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### Allied Forces Close In For Final Smash

**Desert Fox Bayed With 210,000 Men in Defense Area of Bizerte, Tunis**

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 13.—(AP)—Allied forces pushed the enemy into a steadily contracting area in the northern tip of Tunisia, gaining new ground north of Sousse and Kairouan, on the southern side of the axis box, and in the Medjez-El-Bab sector on the northwest, allied headquarters announced today.

(The Algiers radio, in a broadcast recorded in London, said that the British Eighth army had reached Enfidaville, 27 miles north of Sousse and 50 miles south of Tunis, and that nearly the whole of the Italian Vittoria division had been captured.)

(London military quarters estimated that Marshal Rommel was withdrawing into his Tunis-Bizerte defenses, an area about 100 miles long by 40 miles wide, with only about 210,000 men, 150,000 of them Germans.)

Gen. Montgomery's seasoned Eighth army patrols engaged rearwards of the African corps on the coastal road between Lake Kabilia and the sea as Rommel maintained his withdrawal through the Enfidaville line under a constant pressure.

While French troops mopped up the Djebel Ousselat on the west flank and continued to advance northward along the Grand Dorsal range, the British First army in the Medjez-El-Bab area, 35 miles southwest of Tunis, captured additional hill vantage points.

## Japanese Reel Back From Air Attacks on Port Moresby, Losing 3 of Their Planes

### Foe's Bid To Regain Area's Control Fails

**Nippon Force of 200,000 Reported in Readiness To Hit at Australia**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 13.—(AP)—News of a smashing allied air victory in the skies over Port Moresby, New Guinea, was coupled today with an official warning that the Japanese have massed 200,000 first-line troops at bases above Australia and that a new enemy bid to regain the initiative in the southwest Pacific may be expected at any moment.

The victory over Port Moresby, in which 37 of 100 Japanese air raiders were reported knocked out of action, brought to 76 the number of enemy planes accounted for in the past two days, and General MacArthur's headquarters said these losses had apparently blunted a large scale air offensive and "dislocated the immediate plans" of the Japanese.

That the Japanese are still a force to be reckoned with, however, was emphasized by Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of allied ground forces in this theater, who said that the enemy is making a tremendous effort to regain parity and then mastery of the air.

Of the enemy raiders reported knocked out over Port Moresby yesterday, allied fighters were credited with 19 bombers and 10 fighters while anti-aircraft batteries claimed two planes definitely shot down and six "probables."

### Japanese Born In United States Declared Loyal

SEATTLE, April 13.—(AP)—American-born Japanese who have spent nearly all their lives in the United States have proved loyal in virtually every instance in four relocation centers under his supervision, R. B. Cozzens, assistant national director of the War Relocation authority, said yesterday.

Those who were taken back to Japan for education before they reached the age of 10 have proven the troublesome ones, he said.

"Not all the Kebis (American-born who returned to Japan for their education) are disloyal by any means," Cozzens explained. "All of the men who volunteered for the army, to serve as Japanese language instructors for the soldiers, were naturally from this class.

"But most of the instructors are men who had spent most of their boyhood in this country. They were so disgusted with conditions in Japan, after they had been accustomed to America, that there wasn't a chance of indoctrinating them."

Relocation centers under Cozzens' administration are Tule Lake and Manzanar, Calif., and Foston and Rivers, Ariz.

## Attacks Fail To Halt Japs In Aleutians

**Air Fields Being Built On Kiska, Attu Islands Despite U. S. Bombings**

By EUGENE BURNS  
A FAR WESTERN BASE IN THE ANDREANOF ISLANDS, April 13.—(AP)—In the face of heavy bombings and United States air and sea action against their fog-shrouded supply lines, the Japanese are building air fields on Kiska and Attu islands.

The eleventh bomber command headquarters revealed that steady progress on a more than half mile runway on inhospitable, oft-bombed Kiska might make it ready for fighter planes before Easter. It already has been bombed a half dozen times. Lightning Fighters have strafed it repeatedly. Its completion would mean speedy Ziv fighters might soon be rising to challenge American bombers above the Aleutian chain.

