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AFTER PHILIPPINES—

What? The answer may be Jap invasion of Siberia, as well as increased pressure on other fronts. Historic war news is in the offing. Keep posted through NEWS-REVIEW service.

CORREGIDOR BATTLING CONTINUOUS RAIDS

FOURTEEN NAVY PILOTS DIE AS PATROL BOMBERS CRASH, BURN IN CALIFORNIA HILLS

15th Airman Thrown Clear, Slightly Hurt

Three Additional Men Perish in Texas When Army Bomber Cracks Up

LIVERMORE, Calif., April 13.—(AP)—Fourteen U. S. navy fliers perished yesterday when two patrol bombers crashed and burned near each other in the Livermore hills.

A fifteenth man survived, without serious injury.

The crash-ups occurred in foggy weather as the giant land-and-sea ships were flying on an undisclosed mission at a point about 30 miles southeast of their base at the Alameda naval air station.

The naval district headquarters in San Francisco released this list of the dead:

Plane No. 1—Lieut. Frank S. Fernald, Lieut. Edward P. Denney, James M. Wagner, aviation machinists' mate, 1st class; Henry T. Morgan, aviation machinists' mate, 2nd class; Roscoe E. Rambo, aviation radioman, 1st class; Robert A. Frank, radioman, 2nd class; Oliver P. Flynn, aviation chief machinists' mate.

Plane No. 2—Lieut. Com. Loren A. Morris, Charles J. Herriot, radioman, 1st class; Algie Belcher, aviation machinists' mate, 2nd class; Robert W. Hastings, aviation chief radioman; Benjamin

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BATAAN is gone. The fate of its heroic defenders is still unknown, but it isn't pleasant.

Corregidor's guns still blaze defiance, but its fall is only a question of time. Without food, without ammunition, without reinforcement, no men, however heroic, can hold out indefinitely against an enemy superior in numbers and adequately supplied and reinforced.

A fleet of Jap transports conveyed by warships appears off the island of Cebu. With Bataan gone and Corregidor doomed, it seems probable that Japan is proceeding with the conquest of the entire Philippine group.

GRIEF-STRIKEN, humiliated, ANGRY, we look about for a scapegoat.

We want to know WHY this happened.

We want HEADS TO FALL.

THIS question burns in our minds:

Who is RESPONSIBLE for this terrible thing that has befallen us?

THIS is no time for crooked thinking.

Let's be frank with ourselves. I am responsible. You are responsible. We are ALL responsible.

We toyed with the GREAT DELUSION.

The delusion that security may be possessed without the exercise of eternal vigilance. The delusion that something may be had for nothing.

FOLLOWING the last war, we scrapped naval ships. We cut our army to the bone. We

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Today and Tomorrow

Today and Tuesday are the last days for voters' registration.

The men who fought on Bataan—the men who are fighting and dying in the Pacific war—seek to preserve our RIGHT TO VOTE.

If they fight and die for this right, surely the least that any American at home can do is use that right, and VOTE.

If you are not registered you cannot vote.

REGISTER TODAY—AND CAST YOUR BALLOT MAY 15.

Payroll Plan In War Bond Buying To Be Submitted

The payroll allotment plan of war bond purchases will be submitted to all employers of labor, starting Tuesday, April 14, H. O. Pargeter, county chairman of the war bonds and stamps sale, reported today. The plan proposed has been worked out by the treasury department, but submission has been delayed due to the weather conditions, which have made it impossible for many of the pole operators, sawmill operators and logging contractors to regularly carry their operating crews.

The employers will be asked to make the plan available to their employees, who will be afforded an opportunity to sign up for a voluntary contribution to be deducted from weekly or monthly salaries or wages for the purchase of war bonds. A certificate of merit will be presented to all firms, organizations, such as unions, fraternal groups, etc., who have a participation in payroll savings of 90 per cent or more of the membership.

Howard Stucky is chairman for Roseburg and H. C. Berg is chairman for the county outside of Roseburg. Russell J. Hubbard and Fred Wright will be in charge of the campaign in the lower Umpqua district.

George Godfrey, assistant administrator, will meet with Chairman Pargeter and committee members at the Douglas Abstract company office at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, April 16, to check on the progress of the campaign.

