

# AIR BOMBS SMASH AXIS IN 3 COUNTRIES

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### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you like your war news gory, you might as well skip what is written here. There isn't much heavy fighting—even in Russia, where the entire vast front, from Leningrad to the Black Sea, is described in the dispatches as resembling a "great slushy lake."

In southern Tunisia, Rommel is still successfully resisting encirclement.

The Algiers radio (unconfirmed officially) says Montgomery's and Patton's forces have effected a junction, but BEHIND Rommel's retreating African veterans.

In other words, the Desert Fox has eluded another trap.

In northern Tunisia, Anderson is still on the prod and is said to have regained most of the ground lost to the Germans during the last month.

THE latest reports (guesses might be a better word) put German strength in Tunisia at about 200,000 men, well supplied with weapons and ammunition.

Rommel's armies (the commands in all Tunisia) are described as fighting stubbornly and skillfully, with no signs of panic or collapse.

THE air is full of rumors.

One rumor school insists that Hitler has ordered Rommel to fight to the last man in order to provide more time to fortify the axis-held northern shore of the Mediterranean, from Italy to Spain.

Another school asserts that a rescue expedition after the pattern of Dunkerque is being organized to take Rommel's men off. These tales insist that Hitler can't afford a last-stand delaying operation in Africa, with its attendant loss of some of his toughest fighters.

SWISS reports say that Rommel himself will ultimately be taken out of Africa (presumably by plane) to Italy, where he will be given the title of "observer and military adviser to the Italian high command" and that his job will be to "reorganize Italy's defenses and indirectly assume command of the Italian anti-invasion army."

If you're wise, you'll keep your fingers crossed. Nobody knows who is peddling these rumors. Maybe the Germans are gathering ships (they're said to have commandeered the Italian fleet) to rush reinforcements to Africa. We outsiders will have to wait

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### Get Into War Production or Become Subject to Military Draft, 38-45 Group of Men Told by Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—In an order recalling the erstwhile "overage" group of potential fighting men, the government has told the nation's 38-45 year olds to get into war production or face the prospect of being drafted after May 1.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, made public a letter to local draft boards stating that the men in the older age group may be drafted unless they leave the list of "non-deferable" jobs after that date. His order amounted to an extension of the rule in effect for younger draft age men since April 1, which removed family or other dependency status as a deferment element for those in the less essential jobs.

At the same time, what was termed an "administrative" reduction was made in the April draft quotas, but selective service officials indicated it was

# FORTRESSES BLAST 12 JAP SHIPS

## Kavieng Raid Toll Includes 7 War Craft

All Chief South Pacific Bases of Nippons Lashed In 3 Days' Operations

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 5—(AP)—A three-day bombing attack on a big concentration of Japanese war and merchant vessels in the Kavieng sector of New Ireland has resulted in 12 enemy ships being sunk or damaged without the loss of a single allied plane, allied headquarters announced today.

The last blow of the attack, which began Thursday night, occurred last night when eight Flying Fortresses swept in for the third time at Kavieng, far beyond the usual bombing range of allied planes, to damage a Japanese light cruiser or destroyer and possibly damage three other vessels.

The final attack brought the score of the allied raiders to seven enemy warships of the cruiser or destroyer type and five merchant vessels totalling 36,000 tons sunk or heavily damaged, plus three other destroyers and a merchant ship attacked under circumstances which prevented accurate observation.

Effect of Blows Seen  
A communique from General MacArthur's headquarters said: "The Japanese naval concentration at Kavieng now has been destroyed or dispersed."

Each of the three blows, the first with 10 Fortresses and the last with only eight, involved flights of 1,100 miles, the communique said.

A destroyer was struck fairly in the bow by one bomb in last night's attack, a 6,000-ton merchant ship exploded amidships when hit, a light cruiser or destroyer was hit on the forward deck by a 500-pound bomb which caused an explosion and clouds of black smoke, and another bomb "possibly hit an 8,000-ton cargo"

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## Traitor Denied Review Of Death Sentence

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—Max Stephan, Detroit restaurant owner convicted of treason against the United States and sentenced to hang, failed today to obtain a supreme court review.

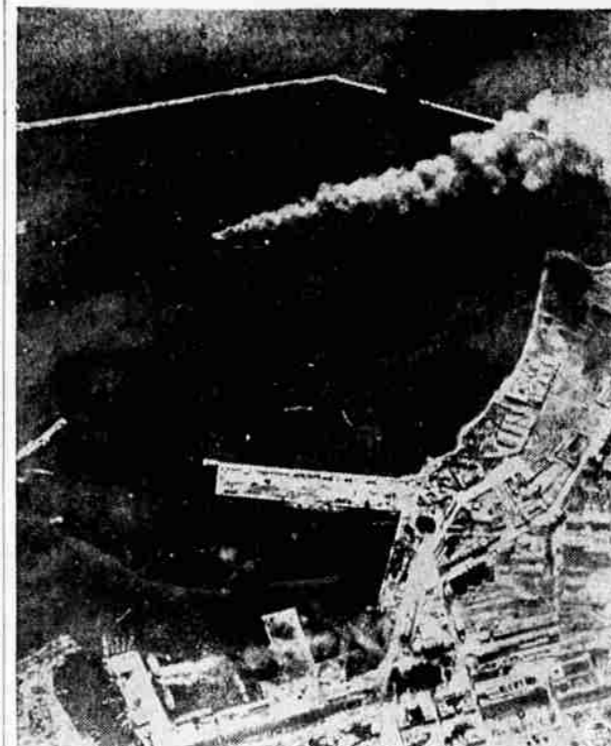
He was alleged to have harbored Peter Krug, a German aviator who escaped from a Canadian prison camp. Stephan is a native of Germany who became a United States citizen.

