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It looks like full rejection of the British proposal for after-the-war autonomy, and that means more war for the allies if Burma is conquered by the Japs. Read the NEWS-REVIEW for later developments.

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ALLIED BOMBER AGAIN BLAST JAP BASES

HITLER MOBILIZES 1,500,000 FRESH TROOPS FOR HERALDED SPRING DRIVE

Caucasus Oil Area Seen As Major Goal

Russians Said to Have 7 Million Men Ready For Decisive Combat

(By the Associated Press) Adolf Hitler was reported moving 1,500,000 fresh troops into the eastern front today as signs multiplied that the fuhrer was preparing to open his long-heralded spring offensive for a climactic struggle involving nearly 12,000,000 German and Russian soldiers.

London quarters estimated that about 4,500,000 Germans and 7,000,000 Russians were massing for the great battles already beginning to take shape along the 2,000-mile soviet front.

Indications that "zero hour" may be near for the German drive were seen in recent communiques reporting nazi offensive thrusts, after months of stressing the bitter defensive nature of German operations. Thus, today's bulletin from German field headquarters reported that "in an attack of our own," nazi motorized troops dislodged Russian forces from positions northeast of Orel, 200 miles below Moscow.

Yesterday's communique also noted "our own offensive operations" elsewhere on the front.

Hitler Aims For Oil

London military observers said they expected Hitler to aim his heaviest blows against Marshal Timoshenko's armies on the southern front, in an attempt to break through the 400-mile line between Orel and Targanrog and

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE weather, Monday's dispatches tell us, has turned against the Japs.

Floods, pouring down the New Guinea mountainsides, have inundated the valley of the Markham river, rendering useless the secondary airports they have been industriously building there.

The wet season in New Guinea is JUST BEGINNING.

AUSTRALIA'S air minister, A. S. Drakeford, adds that in fighting over Lae, on the north side of New Guinea, American and Australian air forces have crippled a TENTH of Japan's entire cruiser strength.

(The Japs are supposed to have had around 50 cruisers when the war began. The Lae losses DO NOT include damage inflicted on the Jap navy elsewhere since December 7—as at Macassar strait, Java, Wake Island, etc.)

MILITARY quarters in London estimate (basing their figures on official allied reports) that 1025 Jap planes have been destroyed since the war began. Since Japan is supposed to have had around 5,000 planes on December 7, that amounts to around a fifth of their original air strength.

What replacements have been, no one outside the Jap high command knows.

DRAKEFORD adds: "These successes, achieved with comparatively small forces, are no longer to be regarded as merely of TACTICAL significance. They have made a marked STRATEGICAL difference in the war."

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Japanese Tests Curfew Order



(NEA Telephoto.) Minoru Yasui, above, Japanese American attorney of Hood River, Ore., who violated the alien curfew law in Portland, surrendered to police in order to create a test case. Yasui, a graduate of the University of Oregon law school, holds a commission as a lieutenant in the U. S. army reserves. He was a registered paid agent of Japan until the Pearl harbor raid, when he resigned. His father, arrested at Hood River as a dangerous alien, is now in a detention camp in Montana.

Roseburg Stores Observing Order On Tube-For-Tube

Roseburg stores handling toothpaste, shaving cream, cosmetics, ointments and other articles sold in collapsible metal tubes, today were putting into immediate effect an order that sales be made only to customers who could exchange a used tube.

The ruling has been made on a nationwide scale as a means of meeting the tin shortage. As collapsible tubes contain a high percentage of reclaimable tin, a plan has been worked out whereby continued use of tubes will be provided in the handling of many items which could not be easily packaged in any other form, but by requiring exchange of a used tube for a new one there will be little loss in volume of the valuable metal.

Dealers point out that it is not necessary that the tube used in exchange be of the same type as the one in which the purchased article is packaged, but a collapsible tube of some sort must be exchanged for every tube of merchandise purchased.

Western Area Command Given General K. A. Joyce

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—(AP)—Command of the vital ninth corps area, which embraces the strategic western states, was placed in the hands today of 62-year-old Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, who started soldiering as an enlisted private in the Spanish-American war.

In announcing the appointment, Lieut.-Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command and fourth army, stressed Joyce's "intimate knowledge of the military situation existing in the western theater of operations."

