

# ESSEN AGAIN STRAFED BY BLOCK-BUSTERS

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## Krupp Plant Crippled By RAF Swoop

**23 of Raiding Bombers Missing; Soussie, Tunis Ablaze After Attacks**

(By the Associated Press) Britain's giant bombers rained hundreds of tons of block-busters on Essen in the German Ruhr before dawn today, blasting the great Krupp munitions works in what was apparently the heaviest RAF attack of 1943.

Twenty-three RAF bombers were officially listed as missing, but the British air ministry declared:

"This did not prevent the attack from being pressed home with the greatest determination. All the crews are enthusiastic in their reports."

Air ministry accounts said the raiders struck with such concentrated fury that despite Essen's "notably strengthened" defenses since the last assault on March 5, "the flak became more spasmodic and the guns and searchlights around the aiming points gradually faltered" as Nazi ground crews were wiped out or driven to cover.

The air ministry declared the attack was even more violent than last week's raid on Essen—previously described as probably the heaviest blow of the war—in which RAF fliers dropped more than 1,000 tons of bombs and devastated 450 acres of the city, leaving 30,000 homeless.

Officials said preliminary reports indicated that the Krupp Works suffered crippling blows.

The attack on Essen—Germany's second "most blitzed" city—followed a heavy assault by American daylight raiders yesterday on Rouen, France, where the death toll was reported to have risen to 70.

### War Hardest Air Blow

The air ministry had described last week's raid as probably the heaviest blow of the aerial war, more than 1,000 tons of bombs rained down on the Krupp plant's buildings and leaving 30,000 homeless, but it said last night's raid was better still.

The pilots of the great force over the city last night said that smoke from the carpet of fire set by the block-buster bombs and incendiaries reached a height of 15,000 feet.

The crews reported two big explosions within ten minutes after the raid began last night. They said a sheet of fire from one blast reached the height of 3,000 feet and they "could see the glow of flames when they crossed the Dutch coast on the way home," about 125 miles from the target.

### Americans Follow Up

Heaping new destruction on German targets on top of the record smash at Essen, a great fleet of U. S. army air force bombers thundered across the English channel to the Boulogne area early this afternoon.

Vapor trails streaming out behind the United States sky giants stretched from coast to coast of the channel, pointing the way to the bastions of Adolf Hitler's European citadel, which has been under almost constant day and night assault for 17 days. There was only a one-night gap in the bombing schedule.

Escorted by fighters, the American bombers soared nearly

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### Naval Officer, Shock Victim, Kills Himself

EL CENTRO, Calif., March 13.—(AP)—A self-inflicted bullet wound caused the death of Lieut. William Dubose Sheldon, 30, a naval board of investigation has announced. Lt. Sheldon was the son of Rear Adm. Luther Sheldon, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

The board's report stated Lt. Sheldon had suffered shock during service with a bomber squadron at Guadalcanal. His body was found Tuesday in his quarters at the marine air training base here.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

**Suggested items for ration period menus:**  
Horseburger, a la carte without harness.  
Limburger, marinated with smelt.

Japanese crab, South seas flavor.

Dog salmon, pointer species from coupon book.

Dates: blonde, brunette or redhead.

Baloney or tripe, axis propaganda specialty.

# NAZIS GAIN GROUND IN KHARKOV BATTLE

## Invaded Day Heavy In Casualties

**Bloody Struggle for Vital Ukraine Center Continues in Streets**

(By the Associated Press) On the Russian front, the red armies today conceded fresh setbacks in the critical battle of Kharkov, but the soviet midday communique indicated that the Germans had still fallen short of actually capturing the big Ukraine steel city.

German headquarters asserted that Nazi troops had occupied the main railway station in Kharkov after soviet resistance had been "shattered," but admitted that fierce street fighting still raged in some districts of the city.

"Disregarding tremendous losses, the Hitlerites continued their push toward the city," the Russian command said.

"West of Kharkov our troops, after a bloody engagement with numerically superior enemy forces, abandoned a populated place and withdrew to new defense lines."

South of Kharkov, the communique said, the red army defenders beat off eight successive waves of tanked German infantry, destroying 23 tanks and killing 800 Nazis.

Neither the soviet command nor frontline dispatches offered any confirmation to Berlin's claim yesterday that German shock troops had stormed back into the heart of the city and planted their swastika battle flag in Red square.

### Red Tide Gains Elsewhere

On the central front, swift-moving soviet columns drove on beyond recaptured Vyazma on the 100-mile road to the German keystone base at Smolensk, and a communique declared:

"Red army men outflanked the German defense lines and the Germans, fearing encirclement, retreated in disorder."

