attacks on other objectives in the war-important Ruhr valley.

(The German high command acknowledged that British bombers were over western Germany last night and said that there were civilian casualties. Berlin reported only one British plane shot down.)

An intensification of daylight air operations was seen in the announcement that six German fighter planes were shot down over northern France yesterday. Five were credited to RAF fighters and the other to a British bomber.

### Italian Convoy Blasted

British torpedo bombers set fire to an Italian cruiser, a merchant vessel and a destroyer in the central Mediterranean yesterday, an official announcement from Cairo said today.

An RAF communique said the attack was directed against an enemy convoy "escorted by units of the Italian fleet."

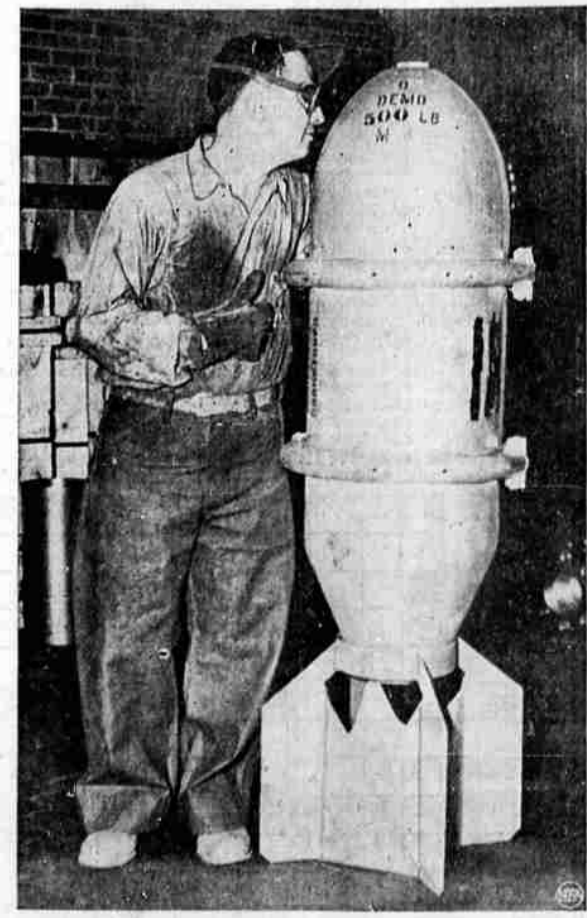
Attacks on the islands of Rhodes and Leros and on Piraeus, the seaport for Athens, also were reported, but no details were given.

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## Theodore Conn Named To State Game Board

SALEM, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Theodore Conn, Lakeview attorney, was appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague yesterday to the state game commission, to serve out the term of Francis Olds, Klamath Falls, who died several days ago.

## Kiss of Death—For Our Enemies



Five-hundred-pound demolition bomb gets final inspection and, apparently, a goodby kiss in a Philadelphia ordnance district plant. Fins are shown here, but the usual practice is to attach them later at airfields. Bands around the bomb facilitate handling.

# Support Against Japs Rests On Attitude of London Govt.

### U. S. Naval Operations Concentrated Under Command of Admiral King Following Army's Reorganization

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—The supreme command of all United States naval operations was concentrated today in the hands of Admiral Ernest J. King, a triple threat specialist in surface, air and submarine warfare.

King, who was already commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, took over the duties heretofore entrusted to Admiral Harold R. Stark as chief of naval operations.

This consolidation of authority—a possible hint of further streamlining in the navy's organization—gave King control not only of combat activities but also of the general planning and fleet maintenance, formerly the province of the chief of naval operations.

Secretary of Navy Knox announced the change in a formal statement last night which disclosed the assignment of Admiral Stark to a newly created post of "commander, U. S. naval forces operating in European waters."

The navy changes followed closely the army's reorganization of its general staff into a smaller, younger group, but it remained to be seen whether the two moves would quiet congressional agitation for a greater unification in the direction of the nation's war effort.

### Air Force Men to Front

The army reorganization which became effective yesterday, reduced the general staff to a fifth of its former size and gave greater recognition to air force men. Excepting the chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, who is 61, the streamlined staff has an average age of 48.



Admiral E. J. King

However, congress was urged by Senator LaFollette to order an investigation to determine whether legislation was needed to produce closer coordination of army, navy and air corps.