Joyce, relinquishing command of the army corps at Fort Lewis, Wash., replaces Major General J. L. Benedict, who will assume a new command still to be announced.

Army Day To See March of Defense Units

Schools, Stores, County Offices to Close for Roseburg Observance

Schools, stores and county offices will close at 2:30 p. m. Monday, April 6, as hundreds of Roseburg residents join in the civilian defense parade at 3:30 p. m. observance of Army day. It was announced today. Schools have already announced closure at the appointed hour, and offices in the courthouse have been instructed by County Judge D. N. Busenbark to close at 2:30 o'clock, Harry Pinniger, county defense coordinator, reported. Mr. Pinniger stated that he is sending out requests to all Roseburg business houses to close at 2:30 in order that employees may participate in the civilian defense demonstration.

The parade of civilian defense personnel has been requested in all counties by Governor Charles A. Sprague and Jerrold Owen, state defense coordinator, as a means of bringing to public attention the extent of the civilian defense program.

Full Participation Urged.

"The demonstration in Roseburg will meet the desires of the

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88 Drunken Drivers in Oregon Lose Licenses

SALEM, April 1.—(AP)—A total of 103 drivers licenses were revoked during January in Oregon, including 88 for drunken driving, the state department said today.

There were 71 suspensions, including 27 for reckless driving.

Clough Renamed To Highway Body



SALEM, April 1.—(AP)—Governor Sprague today reappointed Huron W. Clough, Canyonville, Douglas county, to the state highway commission. Clough, originally appointed by Governor Sprague three years ago, began serving his new term today.

Siren to Be Located at Sewage Disposal Plant

The air raid siren tested in Roseburg Tuesday is to be located, at least temporarily, at the city sewage disposal plant it was announced today. Tests conducted during the afternoon indicated that the site affords coverage in sufficient signal strength for North Roseburg, Laurelwood, West Roseburg, Edenbower and Riverside districts. A second siren is expected within two or three weeks and will be mounted in the south part of town. The two will be connected by a joint control system to a central station so that they can be turned on and off simultaneously.

Remarks About MacArthur Land Two Men in Jail

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—(AP)—Isolationists Robert C. Noble, who shouted "to hell with MacArthur," and Ellis O. Jones, who led a mock impeachment of President Roosevelt, were rearrested last night on federal charges of sedition.

Almost simultaneously, the state filed criminal libel charges against Noble, Jones and seven others, accusing them of having libeled Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a pamphlet distributed by their Friends of Progress isolationist organization. Attorney General Warren filed the state charge in Sacramento.

Noble, Jones and four of their followers were arrested shortly after Pearl harbor and charged with sedition. They were released a few days later on orders from U. S. Attorney General Biddle, who said every effort should be made to maintain free speech and public safety. Noble as judge and Jones as prosecutor had impeached President Roosevelt at a mock trial.

Noble's "hell with MacArthur" statement was made to a Friends of Progress meeting last week. He confirmed it in testimony before a state assembly committee investigating un-American activities. In other appearances before the committee, Noble said he admired Hitler, contended the Japanese attack on Pearl harbor was justified, and advocated "Europe for Hitler" and "the Orient for the Japanese." He accused Roosevelt of meddling in world affairs.

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of those who hold the city's purse strings that this one unit would prove sufficiently noisy to alarm the entire town. Not so.

Another one has been ordered, and I believe it is the plan now to use the fire siren also in conjunction with these two, one of which will be placed in the north and one in the south end, of town.

I do hope these three sirens, if and when used, will make enough sound for everyone in town to hear. It's most disconcerting to have to depend on a certain signaling device (and what better than sufficient noise) for warning of an air raid, and then discover the noise is so puny it won't carry to half the people even in a town of Roseburg's modest size.

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Sikhs Reject British Offer Of Self-Rule

Proviso That Defense of India Be Left in British Hands Bars Agreement

NEW DELHI, April 1.—(AP)—Two of India's most important minority groups rejected the British proposals for post-war dominion status for India today, the extremist Hindu organization Mahasabha joining the Sikhs in registering a negative response.

NEW DELHI, India, April 1.—(AP)—The Sikh all-parties committee, one of India's minority groups, issued the first flat rejection today of Britain's offer of post-war dominion status for India.