In contrast to the official German version, soviet headquarters said the Russians took Vyazma

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### Aged Woman Badly Burned in Ranch Fire

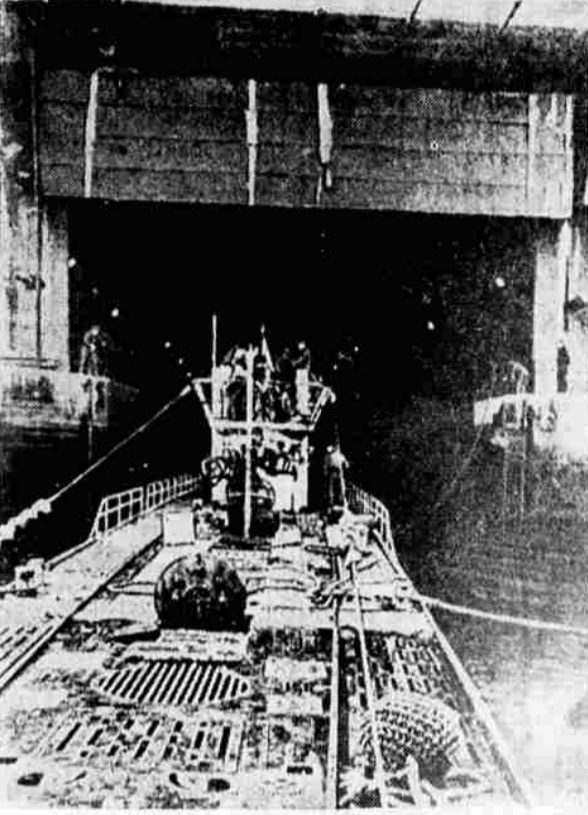
JOHN DAY, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Abbie Stockdale, 65, pioneer of Mount Vernon, Ore., remained in critical condition today from burns suffered in a fire that destroyed her ranch home.

Gasoline she was siphoning from a can into a glass jug exploded, passersby, sighting the fire, found the woman crawling from the burning building and took her to the Prairie City hospital.

Mrs. Stockdale, retaining presence of mind after the blast, ordered her three-year-old grandson, Stanley Miller, to get out of the house. He was in another room and escaped injury.

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## Where Nazi "Gopher Subs" Hole Up



Here's the first close-up of one of Germany's much heralded bomb-proof concrete dug-outs for Nazi U-boats on the French Atlantic coast. A submarine is shown nosing into the shelter's entrance, the immensity of which may be compared with the size of men in the picture. The photo was taken from a German magazine and brought to the U. S. through a neutral country.

## Allies Blast Jap Planes in Indies, South Sea Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 13.—(AP)—Allied bombers putting out of action four of eight Japanese fighters which rose to oppose them, smashed through to Ambon harbor, on Amboina island in the Dutch East Indies and laid a 500-pound bomb on a 700-ton merchantman yesterday, today's communique said.

The bombers, which made the attack in the face of anti-aircraft fire and rain squalls, could not definitely assess the day's work but knew that two of the four Japanese fighters they put out of action were destroyed and two others were damaged.

American, Dutch and Australian flyers kept the Japanese busy over a wide area yesterday, bombing and strafing Fullero, on Timor, north of Australia; Rabaul and Cape Gloucester on New Britain, and Salamaua, Japanese base on New Guinea.

The Japanese air force, increasingly active in the last few days, sent four ill-fated Zeros up over Timor, and Dutch pilots flying America's Billy Mitchells and Australians in Beaufighters shot two of them out of action.

The same pilots bombed planes on the ground at Lakunai airport at Babaul, New Britain, and came home without a single loss after observing fires and heavy explosions, the communique said.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—American bombers raided Munda and other Japanese bases in the central Solomon islands Friday, the navy reported today, after two enemy planes had dropped bombs on American positions on Guadalcanal, doing no damage.

### Upper Applegate Being Rid of Raiding Horses

MEDFORD, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Karl L. Janouch, Rogue River National forest supervisor, reported that stockmen have killed all but a handful of the more than 200 wild horses that roamed the upper Applegate country, raiding alfalfa fields, kicking down fences and killing calves.

## Ruml Puzzled by Fuss Over Plan

SEATTLE, March 13.—(AP)—Beardsley Ruml, pay-as-you-go tax plan originator, can not understand all the fuss and furor about his plan nor why anyone should want to make something complicated of it.

The New York economist was in Seattle last night between trains, en route from Vancouver, B. C., to San Francisco, where he will speak Monday night.

"The plan is so simple that anyone should be able to understand it," he asserted. "All the government does under my proposal is to collect the 1943 tax on 1942 instead of the tax based on 1942."

"Sure you would forget the 1942 taxes if my plan went into effect now, but the government would lose no money. Everybody would pay income taxes every year and the money would continue to roll in without interruption."

## "I Am An American Day" Proclaimed by F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today proclaimed Sunday, May 16, as "I am an American Day."