Geo. Pankey Tells Of Dodging U-Boat

George Pankey, son of Mrs. Ralph Moore of Roseburg, arrived here Saturday, surprising relatives and friends not only by his unexpected arrival, but by being accompanied by a bride, the former Betty Smith and the latter's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pankey were married Feb. 27 in New York.

Pankey, who is a cook and baker and rated gunner in the U. S. merchant marine, sailed early in the year on a U. S. merchantman. The ship, however, broke down shortly after departure and drifted for five days in submarine-infested waters. Pankey stated that four tankers were destroyed by axis submarines in such close proximity to his boat that the glare from the burning ships was visible. However, the merchantman, although helplessly adrift because of burned out generators on the diesel motors, escaped the attention of the undersea raiders and was not attacked. Its plight was finally discovered and it was towed back to New York.

He expects to be recalled into service in the near future. Mrs. Pankey and daughter will continue to make their home in Roseburg.

Spy Suspect Held At Los Angeles



Mrs. Rubie Lytle Holcombe, 18, above, of Los Angeles, was booked on suspicion of espionage after police found a powerful short wave radio set, subversive pamphlets, copies of the Morse code and photographs of soldiers in her apartment.

Valiant Commandos Led By Cousin of King

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—The mysterious figure behind the daring commando raids on St. Nazaire, Bruneval, Lofoten and Vaagso was disclosed today to be King George VI's cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The appointment of the noble commander of the "fightingest of all British armed forces" was made several months ago but was kept secret until now.

The colorful 41-year-old lord took a leading part in planning the minute details of the successful French and Norwegian coast raids, and overcame considerable opposition to get permission for the eager commandos to make their destructive sorties.

Sutherland Boy Feared Lost on Sunken U-Boat

Word has been received here that Kenneth McKinney, a member of the crew of a U. S. submarine recently reported sunk in the Pacific war zone, is missing and is believed lost. He formerly resided at Sutherland, where he was graduated from Sutherland high school with the class of 1937. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKinney, are now in Alaska, having moved there a year ago, to engage in defense work. A sister, Helen, and brother, Richard, are with their parents in Alaska, and two sisters, Roberta and Doris, are in Seattle, where they are attending University of Washington.

Soviet Organ Warns Japan On Obligation

Invasion "Blabbering" Noted by Russia; RAF Raids Prove Costly

By the Associated Press
In apparently growing conviction that the red army holds the whiphand on Russia's European front, one of the leading mouthpieces of Russian policy declared sharply today that Japanese "blabbering" about invasion in the Russian east "might damage, first of all and most of all, Japan herself."

Thus, Pravda, newspaper organ of the communist party, oddly observed the first anniversary of the signing of the Japanese-Russian neutrality pact, the basis of the uneasy peace between the two powers and striking in similarity to the Russian-German non-aggression pact which Germany voided by invasion of the soviet union last June.

Pravda firmly warned Japan to live up to all ramifications of the agreement.

"It is necessary," the editorial declared, "that the Japanese military and fascist cliques who are dizzy on military successes should understand that their blabbering about war and invasion in the north might damage first of all and most of all Japan herself."

Siberia is north of Japan. The anniversary and the editorial came while the new Japanese ambassador, Naotake Sato, and the new United States ambassador, Admiral William H. Standley, were in Moscow to present their credentials.

How much of Russia's confidence depended on the possibility of a second European front was a question. There have been repeated calls that the axis thus be diverted to facilitate Russia's position against Germany.

RAF Raid Costly

The RAF smashed at axis arsenals in Germany and Italy during the night.

Not a bomber was reported lost on the 1,500-mile round-trip foray against Turin, a munitions-making center of northern Italy, but

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Lumber, Poultry Plants Hit by Fire

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed part of the West Oregon Lumber company here yesterday. Owner A. E. McIntosh estimated loss at \$100,000.

Damage was limited to the head rigging room where logs are hauled from the Willamette river for sawing.

The mill had been idle for 24 hours, but Fire Investigator William Goetz said there was no indication of sabotage.

EUREKA, Calif., April 13.—(AP)—A great mound of scrambled eggs, and some charred timbers and other wreckage, represented all that was left today of the Eureka plant of the poultry producers of northern California.

The building was destroyed yesterday in a \$50,000 fire that burned up a large stock of hay and dressed poultry, and badly overcooked a great quantity of eggs awaiting shipment.

COLUMBUS, O., April 13.—(AP)—A wind-whipped blaze burned a 36-stall stable to the ground at nearby Beulah park race track early today, destroying possibly eleven horses as three grooms led half a dozen others to safety.