The long bomber field under construction at Attu, westernmost of the Aleutian islands, has been bombed twice. Ten Liberators unloaded a total of 20 tons of explosives.

A photograph from the air first showed March 11 that the Attu field outline was nearing completion. Several hundred fox holes already ring it. There are many clusters of buildings in the valley. Indications are that the Japanese either have, or expect to have, a large number of men on the rocky isle, which is only 735 miles from the northern most Japanese island base, Paramushiro.

Completion of Attu and Kiska fields would provide the enemy with a string of stepping stones from Tokyo, which even fighter planes could span. Kiska and Attu are 195 miles apart.

## 3-Way Blow Launched At Farm Policy

**Congress Group Asks Abolition of FSA, Crop Insurance, Parity Sums**

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Abolition of the Farm Security administration, abandonment of the crop insurance program and discontinuance of parity payments on the 1943 and 1944 crops were recommended today by the house appropriation committee in sending a \$707,040,844 agriculture department supply bill to the floor.

The funds recommended for the department's operation for the fiscal year starting next July 1 were \$20,939,259 more than current year appropriations and \$240,093,647 below budget estimates. Included in the total was \$193,623,000 for parity payments for the 1942 crop year which were authorized in last year's appropriation but for which no funds were made available at the time.

In recommending abolition of the New Deal-sponsored FSA, created in 1937 and one of the favorite targets of congressional criticism for several years, the committee suggested that its functions be transferred to the Farm credit administration, which as given the assignment of carrying on many FSA programs already under way.

Criticism Recalled  
The committee said it had "taken full cognizance of the criticism which has been leveled at the Farm Security administration over a period of years" and recalled its own criticism of the agency last year for "lending excessive amounts to individual borrowers, for indulging in a land purchase program, for the careless and inefficiency of certain of its employees and for its experiments in collective farming, which seemed to resemble the collective practices followed in Russia."

"A thorough and painstaking" investigation this year, the committee added, led it to the conclusion that "since the Farm Security administration is essentially a farm credit agency, its functions should, in the interest of better credit integration, economy and efficiency, be transferred to the Farm Credit administration, which has operated for many years in the farm credit field and has existing facilities to discharge these functions."

Loan Fund Boost Asked  
The committee recommended that the FCA be given \$12,000,000 for rural rehabilitation and other functions and \$40,000,000 from re-

## 3 Prisoners Stage Break At Alcatraz

**Fourth Captured in Bay; Fugitives Wear Soldier Clothes From Laundry**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(AP)—Three convicts were missing after a break at Alcatraz island prison today, and a fourth prisoner was picked out of the bay waters by a speed boat.

Other swift launches were patrolling the waters for the missing men.

The San Francisco police radio stated that the three missing men wore soldiers' uniforms. The break occurred at 10:25 a. m. An hour later there was no sign of the missing men who broke from the federal prison and plunged into the water while bullets from rifles of guards in the towers kicked up geysers of water.

A speed boat picked up the recaptured man about 300 yards from the prison isle. Later, in the same area, the boat crew picked up an automobile tire, which the convicts apparently had hoped to use as a float.

There was no word from the prison. A clerk in the warden's office said he was "too busy to talk."

San Francisco police recalled that the Alcatraz convicts do laundry work, and possibly, cleaning uniforms for the army's San Francisco presidio, and that the convicts may have secreted uniforms and donned them as a disguise so that, if they reached shore, they might pass unnoticed.

Later this afternoon it was officially reported that the four convicts leaped into the bay after overpowering the captain of the prison guards.

## Two Years of War Bond Sales



## War Bond Workers of Douglas County Strive Hard to Meet Quota; KRNR Drive Brings Pledges Totalling \$16,325

War bond workers in all parts of Douglas county were plugging industriously today to produce sales sufficient to meet the quota established for the second war loan. The county's goal has finally been calculated at \$2,572,800. It was reported today by H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, who, with E. S. McClain, chairman of the Victory fund committee, is joint chairman of the second war loan drive.

