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## BRITISH 'LEET BLASTS ISLAND OF RHODES

### NORTH AUSTRALIAN PORT OF DARWIN UNDERGOES FOURTH RAID BY JAPANESE BOMBERS

#### Damage Done, Casualties Also Occur

#### Return Blows Hit Japs' Bases; Sub Takes Heavy Toll of Nippon Ships

CANBERRA, Australia, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Fourteen Japanese bombers smashed at Darwin today, subjecting that north coast port to its fourth air attack since war swept to the southwest Pacific.

Early reports of the raid said that some damage resulted and that there were casualties, but details were lacking.

Darwin, a potential naval base for the allied nations, was massed by more than 100 Japanese bombers and fighting planes for the first time February 19. Many casualties and some military damage resulted and a civilian evacuation was ordered.

The Japanese carried out lesser raids the following day and on March 4.

#### Return Blows Hit Japs.

Australian and American airmen struck return blows today at Japanese invasion bases, including Dili in Portuguese Timor, a possible springboard for the attacks on Darwin, and on invasion bases at Rabaul and Gasmata, New Britain.

Complementing these air blows was the announcement that a United Nations submarine had

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Japs slacken temporarily their attack on the eastern tip of the island of New Guinea, and latest dispatches report that considerable Japanese forces have been sighted well to the eastward, in the neighborhood of the Solomon islands.

This might mean:

1. That they are attempting a fake play, hoping to draw U. S. and Australian forces away from New Guinea and northern Australia.

2. That they are moving eastward along the line of islands dotting the South Pacific to threaten the supply line from America to Australia.

It must be accepted from the start that Australia will be unable to defend herself without aid—and the United States is the only place effective help can come from.

If we are to help Australia, the sea lanes must be kept open.

THE Japs probably got something of a jolt in their latest New Guinea attack, finding combined American and Australian air strength tougher than they expected.

Admiral Hart, former commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, told us bluntly the other day that we lost the first round against Japan because the Japs had complete command of the air.

Maybe we are making progress toward building air strength in Australia.

THE Japs have already spread themselves reasonably thin. If they undertake the conquest of Australia, they will spread themselves thinner still.

If, simultaneously, they TACKLE INDIA, the spreading

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#### Defense Leader Visits Roseburg



Personal inspection of Douglas county's civilian defense set-up was given here today by Jerrold Owen, above, of Salem, state coordinator of that activity, who also announced plans to conduct schools and efficiency tests. (See story below.)

### Civilian Defense Program Enrolls 110,000 in Oregon

Approximately 110,000 persons in the state of Oregon have been enrolled in the civilian defense program, according to Jerrold Owen, Salem, state civilian defense coordinator. Mr. Owen arrived here this morning to inspect the Douglas county defense organization. He was scheduled to leave this afternoon for Grants Pass.

At the present time, he reports, defense schools are being held in each county to train workers who will in turn, serve as instructors. The Douglas county school was completed last week by Professor Paul Washke of University of Oregon. It is anticipated, Mr. Owen said, that the schools will be completed during the month of March.

#### Instructor assigned

Captain Wm. J. M. Rogers has been assigned by the U. S. army to aid the defense council as senior instructor and, following the completion of the several schools, will visit the various counties and will conduct tests which will involve the services of the defense units under simulated emergency conditions.

Arrangements also are being made for a school to be held in Portland in the near future to train owners and managers of defense plants and public utilities in defense of their plants and properties.

Mr. Owen was accompanied to Roseburg by A. J. Crose, property manager of the World War Veterans State Aid commission, who is serving as supervisor of the state tire rationing program. Mr. Crose consulted here today with members of the local tire rationing board.

#### Chilean Boat Torpedoed, Sunk Near New York

SANTIAGO, Chile, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Government officials announced today that the Chilean freighter Tolten had been torpedoed and sunk about 30 miles from the port of New York and that only two of the crew of 29 were known to have been rescued.

The Tolten, 1,858 tons, was formerly the Danish freighter Lotta, and was the first Chilean ship sunk since the outbreak of the war.

She was consigned by Chile on February 15, 1941.

### F. D. R. Tells Railway Head To Arbitrate

#### President Takes Hand in Strike, Citing Agreement Of Wartime Duration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—The white house disclosed today that President Roosevelt had asked George P. McNear, Jr., president of the Toledo, Peoria & Western railroad, to comply immediately with a war labor board order for arbitration of a strike of 104 employes of the line.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the chief executive had written to McNear Saturday reviewing the strike and calling attention to a national agreement that there shall be no strike or lockouts during the war.

His letter was sent after reports of violence in the strike and the wounding of three members of a train crew last Friday night.

A government labor official said later that government seizure and operation of the road was the only alternative if McNear rejected the president's plea. McNear previously had refused to consent to arbitration at the request of the war labor board and the national railway mediation board.

The line, which operates 239 miles of track with terminals at Effner, Ind., and Keokuk, Ia., has been disputing with representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen and Engineers since December 28.