The Sikhs, a Hindu warrior caste, rejected the plan as submitted by Britain's special envoy, Sir Stafford Cripps, on the grounds that it would leave them at the mercy of the Moslem majority in Punjab province.

As a result the Sikhs were expected to make common cause against the Moslems with the Mahasabha, organization of Hindu extremists, whose rejection of the offer already had appeared certain, thus presaging failure of Britain's effort to unite the country's 390,000,000 population into a fighting force for the allies.

The chief stumbling block to acceptance was the requirement that India's wartime defenses be left in British hands.

Without Britain's aid, both in supplies and military guidance, India would be virtually defenseless against a Japanese onslaught from next-door Burma, where allied British and Chinese forces have been steadily losing ground.

The decision of the all-India congress party probably will be issued today and the opinion was widely held that the potent, ardently nationalist movement would spurn the British terms.

Faint Hope Remains.

A last-minute glimmer of hope was seen, however, in a joint statement of Sir Tej Sapru and Dr. Mukund Jayakar, spokesmen of India's non-party leaders, who said it would be a tragedy if the Cripps mission failed, for it would produce a keen sense of dis-

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Foe's Planes at New Guinea, Timor Airdromes Destroyed; Chinese Pierce Burma Trap

Five Thousand Japs Slain In 5-Day Battle

U. S. Commander Leads Relief Forces; Nippons Force Back British

(By the Associated Press) Hard-fighting Chinese defenders of Burma were reported to have escaped a Japanese trap at Toungoo today, falling back to the north after the fiercest battle of the whole Burma campaign so far.

Toungoo, 155 airline miles from Rangoon, was the eastern anchor of the allied line in central Burma. Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, American commander of Chinese forces in Burma, personally led a column to relieve Chinese troops at Toungoo.

Front-line dispatches said remnants of the Toungoo garrison, originally estimated at 10,000 Chinese against 18,000 Japanese, slashed their way through enemy lines, crossed the Sittang river under point-blank fire, and scattered in the woody hills to make contact with a Chinese relief army.

Five thousand Japanese were reported killed in the bloody five-day siege of the town. Chinese losses were not disclosed, but many fought to the death in shallow machine-gun and rifle pits under incessant dive-bombing as-

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Infant Born When Torpedo Hits Ship

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—Another axis torpedo found its mark in another helpless merchantman in Atlantic coastal waters Sunday morning and with a thunderous explosion brought life.

Whether it caused any deaths is not yet known, but from a cabin, as it struck, came the thin wail of an infant, born prematurely at the moment of impact.

When he learned that this would be more than just another routine rescue job, Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commander of the eastern sea frontier, dispatched every available rescue craft and plane.

Yesterday came word that both mother and baby had been picked up from a lifeboat, that they would be landed shortly at an Atlantic port and that both were "doing as well as can be expected."

NORFOLK, Va., April 1.—(AP)—Weak and numb from exposure, 13 crewmen of a torpedoed Panamanian merchant ship were landed at Norfolk Saturday night by a rescue vessel which picked them up after 45 hours adrift on the stormy Atlantic ocean in one lifeboat and two rafts.

Two crew members were known dead and 38 were presumed lost, the naval district said today in announcing the sinking of the medium sized ship, which occurred early Thursday night.

Registrants of Feb. 16 Facing Early Induction

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Selective service headquarters announced today that men who registered February 16 would be immediately classified and some probably would be inducted into service in May or June.

There had been some confusion as to whether the February 16 registrants would be integrated with men who registered prior to that date or be called after exhaustion of all previous registrants.

Japs Gain Some Advance Points In Bataan Lunge

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The war department reported today that the Japanese, in a heavy attack on the right center of Lieutenant General Wainwright's line in Bataan, captured some of the advanced positions but were halted in fierce hand-to-hand combat before they reached the main American-Filipino line.

A number of minor air raids on Corregidor occurred yesterday, a communique said, and anti-aircraft artillery shot down two heavy Japanese bombers.

A formal apology was received from the Japanese imperial high command in the Philippines for the recent bombing of a base hospital in Bataan. A Japanese army spokesman said in a radio broadcast that the bombing was unintentional.

Reform Ticket In Kansas City Wins

KANSAS CITY, April 1.—(AP)—Mayor John Gage and his reform ticket, which ousted the old Pendergast machine from the city hall two years ago, were swept back into office yesterday with majorities far exceeding those of their 1940 triumph.