Track Superintendent Jack Yerlan estimated loss at more than \$23,000, including \$3,000 valuation on the building.

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—A riding academy fire killed 11 horses near here Saturday night and caused damage estimated by Arthur M. Farr, one of the stable owners, at \$60,000.

The stables were destroyed, but 52 of the horses were saved. Farr and Bob Hartney, 19, Vancouver, an employee, suffered minor burns.

12 Air Attacks in 24 Hours Beaten Off; Mighty Jap Fleet Controls Bengal Bay

Invasion Of India Seen As Nippon Plan

Churchill, Stressing Need of Action, Hints at Need of U. S. Navy Help

(By the Associated Press)
With at least a fourth of her total strength in battleships, perhaps half of her aircraft carriers and formidable contingents of supporting and covering craft, the Japanese imperial fleet has seized effective control of the Bay of Bengal in the war's strongest challenge to the United States and British fleets.

Prime Minister Churchill gravely disclosed in the house of commons today that at least three Japanese battleships, including one of 32,720 tons mounting 16-inch guns, along with five aircraft carriers, a number of light and heavy cruisers and several destroyer flotillas are operating there at the front door to India.

Broadly suggesting a strategy to meet the challenge, with a possible implication of the need for United States naval participation, Churchill said:

"We have the Pacific ocean and the Indian ocean with the Japanese occupying an intermediate position between the two. It is possible to use large forces on one side and small forces on the other, or vice versa."

Invasion Intent Seen.

His statement, covering the Easter day bombing of Colombo and Trincomalee, strong points on Ceylon, and the subsequent sinking of the British aircraft carrier Hermes and the cruisers Dorsetshire and Cornwall, constituted an indirect admission that the Japanese had won dominance in the Bay of Bengal.

Military observers, commenting on the size of the Japanese naval force, said that it probably had been sent into the Bay of Bengal to support Japanese invasion of India.

With such a force, they said, the Japanese could guard the seaward flank of a descent from Burma across the Bengal border into the Ganges basin.

British Handicapped.

Not until Churchill made his disclosure today was the threat to communications with India—if not the direct threat to India—known to be backed so powerfully.

Whether the British fleet would take up the challenge to the full was not at once apparent, although last week when the Japanese strength there was not so

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Axis Subs Sink 4 Boats Off Brazil

FORTALEZA, Brazil, April 13.—(AP)—Four United Nations merchant ships were torpedoed and sunk last week by submarines off the north coast of Brazil, according to reports published today which said that so far there had been no word of survivors from two of the ships.

The ships were identified as the United States tankers T. C. McCob and Eugene V. R. Thayer, the Norwegian merchantman Balkis and the British merchantman Peregrine.

The published reports said there had been no word yet of survivors of the T. C. McCob or the Peregrine.

Twenty-six from the Eugene V. R. Thayer were brought ashore. Nine members of the crew were missing, and some reports said they had died in a lifeboat.

The Norwegian consul here said 24 survivors of the Balkis were brought ashore. He said the captain, first and third officers, stewardess, a sailor, a mechanic and a waiter of the Balkis crew were killed by machine gun fire from the submarine.

One Man Army—Scourge of Bataan



(NEA Telephoto.)
Credited with destroying more than 100 Japanese in fighting on Bataan is Capt. Art Wermuth, shown in fighting gear in one of the first pictures to arrive in the United States from the scene of the Yank's last stand. He packs an automatic rifle and a .45.

High Court Splits In Libel Decision

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The supreme court upheld today by a 4 to 4 vote a circuit court decision which a litigant interpreted to make it libelous to charge a public official with anti-semitism.

This action was taken on a libel suit brought by Representative Martin L. Sweeney (D.-Ohio) against the Schenectady (N. Y.) Union Publishing company.

Sweeney claimed to have been libeled by statements published in the Schenectady Union Star that he was opposing the appointment of Emerich Burt Freed as a federal district judge at Cleveland on the ground that Freed was a Jew. He sought \$250,000 damages.

Dismissal of Sweeney's complaint was ordered by the New York federal district court. This was reversed by the federal circuit court, which ordered a new trial on the merits of the controversy.

Justice Jackson did not participate in today's action. How the remaining eight justices divided on the question was not announced.