The radio bond drive conducted Monday by the News-Review radio station, KRNR, resulted in pledges totalling \$16,325. Marshall Pengra, manager, announced today. Daytime programs brought in a total of \$6,825, while the jamboree last night resulted in pledges amounting to \$9,500.

Employees and guests at the Rose hotel have set a goal of \$10,000, the cost of a barrage balloon, the committee was informed today, and already more than \$3,000 has been pledged.

Every business firm with 25 or more employees, it is stated, is asked to set a goal for the purchase of a piece of military equipment. Arrangements can be made, if desired, to have a plaque, bearing the sponsor's name, attached to the equipment.

Horace Berg, vice-chairman of the war savings staff, reports that in contacting residents in the communities along the county's borders, he finds a mistaken impression that bonds bought by Douglas county residents in neighboring counties will be credited to the Douglas county quota. This is not true, he states. To be credited against the two and one half million dollars assigned to the county, the bonds must be bought from banks or other bond sellers located within the county. Residents are asked to buy their bonds through these county institutions, even though it may be more convenient for them to purchase the securities in trading centers outside the boundaries.

### Bond Buying Now Less Expensive in Long Run

By ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING  
Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
(Written for the Associated Press)

The officers and men of our armed forces are carrying out our operations in the active theaters under all conditions of weather and enemy action, 24 hours a day.

Those officers and men are the finest in the world. If they are to keep on out-fighting the enemy, they must be kept supplied with ships and planes and guns and tanks in ample numbers. This is an expensive proposition, but it will be more expensive in the long run if we do not give them what they need.

The purchase of war bonds, which will help finance the war, is a double investment. One investment is for the individual's pocketbook, the other is for the United States, in the form of support which will make itself felt on the fighting fronts.

I earnestly urge every one to buy as many as possible.

## Axis Ships, Ports Blasted

Meanwhile Maj. Gen. Doolittle's Flying Fortress continued to deal devastating punches, bombing a convoy of 21 tank carriers and other vessels in the Sicilian straits and scoring several damaging near misses. They blasted Bizerte, where a medium-sized cargo vessel was hit directly, many more bombs were planted on both the north and south sides of the channel, and a fire was started in the seaplane base. They battered Trapani harbor in

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## DeWitt Raps Plan To Return 'Japs' To West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(AP)—"A Jap's a Jap" and "it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not," Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt said today in opposing emphatically "the sentiment developing to bring back some of the Japanese to the west coast."

The commanding general of the western defense command and 4th army, in testifying before the house naval affairs subcommittee, said "I don't want any of them. We got them out. They were a dangerous element. The west coast is too vital and too vulnerable to take any chances."

He told the subcommittee there were only eight Japanese in his command—seven in the Federal Communications commission as translators and one in the immigration department as an interpreter—and that he was opposing "by every means I can" the "sentiment that Japanese-Americans should return" to the coast.

An estimated 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, some American citizens, were removed to relocation centers from the western coastal areas last year. Two cases, which challenge the legality of parts of the control and exclusion orders relating to Japanese, now are before the U. S. supreme court.

General DeWitt said he "couldn't say as to any particular element" which might be pressing for the release of Japanese, but that "there are constant requests concerning individuals." Regarding those who are American citizens, the general said "you can't change him (a Japanese) by giving him a piece of paper."

## Sergeant Miles Cooley Missing in War Action

Sergeant Miles Cooley of Roseburg has been reported missing in action, according to an official telegram received from the war department by his grandmother, Mrs. I. A. Dunlap of Sutherlin. Mrs. Dunlap was informed that Sergeant Cooley failed to return from a bombing raid over Germany, April 4. She had previously received a cablegram, dated April 2, from her grandson, stating that he was in good health and had been "pounding the Germans hard."

February 16, Sergeant Cooley, left waist gunner on the Flying Fortress, Dry Martini, was officially credited with knocking down a German fighter plane, which attacked the American ship during a raid over Germany.