Gage defeated John M. Linger, who was backed by James M. Pendergast and Representative Joseph Shannon, by 30,000 votes, 10,000 more than the majority he rolled up in 1940 when the machine was reeling from disclosures involving its leaders and which sent several of them to the penitentiary. Approximately 138,500 votes were cast, compared with 165,000 two years ago.

Seven of the eight council seats went to candidates on the Gage ticket as did the two municipal judgeships.

The only cleanup candidate defeated for a council post was Miss Helen Templeman, who was attempting to unseat a Pendergast man in the first district, admittedly a machine stronghold for decades. Even though she lost, Miss Templeman reduced her opponent's margin of victory by 2,000 votes under the 1940 results.

Nevertheless, they said, the

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Revenue From Revested O. & C. Land, Coos Bay Road Grant Yields Douglas County Annual Share of \$177,115

Total receipts from the revested O. & C. lands in 18 Oregon counties and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon road lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, were reported this week by Ray I. Kimmey, acting district forester of the Roseburg district of the O&C administration as \$1,157,000. Fifty percent of the receipts of the O&C lands are payable to the counties in lieu of current taxes and 25 per cent additional is being paid for a few years in lieu of federal obligations due the counties under earlier legislation. The eighteen counties with which O. & C. lands are located received \$667,052 in lieu of taxes in 1941 under the above arrangement. Of this total, Douglas county received \$177,115.28, as against the 1940 receipts of \$148,245.49. The money may be spent by the county for roads, schools and any other purpose of county government.

The 18 counties receive shares of O. & C. income which are proportional to the assessed valuation of the O. & C. lands in each of the counties. Each county gets its pro-rata share of the income earned by the O. & C. lands whether any timber is sold within its borders or not. This arrangement is helpful in stabilizing county revenues, it is pointed out. The tax base on these lands is fixed and not subject to reduction when mature timber is cut. The federal government does not

Japs Thought Stymied In South Drive

Rainy Season Helping Australia's Defenders To Deal Costly Blows

By YATES McDANIEL MELBOURNE, Australia, April 1.—(AP)—United States and Australian bombers, operating in the face of heavy tropical storms, struck destructive new blows at two Japanese bases north of this continent today.

A communique said it was believed six enemy planes were destroyed on the ground, six others were damaged, and many fires and explosions were touched off by Australian bombers which attacked Koepang, on Timor, while an allied force scored numerous hits with heavy bombs on an air-drome runway at Salamaua, New Guinea.

This continuation of the aerial offensive by Australia's defenders came on the heels of an official recapitulation listing 33 enemy planes as put out of action in three days. Four were reported destroyed, 18 probably destroyed and 11—including four flying boats machine-gunned in a previous raid on Koepang—as damaged.

All these attacks were made without loss to the united nations' air forces.

(By contrast, imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted that 22 allied planes had been destroyed in Japanese attacks on Darwin, Australia, and Port Moresby, New Guinea. The Japanese command said rising sun fighter planes shot down nine out of 10 defense planes which rose to meet them during a heavy raid on Darwin two days ago.)

Japs Believed Stymied.

There was growing optimism among Australian observers that the Japanese now can be held off in New Guinea, although they were cautious not to over-emphasize the enemy's recent withdrawal from the inundated Markham valley.

Nevertheless, they said, the

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abandon them because of taxes and allow them to become a burden upon the counties.

Permanent Supply Assured

These revested and reconveyed grant lands are administered by the general land office of the department of the interior. The administration is handled by a corps of professional foresters. Timber cutting on these lands is controlled and restricted to the volume which can be produced perpetually. The total volume of mature timber on these lands is approximately 50 billion board feet. The amount which is cut annually is limited to 500 million board feet. At that rate of cutting the present supply will last 100 years, which is the length of time required to grow another crop of timber; so the process of cutting and regrowing can go on continuously without interruption.

The making of payments in lieu of taxes on the Coos Bay Wagon road grant lands is handled as a separate matter because those lands are in Coos and Douglas counties only. Payments made to the two counties in lieu of taxes on that item are exactly at the same rate and in the same manner as if the lands were in private ownership. The two counties between them receive approximately \$30,000 in lieu of taxes from that source. This sum was in addition to the \$667,052 distributed in lieu of taxes on the O. & C. lands.