The dispute has centered around a proposed contract which the employes have contended

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### First S. P. Train Travels Highest Two-Deck Bridge

REDDING, Calif., Mar. 16.—(AP)—A 40-car Southern Pacific freight train rolled along track suspended 500 feet above the canyonwalled Pitt river yesterday, and so inaugurated service over the highest double deck bridge in the world.

The train, which also for the first time covered the 30 miles of new mainline track from Delta to Redding, crossed over the lower level, four lanes wide, will carry highway traffic when its approaches are completed, probably by summer.

Both the bridge, 3,588 feet long, and the road and railway relocation projects are by-products of Shasta dam. The old routes, deep in the canyon, will be flooded by the water the dam will retain.

### ARMY CRAFT CRASH

#### Two Bombers, Carrying 16 In All, Down

#### One Wrecked 20 Miles From Pendleton, Other Three Miles From Boise

PENDLETON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Wreckage of two flying fortress bombers from the Pendleton airbase was discovered between 9 and 10 a. m. this morning, one down on a knoll 20 miles south of Pendleton and the other in densely wooded country three miles southwest of Boise, Ida., Col. Frank W. Wright, airbase commander, announced.

Five officers and 11 enlisted men were aboard the two planes, both of which were on separate routine night training flights. Due to the remoteness of the country where the crashes occurred, details have not been learned. Crash crews sent to the sites have not reported back to their bases, Col. Wright said.

The big bomber which cracked up south of Pendleton, apparently at about 12:30 a. m. this morning, had three officers and seven enlisted men in the crew. It was found by a searching ship from the Pendleton field. The plane which went down near Boise was last heard from at about 2:30 a. m. and carried a crew of two officers and four enlisted men. It was

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### McCowan's Cafe Loses Money to Burglar

McCowan's cafe, located immediately north of the Deer creek bridge, was burglarized early Sunday morning, Chief of Police William Moar reported today. Entrance was forced through a rear window. The burglar forced the cash register and jimmied two pinball machines, escaping with about \$50.

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### Blow Counters Axis Threat to Turkey; Hitler Changes Forecast of "Victory"

#### Fuehrer Sets Summer For Kayo of Reds

#### Stress Put on Russia's Failure to Crush Nazis With Help of Winter

BERLIN (from German broadcasts), Mar. 16.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler appealed to the German people yesterday for new sacrifices and warned them "a hard struggle" lies ahead, but promised a crushing victory over soviet Russia during the coming summer.

Speaking at memorial exercises for Germany's war dead, Hitler also predicted the ultimate defeat of what he called President Roosevelt's attempts to "build a detestable new alien world."

Politicians, army generals, wounded soldiers and war widows crowded into the Zeughaus—old Berlin arsenal used as a military museum—to hear Hitler's address, which also was broadcast to the nation.

The German leader made a special trip from his headquarters on the Russian front to attend the state ceremonies; later he reviewed units of the army, navy and air force and placed a wreath on the war dead memorial in Unter Den Linden.

#### "Annihilation" Vowed

He acknowledged frankly that the German armed forces had met unanticipated obstacles in Russia after achieving victories which he said had "no parallel in history." Winter, for instance, he said, came weeks earlier than expected.

"But one thing we know today," Hitler declared: "The Bolsheviks who could not defeat the German troops and their allies in one winter will be annihilated by us in the coming summer."

Russia's only hope of ultimate victory, Hitler said, vanished when her armies failed to inflict upon Germany a "Napoleonic" defeat in the snow and cold of a

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### Sales Tax Yield Figured But Objection Renewed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—The treasury department estimated today that a general five per cent retail sales tax with no exemptions would yield \$5,018,000,000 in new revenue, but renewed its objections to that type of levy.

A sales levy has been suggested by the National Association of Manufacturers and was proposed today by the Brooklyn chamber of commerce.

Ways and means committee members have been considering the advisability of resorting to some form of sales tax to help raise \$7,000,000,000 as an alternative for Secretary Morgenthau's recommendations for steeply increased individual and corporation taxes.

#### Head War Units on Various Fronts



Maj. Gen. J. W. Stillwell



Sir Richard Peirse



Adm. Adolphus Andrews



Gen. Yamashita

General Stillwell, U. S. army infantry specialist, is new chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in the Chinese war zone. Sir Richard Peirse, air marshal, is Britain's new air force chief in India. Rear Admiral Andrews, commander of the eastern sea frontier of the U. S., directs the task of hunting down axis U-boat raiders along our Atlantic seaboard. General Yamashita, conqueror of Malaya and Singapore, heads the Japanese forces opposing Gen. MacArthur on the Bataan peninsula of the Philippines following the suicide of his unsuccessful predecessor.

### Strangler Slays Portland Woman

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Police traced today the few clues left them by the strangler of 28-year-old Margaret Gwen Ponsen, Portland stenographer.

Her naked body, covered neatly by a quilt, was found last night in her apartment, in which there was no evidence of a struggle and only one thing was out of place.

That was a missing lamp cord. Deputy Coroner Gideon Snook said it probably was used to garrote the woman, then was carried off by the slayer. He said there was no evidence of criminal assault.