This was the first treason case acted on by the tribunal during the present world war.

Denial of Stephan's petition means that the decision of the lower court sustaining the conviction remains in effect.

# Meat Price Cut With Point Slash Set

U. S. Hits Axis Evacuation Port



Two large enemy ships and a warehouse burn in Cagliari harbor in southern Sardinia, the target of the recent 100-plane raid by U. S. forces striking to break up a possible attempt to evacuate Rommel's forces from North Africa.—Official U. S. Army air force photo.

## R. H. S. Debaters Win State Title 3rd Time in Row

LOS ANGELES, April 5—(AP)—A three-day holiday on freight shipments to interior United States from the Pacific coast has been ordered, to enable balancing of the supply of freight cars.

The Office of Defense Transportation said yesterday the holiday will start at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow, and will end at the same hour Friday. In that period no eastward shipments, excepting preferential loadings, will be permitted.

The ODT declared vast quantities of empty railroad cars have accumulated at eastern cities, and that the holiday will speed the war effort by allowing movement of these "empties" back to the west coast. The stoppage will affect Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Pacific Electric railways.

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## Shook Price Increased For Washington Mills

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—The OPA today increased by approximately \$2.50 a thousand feet the ceiling price for shock-lumber cut for assembly into agricultural boxes—produced in Washington state west of the Cascade mountains.

The action, effective April 10, was taken to equalize prices in that area with the ceiling level for shock delivered in Portland, Ore., restoring the normal relationship of prices in the two areas.

## Aimee MacPherson Given Kayo by Electricity

LOS ANGELES, April 5—(AP)—Evangelist Aimee Semple MacPherson was rendered unconscious yesterday while preaching in Angelus temple by an electric shock which, temple officials said, was probably caused by a short circuit in the public address system. She recovered sufficiently to deliver her evening sermon.

## Accidental Burns Fatal To Woman at Trail

MEDFORD, Ore., April 5—(AP)—Burns suffered when her dress caught fire as she lighted a stove in her home proved fatal Saturday for Mrs. Philena Oliver, 51, Trail.

## Missing Vet's Body Found in Umpqua River

Discovery Occurs Near Hospital; Second Corpse Found at Winchester Bay

The body of Jalmer Anderson, aged about 60 years, a patient from Los Angeles at the veterans administration here, was found Sunday in the South Umpqua river. Anderson had been missing from the institution since March 12, when he failed to return after having been granted a 12-hour pass. Search had been made on the theory that he had purposely left the hospital to return to his home.

Two youths, Wally Green, 14, and James White, 18, found the body Sunday on the river bank at the George M. Brown farm, about a half-mile below the hospital, and called Sheriff Bud Carter and Deputy Coroner E. L. McCurdy, who recovered the body.

Funeral services are to be held at the Veterans cemetery at 1:15 p. m. Wednesday, arrangements being in charge of the Douglas funeral home.

Sheriff Carter also reported discovery of an unidentified body found in the Umpqua river at Winchester bay. The body was that of a man about five feet six

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## Hull Urges Extension Of Reciprocal Treaties

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull told congress today that the United States must demonstrate now its "sincerity of purpose" and willingness to bear its share of responsibility in world affairs by extending the administration's authority to write reciprocal trade agreements.

The reciprocal trade act, under which this nation and another country may lower tariff barriers by mutual arrangement to swell the flow of commerce, was first passed in 1934 and has been twice extended. Hull said 30 such trade agreements thus far have been negotiated, and three more are being studied with Iceland, Bolivia and Iran.

# I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

A GAL in fighting togs, conquering a gas attack on an underground rodent which was and has been making a wreck and a shambles out of a lawn in Laurelwood. The clothes weren't mine, but the gal was, and so was the lawn.

I'd started campaigning on the assumption that the varmint was a mole, but maybe it's a gopher. Whatever it is, it has the cunning of Lucifer, the persistency of Molandas Gandhi and the sapping genius of a U. S. army engineer.

First, I tried setting a trap for the beast, but he simply filled up the space around the trap with dirt and went off and left it, heaved half out of the ground. I came home one evening and found a cleft stick in the hole, with a note reading: "Ha! Ha! You can't catch me," and signed Godelled that. I'd a lot rather she'd reset the trap.