He urged that the day be set aside as a public occasion for the "recognition of all our citizens who have attained their majority or who have been naturalized during the past year," and called on federal, state and local officials and private organizations to assist both native born and naturalized citizens to "understand more fully the duties and opportunities of citizenship and its special responsibilities in a nation at war."

Provision for the annual observance was made by congress in 1940.

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### Nine Killed as Bomber Crashes in Arkansas

SALINA, Kas., March 13.—(AP)—Nine army fliers were killed Friday in the crash, six miles north of Sheridan, Ark., on a heavy bomber while on a routine flight from the Smoky Hill army air field here.

## Setbacks To Delay Victory, Eden Warns

**Foreign Secretary of Britain in Washington To Discuss Problems**

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, said today that "setbacks and disappointments are absolutely certain" before the united nations can hope to win the war and the peace afterwards.

Eden, in Washington for talks with President Roosevelt and other leaders, told a press conference of the hard job which he said lies ahead in explaining that he would discuss "all aspects of the war" with Mr. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and others in extensive conversations.

The diplomat, who last year negotiated a 20-year alliance between Britain and soviet Russia, flew to Washington yesterday. His arrival came at a time when recent speeches stressing the need of a satisfactory understanding between the democracies and Russia were still echoing.

To reporters Eden explained that he could not go into detail of the subjects he is to discuss, but he indicated that military as well as diplomatic problems were among them.

### Would Prevent Third War

Asked about cooperation of the United States and Great Britain with soviet Russia, he reiterated his statement in December that such cooperation among the united nations, including China, is indispensable if the world is to have a stable peace after the war.

As for the post-war control to be exercised over axis countries, Eden said "we must take precautions this time to make sure that Germany and Japan are never able to start this business again."

The allies, he said, should avoid such an attitude as they showed after the first world war.

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## Lewis Reelected Head of United Mine Workers

NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—Re-election of John L. Lewis to his 12th term as international president of the United Mine Workers was announced by the union today.

Lewis, who has been president of the union since 1920, was unopposed in the election, which was held December 8, as were John O'Leary, vice-president, and Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer, both of whom were reelected.

The union is holding wage conferences here with northern and southern bituminous operators.

## Retention of Sub-Parity Corn Price Top Denotes Split in Program Group

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Signs of a split within the administration's economic high command over farm price policies bobbed up today as the OPA ordered sub-parity price ceilings continued on the country's major agricultural commodity—corn.

The OPA action came as an admitted surprise to farm leaders who earlier had been informed by sources close to Secretary of Agriculture Wickard that the administration had decided to make a concession to the congressional farm bloc in the form of a parity corn ceiling.

Continuance of the sub-parity ceiling was directed by Economic Stabilization Director Byrnes. Under the price control law Wickard has power to veto OPA farm ceilings except when overruled by Byrnes.

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## House Downs \$25,000 Limit For Salaries

**Substitute Plan Rides On Debt Boost Measure, Now Facing Senate**

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—A wave of congressional opposition to what some solons termed "government by decree" today swept into the senate a measure which nullifies President Roosevelt's \$25,000-after-tax limitation on salaries and flatly challenges the administration's executive authority.

The "repealer" rode from the house as a rider to administration-sponsored legislation to boost the national debt limit to \$210,000,000—a step of pressing importance because mounting war expenses are pushing the government's borrowing authority close to its statutory top.

But the debt limit played second fiddle to the salary limit in the two days of house debate—hottest of the 78th congress—which saw the combination bill finally passed yesterday by roll call vote announced as 268 to 131.

Immediate senate reaction indicated little more than a mild fight in contrast to the long house controversy. Some observers saw better than a 50-50 chance that the measure—rider and all—would receive quick approval.

### Substitute Plan Set

The rider, in nullifying the president's order, would set up a "minimum" salary ceiling plan of its own. Drafted by Rep. Disney (D-Okla.) and described by him as a step on the part of congress to halt "government by decree," it would:

Prevent placing a ceiling on salaries in excess of \$25,000, after taxes, at any level below those of Dec. 7, 1941, the date of the Japanese attack.

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## Japanese Warship Sunk By U. S. Sub

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—A United States submarine attacked and sank a small Japanese warship in the mid-Pacific, the navy reported today, after a violent 37-minute fight in which one member of the sub's crew was killed.

## Marshal Petain Dying Of Paralysis, Report

ALGIERS, March 13.—(AP)—Underground reports which reached French North Africa today said Marshal Petain suffered a stroke several days ago and is in a critical condition and probably dying in a hospital near Vichy.

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## John P. Morgan, Noted Financier, Taken by Death



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BOCA GRANDE, Fla., March 13.—(AP)—John Pierpont Morgan, of New York, wizard of finance and the ruler of a tremendous banking empire, died today at this isolated Gulf of Mexico island, to which he had come for a vacation.

The 75-year-old financier succumbed to a recurring heart ailment which twice before in recent years had stricken him.