Senator Austin felt that greater coordination was needed, and Senator Hill, while crediting the army with much progress, said he hoped for the ultimate creation of an "over-all staff" to unify the armed services into "one great machine."

The navy changes were considered a necessary preliminary to any such strategy board, for it ended the division of authority that existed between King and Stark and put King in absolute charge under President Roosevelt and Secretary Knox.

## Oregon Evacuation Only If Raided, Sprague Says

SALEM, Mar. 10.—(AP)—There will be no evacuation of civilians from Oregon unless there is an enemy invasion, Governor Sprague said today.

He said civilians would be expected to remain at home during light and sporadic bombing raids, but if there are heavy raids, invalids, the aged and children will be moved to safe areas.

Sheriff's mounted posses, organized in several Oregon counties, will not be included in the state guard, but they undoubtedly would be used in event of enemy invasion as sheriff's deputies, Governor Sprague said.

## Europeans, Asiatics Victims of Jap Atrocities at Captured Hongkong

LONDON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Eden charged in the house of commons today that the Japanese army in Hongkong had been guilty of wholesale atrocities in the occupied crown colony and declared that the Japanese emperor and government and "the whole Japanese people" were to blame.

Fifty British officers and men were bound hand and foot and then bayoneted to death following the capture of Hongkong; women, both European and Asiatic, were outraged and murdered, and one whole Chinese district was declared a brothel without exception for the status of any of the inhabitants, Eden declared.

These happenings, previously reported to the government, were not made public until it had confirmation from reliable eye-witnesses recently escaped from the colony, Eden said.

### Nanking Horror Repeated

"Their testimony established the fact that the Japanese army at Hongkong perpetrated against their helpless military prisoners and civil population without distinction of race or color the same kind of barbarities which aroused the horror of the civilized world at the time of the Nanking massacre of 1937," Eden continued.

He referred to the Japanese

## Rangoon Left Ablaze; Java Wholly Lost

### Vigilance of Australia Increased as Japs Land 3rd Unit in New Guinea

By the Associated Press Threats of a "revolt" by British-ruled India's 77,000,000 Moslems further complicated the allied effort in the far Pacific war theater today as Japanese troops surged on westward beyond fallen Rangoon toward the Irrawaddy oil fields and the fabulous riches of India.

Rangoon itself, the Burmese capital, was a city of fire-blackened ruins.

The situation in India hung in delicate balance. Dispatches from New Delhi said apparent delay in Prime Minister Churchill's statement to parliament on India had resulted in disappointment.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem league, predicted that Moslem India would revolt if the statement were detrimental to Moslem interests, particularly any plan to divide India into self-ruling Moslem and Hindu states.

Traditionally deadly enemies, India's 240,000,000 Hindus outnumber the Moslems by three to one.

### Java Entirely Lost

On other fronts: The battle for Java was apparently a closed chapter, with Japanese forces occupying Bandung, former allied military headquarters, and presumably the big Soerabaya naval base.

Blacked-out communications hid the extent of any fighting

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## Brig. Gen. Means Named Northern Defense Chief

WALLA WALLA, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Lewis M. Means has been named commanding general, northern defense area, with headquarters at Walla Walla, Major General Jay L. Benedict, commanding general of the ninth corps area, Fort Douglas, Utah, has announced.

General Means was formerly adjutant general of Missouri and has been on active duty with the army since December, 1940.

capture of the former Chinese capital on December 13, 1937. Substantiated accounts at that time said a reign of terror existed for days, with thousands of women outraged and murdered and other thousands of the inhabitants killed during the burning, looting and pillage of Nanking.

Japanese statements at the time described the disorders as a "mopping up" operation.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Recent arrivals from Japanese-occupied Hongkong reported today that Vaughn Meisling, Associated Press correspondent, and two other Americans had been confined to Stanley prison under conditions of privation.

The report said that persons confined there were given but one bowl of rice and a bowl of watery fish or meat soup daily, and that many were suffering from dysentery and stomach ailments. The Japanese refused to supply medicines, it was said.

Meisling and his two companions first were allowed to live in the Loucater hotel where a Japanese army intelligence officer, formerly a Domei correspondent in Manila, tried to induce them to write and sign stories saying they were getting good treatment, it was reported. When his efforts were useless the men were transferred to the prison.