Al Gibbs, a next-door neighbor, knows the pest is a gopher, and the other morning he dug a hole down to a tunnel, and dropped therein some poisoned carrot. There've been no evidences of any activity in the lawn since, aside from my mowing it. If I have to do that again, short of two weeks, I'm going on a carrot diet myself. I'd think that the monoxidizing I gave a tunnel, by means of a garden hose attached to the ex-

## Retailers Get 'Must' Edict From OPA

Ceiling Prices Ordered On Beef, Veal, Mutton To Crack Black Market

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—Reductions in point values of meats and rationed fats must be accompanied by lower retail prices, the OPA ruled today.

In announcing this amendment to rationing regulations, OPA said it was desired "to put a brake on retailers who during the early stages of the new meats and fats rationing program have tended to abuse the point lowering device provided in the regulations."

Heretofore, butchers have been allowed to reduce point values without reducing prices upon a showing that there was danger of spoilage.

Now, however, a retailer who lowers the point value of a rationed item must lower the price of the item at least 25 per cent below its established ceiling price.

If the retailer lowers the point value more than 25 per cent, the selling price must be reduced in proportion, except that in no case is the retailer required to cut the selling price more than 50 per cent.

Retailers "acting in good faith," will not suffer from the regulation, said OPA, since it is normal practice to cut prices when items must be moved quickly to prevent spoilage.

Ceiling Prices Set.  
Price Administrator Brown today issued specific cents-per-pound retail ceilings on beef,

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## Flying Teacher Killed, Student Hurt in Crash

PASCO, Wash., April 5—(AP)—When a training plane crashed on the outlying portion of the naval training station here last night, an instructor was killed and a naval cadet seriously injured.

Killed was Lieut. (J. G.) Commodore R. Burnett of Pasco. The student, Jack F. Cromer will recover, navy physicians said.

## Destruction, Death Dealt by American, British Planes in Raids on Naples, Paris, Kiel

Follow-Up Swoop Launched Today by Heavy Force of U. S. Fortresses; Doughboys Continue to Advance in Tunisian Land Battle to Join British Troops

(By the Associated Press)  
Massive fleets of allied aircraft, including hundreds of American Flying Fortresses, blasted at axis industrial, U-boat and shipping strongholds from Kiel in the north to Naples in the south yesterday and today, causing heavy damage and by axis account a big loss of life.

Smashing at Naples, key mainland supply port for Tunisia, nearly 100 of Maj. Gen. Doolittle's four-motored giants carried out the greatest raid of the war on that city from French North African bases Sunday.

While these were spreading a cloud across axis hopes in the Mediterranean, another huge force of 133 American Fortresses thundered over the Renault tank and motor factory at the outskirts of Paris in the greatest American raid of the war from Britain.

These blows were followed last night by Britain's bombers, which dropped more than 1,000 tons of bombs on Kiel, German naval base and U-boat building center. Essen, second most blitzed city of the reich, had its heaviest raid in recent weeks on Saturday night.

## Fortresses Rain Bombs On Antwerp

LONDON, April 5—(AP)—A large force of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked industrial targets near Antwerp, Belgium, with good results in daylight today, following up yesterday's American attack on the Renault works near Paris and a heavy night attack on Kiel, Germany, it was announced tonight.

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## Sinking of Allied Ships In Atlantic Decreases

(By the Associated Press)  
Announcement of the sinking of two allied and neutral merchantmen in the western Atlantic brought to 641 the Associated Press total of officially announced allied and neutral merchant losses in those waters since Pearl Harbor.

Sunk were a Norwegian freighter and the Industria, Swedish motorship of 1,688 tons. The Norwegian ship's 34 survivors were rescued by a Canadian corvette. The Swedish foreign office said the entire crew of the motorship was believed saved. They represented the 63rd Norwegian vessel lost in the west Atlantic and the 11th announced Swedish sinking.

During March a total of 24 vessels were reported destroyed, compared with 51 during March, 1942, in the western Atlantic waters.

## Hawaii Japanese Held Guiltless of Sabotage

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—The Japanese population of Hawaii was not guilty of espionage committed in the territory prior to Pearl Harbor, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI told a house appropriations subcommittee during hearings today.

Hoover said espionage committed in Hawaii prior to Pearl Harbor was done "by espionage agents and consular agents of the Japanese government."

The FBI chief said there had been no sabotage or espionage committed in Hawaii subsequent to Pearl Harbor and that his organization had "practically no trouble with the Japanese in Hawaii."

## Tragedies End Lives Of Two Little Boys

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 5—(AP)—A 20-month-old boy, James Pike, Jr., playing on an overhead train crossing near here Saturday, was killed by a locomotive.

PORTLAND, April 5—(AP)—Robert Carver, year-old son of an aluminum plant employee, crept away from his trailer camp home near Fairview Saturday and drowned in a drainage ditch.

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## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
It's remarkable how many blocks ration-harassed folks will travel these days just to get "three squares."