Work in the first world war nearly cost Mr. Morgan his life. On July 2, 1915, he was shot twice in the groin by a man who claimed to be Frank Moll, an instructor in German at Cornell university. The assailant said he shot only to frighten Morgan, whom he wished to influence to stop shipments of munitions to the allies. Later the man committed suicide in prison and was identified as Eric Muerter, a former instructor at Harvard who had been sought since 1906 for the murder of his wife in Cambridge, Mass.

Morgan escaped tragedy again in September, 1920, when a tremendous explosion rocked Wall street, snuffing out several lives and damaging the Morgan offices.

Mr. Morgan's wealth has been estimated as high as a half-billion dollars.

## Bond Sales Here in 8 Days \$34,000

The Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club has made an outstanding record in sponsorship of sales of war savings bonds and stamps, on which the membership of the club is concentrating for the month of March. H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the war savings staff, announced today. Sales for the first eight days of the month, under the club's sponsorship, amounted to \$34,070.00. The quota for the month is \$100,000.

The club raised \$725.50 at a tea held at the Pargeter home this week. During the month of February, the chairman was informed today, Douglas county purchased bonds amounting to \$113,812.50, as compared with a quota of \$90,000, or 124.4 per cent. Douglas county was third in the state on per capita sales for February, being exceeded on a per capita basis by Tillamook and Wasco counties.

### Civil Service Jobs to Be Given to Japanese

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—The Oregonian's Washington correspondent reported today that the civil service commission has agreed tentatively to place qualified American-born Japanese in government jobs.

The commission is understood, the paper's correspondent said, to have conditioned employment of the Japanese upon successful completion of regular civil service examinations, proved loyalty in federal bureau of investigation checkups and assignments to areas approved by military authorities.

The jobs will be only those of non-confidential nature and those in which there is a shortage of help, the correspondent said.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

THE California street cable cars were tied up again the first of the week by a strike—which is nothing unusual in their history. One normally looks up and down the street, waits a few minutes and then, if no car comes along, flags a taxi or walks.

This time a kindly passerby explained that the cars were off again, and so no time was lost.

THE present strike has followed the pattern of the difficulties in the airplane industry.

That is to say, the employees of the California Street Cable Car company were getting 83 cents an hour. The employees of the municipal street railway were getting 87½ cents an hour. For a variety of reasons, the difference gripped the cable car men.

If you ever watched the gripman lean back on his lever when he starts up a steep hill, you'll understand one of the reasons. Running a cable car in a hilly town is a man-sized job.

THERE was no trouble with the employers, who were willing to pay the increase. But the war labor board, charged with the job of controlling inflation, balked and refused to permit it.

So the men quit. It was carefully explained that they didn't strike. They just took a vacation—to go fishing, they said. Maybe, while they were fishing, a better job would turn up.

Anyway, the cars quit running.

It wasn't, you see, a strike against the employer, who was willing to stand the raise.

It was, in effect, a STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. That's what makes it interesting.

It's what makes the somewhat similar situation in the airplane industry of the west so interesting. It all shows how far along the road toward a new world we're getting.

YOU can hardly blame the men, you'd be hot under the collar if you were in their place.

You can't really blame the war labor board, which is in a tight spot. If the rising spiral of wages and costs isn't stopped somewhere, the dreaded ogre of inflation will have us by the coat tails. The only way to stop the spiral is to STOP it.

And you certainly can't blame the employer, who was willing to grant the increase.

WHAT most of us do is to suspect that there's a screw loose in the system. Things like that just don't make sense in a nation that's at war.

THE men stayed away a couple of days, and apparently they didn't go fishing. More likely,

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## Ration Presages Hamburger Boom, Scramble for Restaurant Steaks

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Two pounds may be the average, but tentative plans for meat rationing would provide 3.1 pounds of hamburger or only 1 1/3 pounds of sirloin steak per person a week, it was learned today from persons participating in the drafting of the program.

The wide discrepancy between the proposed coupon costs of meat has caused trade sources to complain to the OPA that virtually the entire civilian population might switch home consumption from steaks and other cuts to hamburger, almost exclusively.

This might send unmanageable crowds to the restaurants where steaks may be eaten without coupons, they said, and result in serious financial losses to meat retailers.

The figures were tentative and

may be adjusted because of such complaints, however.

Under the plan, everyone will have 16 ration points per week to spend—red coupons in his canned goods book. Tentatively, the coupon value of hamburger was put at 5 points per pound, sirloin at 12 points per pound, and other cuts at varying figures which average about 8 points per pound.

The same points must be used to buy butter, lard, canned salmon and similar items. For this reason, a person would have to forego all these other things in order to get the theoretical maximum meat ration.

Unless the plan is changed, the average person could go to his restaurant for steak and use his home consumption coupons almost entirely for hamburger.