Of the woman, police knew little.

Mrs. John B. Stark, apartment house manager, said the woman had lived alone since a divorce two years ago. She did not know whether Ponsen was a maiden name or the name of the former husband. Police were unable to locate relatives, although a father was believed in Seaside, Ore., and married sister in Seattle.

Carl Magnuson, another apartment tenant, said two men were at a party in the woman's apartment, but left at 2:30 a. m., when he complained of noise. He could not identify them.

The deputy coroner fixed death at 6 a. m. and police said anyone might have gained admittance to the apartment through a back door, which was unlocked.

### Reedsport Sawmill to Be Moved to Sutherlin

REEDSPORT, Ore., Mar. 16.—(AP)—R. J. Hubbard, who recently built a sawmill on the site of the old Umpqua mill here, said today its equipment would be moved to Sutherlin and incorporated in an existing mill there.

Operation of the new mill has been held up by litigation over the site, which was acquired at tax sale.

### 150,000 Perish In Axis-Held Greece

CAIRO, Egypt, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Starvation, exposure and executions have taken a toll of 150,000 to 200,000 lives in Greece in less than a year of German-Italian occupation, Greek officials here estimate.

Unless conditions improve, half of Greece's population of 7,000,000 may be dead before the war ends, these sources declared.

The peak of suffering was said to have been reached in February when an intense cold wave combined with lack of food and water to boost deaths in the Athens area alone to 1,500 daily.

"Only a strong man can survive," one refugee was quoted as saying. "There is much pneumonia and tuberculosis. There is little typhus yet, but it will come."

Lack of wheat was said to be an important factor. Greece normally consumes about 1,200,000 tons of wheat annually, of which more than 400,000 tons is imported. Officials estimated that the domestic wheat crop this year would be only 300,000 tons—500,000 below normal.

### Illinois Tornado Kills 8 Persons

DANVILLE, Ill., Mar. 16.—Eight persons were killed in a tornado that cut across eastern Illinois today, striking hardest north of here at the village of Alvin, where at least four were killed and perhaps two score hurt. Four others were killed in Champagne county.

Reports were that most of the buildings in Alvin, a town of 339 population, were destroyed and at least three burned when fires started in the wreckage.

### Collapse In Russia May Divert Blitz

#### Nazis Thought Planning Eastward Stab Because Of Repulses in North

(By the Associated Press) The British smashed at an axis base on Turkey's Mediterranean flank over the week-end, indirectly underscoring the prospect that if the Germans do not get going in Russia they may try to turn Turkey into an invasion route to the middle east.

Whether there was an overt threat to Turkey at that axis base, the Italian island of Rhodes, could not be ascertained from the British report of the raid, which spoke only of "objectives" bombed at two places on the island.

Turkey, a non-belligerent ally of the British, is under considerable German pressure to join the "new order" in Europe without a fight. Rhodes lies only about 15 miles from the nearest point of Turkish territory.

Over the week-end British warships and planes, according to the Italian communique, attacked the island of Rhodes, easternmost Mediterranean foothold of the axis, just off the Turkish coast. The RAF at Cairo, following up the Italian announcement, said merely that "objectives" at Maritz and Calato on the 49 by 21-mile island were attacked by bombing planes Saturday night.

Other "objectives" at Candia, on the axis-occupied Greek island of Crete, west and south of Rhodes, also were bombed.

The assault suggested British readiness for any springtime move of the axis to supplement the war with Russia by a southeastward stab into Turkey.

As might be expected, the Italian high command denied any military damage from the attack on Rhodes and admitted only minor damage to other buildings, claiming that one of them was an orthodox church. Casualties were listed as seven killed and 10 injured.

The common opinion of many war observers has been that if Hitler cannot get his promised offensive under way in Russia he certainly will make a stab to

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### Curb Ordered On Oregon Gas Sales

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—The 100,000 filling stations of the eastern seaboard and Pacific northwest, which serve more than 10,000,000 automobile drivers, will receive 20 per cent less gasoline beginning Thursday and will be permitted to operate no more than 12 hours a day and 72 hours a week.

Orders to this effect were issued Saturday by Donald M. Nelson, director of the war production board, as a stop-gap until cards can be printed for a rigid rationing program on both coasts.

States affected are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida east of the Apalachicola river, Washington and Oregon.

Portland service station operators said today they did not expect gasoline rationing to put more of them out of business.

James H. Cassell, executive secretary of the Automobile Dealers' association, estimated 170 of the 770 service stations in the city had closed already because of tire rationing and attractive pay elsewhere, and predicted gasoline rationing would halt price-cutting.

### American Cruiser Destroyed in Battle Off Java



Among the 13 United Nations' ships lost in the terrific three-day battle against a numerically superior Japanese fleet off Java last month was the U. S. cruiser Houston, pictured above. Believed lost with the ship was her captain, Albert H. Rooks of Seattle. The battle cost the Japanese eight warships. The Houston has figured prominently in news in past years by reason of her use by President Roosevelt on his sea journeys, one of which was to Portland, Ore.