In a brief filed with the tribunal, the newspaper contended that the reasoning of the circuit court would make it "equally libelous to say of Representative Sweeney that he opposed Freed for office because he was a Yankee, a southerner, or of English extraction."

Oregon State Employee Faces Larceny Charge

SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—Charged with larceny of public money and held under \$3,000 bail, Knute Edward Holten, 33, cashier for the state public utilities commissioner, was to be arraigned this afternoon.

S. W. Starr, chief of the state division of audits, said there was an apparent shortage of \$2,000 in Holten's accounts. Holten has been employed by the PUC for seven years.

Fire Sweeps Two Blocks in Kewanee

KEWANEE, Ill., April 13.—(AP)—Ninety-three buildings in two square blocks in the heart of Kewanee were destroyed or damaged by a fire which raged for four hours today.

Business leaders estimated the damage in Kewanee's most disastrous fire at \$1,500,000, but Police Chief George Nelson said the loss might reach \$2,000,000. The exact cause of the conflagration was not immediately determined.

There were no known dead and only two firemen were injured.

The fire started in the three-story Kewanee dry goods store, the largest in this north central Illinois city of 17,000. Flames, fanned by a stiff south wind, leaped to adjoining structures on the east side of Tremont street and firemen were unable to check them.

Mussolini Reported In State of Prostration

LONDON, April 13.—A special correspondent of the Daily Mail on the Italian frontier cabled today that Premier Mussolini was found in a state of "complete prostration" when examined by a specialist.

The dispatch said: "During the interview Il Duce sobbed bitterly, then burst into hysterical laughter. The specialist said Mussolini had lost all control of himself and no longer was able to manage his affairs as dictator of Italy, which now are reported in a chaotic condition."

Bandit Gets \$800 From Loan Firm's Office

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—A masked man pulled a shotgun from under his coat Saturday in the Mutual Loan company office and emptied two safes of currency, estimated at \$800.

The man coolly held up five persons in the office, and forced employees to open the safes. He backed out the door, put the shotgun under his overcoat, drew off the mask, and escaped in street crowds.

Jap Artillery On Bataan Tip Joins In Fray

Guns of Fort Shatter Light Craft; Australia Defense Fleet Strikes

(By the Associated Press)
Japanese artillery units concentrated a fierce cross fire at the rock ramparts of Corregidor today but sharp-shooting American anti-aircraft gunners still kept the enemy's bomber support too high to be effective.

The war department reported twelve aerial raids within 24 hours but said last night that defending marksmen compelled the Japanese pilots to keep so far above the target that damage was slight and "only a few casualties were sustained by our troops."

Artillery assaults were reported from both Bataan, which at the closest point is only slightly more than two miles from Corregidor, and Cavite, on the opposite side of Manila bay.

Japanese radio reports said heavy field pieces had been moved into newly won emplacements on the southern tip of Bataan, and these presumably were shelling the American fortress day and night. Japanese tactics call for almost continuous fire to prevent the enemy from gaining sleep.

The war department communique at Washington covering reports up to this morning also disclosed that shellfire from Corregidor and other forts in the bay had shattered a number of light craft and set fire to several others in Mariveles harbor.

It appeared, although the communique did not so state, that the Japanese might have been preparing for an over water assault on Corregidor.

Meanwhile, communication between Corregidor and Cebu was cut off for the past 48 hours so Lieutenant General Wainwright was unable to report on the ef-

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Occupations Of Registered Men Will be Listed

The Douglas county selective service board announced today that mailing of occupational questionnaires to all men enrolled in the third registration was started today. The task of mailing out the questionnaires will be completed by April 23. The returns must be made within 10 days after that date.

The questionnaires will result in listing of the occupational experience of all men concerned in the registration held Feb. 16 and it is expected that it will eventually be used in the transfer of men from non-essential to essential employment. A similar questionnaire will be sent out later to men from 18 to 65 years of age, probably following the registration scheduled for April 27. This will result in an occupational record of all men in Oregon and will provide information whereby men may be obtained for vital work connected with the war effort in the event the selective service is extended to include employment as well as military service.

Any registrant who finds need of assistance in filling out the questionnaire may obtain help by applying at the local office of the U. S. employment service in the courthouse at Roseburg. The office is to be kept open from the hours of 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily from April 15 to April 30 to give such service. Both the selective service board and the employment service have been authorized to employ additional help that may be needed in connection with the handling of the questionnaires.