## Killer of Father Says No Attorney Wanted

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—Eudolph David Roth, Jr., 15, charged with the slaying of his father, told Municipal Judge Quillen yesterday he didn't want an attorney because, "I'm guilty of murder."

He waived preliminary hearing on a first degree murder charge and was bound over to the grand jury.

District Attorney Bain said the boy had confessed shooting his father, wounding his sister and abandoning a plan to shoot his mother only after running low on bullets.

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Reizanetala

There's considerable difference of opinion as to whether it's "Dunkaroke" or "Dunkirk." But so far as the axis' career in Tunisia is concerned, the first syllable stands uncontradicted.

## 15 Firms Fined For Boycott Plot On 'Ad' Rate Boost

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—A total of \$80,000 in fines was levied against 15 leading New York department stores and the New York Retail Dry Goods association today in an anti-trust case which charged them with conspiracy to boycott the New York Times because it increased its advertising rates.

The announcement was made by the justice department which said pleas of nolo contendere—they did not contest the charge—were entered by the defendants, who were given 48 hours to pay their fines of \$5,000 each.

The charge was made in the form of an information which differs from an indictment in that the accusation is made by a government prosecuting officer instead of by a grand jury.

These defendants were listed by Acting Attorney General Charles Fahy as:

Retail Dry Goods association of New York City; Abraham and Straus, Inc.; B. Altman & company; Arnold Constable & company; Best and company; Bloomington Brothers, Inc.; Bonwit Teller; Gimmel Brothers; Fredrick Loeser and company; Lord and Taylor; James McCreery and company; R. H. Macy and company, Inc.; Ruseks; Saks and company; Franklin Simon and company, Inc.; and Stern Brothers.

Saks and company operate Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks 34th Street. All of the defendants are members of the Retail Dry Goods association of New York except Best and company, Bonwit Teller, Inc., and Ruseks Fifth Avenue.

## F. R. Won't Quit Of Own Volition, Landon Declares

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—All M. Landon, 1936 republican candidate for president and former governor of Kansas, said here today that "it is perfectly evident that the president will never leave the White House voluntarily."

Landon said also that the present federal administration failed to foresee the need for production of food and oil.

"The trouble with the food situation is with the bureaucracy," Landon was quoted as saying. "Like all bureaucracies, they were not able to adjust themselves to new conditions."

He said that restrictions on winter wheat acreage were not lifted until February—after the planting time had passed—and that the oil industry was producing "200,000 barrels less a day than we were before the bureaucracy put on restrictions."

Landon's remark concerning the White House came in the course of a discussion on the offer of Harrison E. Spangler, republican national chairman to agree to a short residential campaign if Frank C. Walker, democratic national chairman, would guarantee President Roosevelt would not be that party's candidate for a fourth term.

## Tuna Goes Under Ceiling; Halibut Will Come Next

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(AP)—Ceiling prices on four species of tuna and on bonita and yellowtail will go into effect April 19, bringing the government's first curb on the price of fresh fish, the OPA announced today.

The maximum will approximate present price levels except on albacore, which has been subject to extreme advances, the announcement said.

The albacore ceiling of \$325 per ton will cut the price back around 18 per cent, the OPA stated. Maximums for canned albacore will be reduced later, coming in line with the reduction of fresh albacore prices. This will aid the consumer and also the government, which is buying some 60 per cent of the pack, the OPA commented.

Halibut is also to come under price control shortly, with specific producer maximums to be set, probably before the season opens April 15.

The OPA said that the April 19 maximums will be as follows: Tuna—Yellowfin, delivered to cannery, \$200 per ton; Bluefin, \$190; striped, \$180, and albacore, \$325. Others—Bonita, \$155 per ton; yellowtail, \$145.

These prices will be in line with the late 1942 scale, the OPA said.

## Strawberry Crop of Oregon to Be Reduced

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—This year's strawberry crop in Oregon will be the smallest since 1933, the Agriculture department said today.

Only 9,500 acres will be in production, 24 per cent under last year and 16 per cent under the average of the last ten years, the department said.

The labor shortage and price uncertainties were blamed by growers for the acreage decline.

The department said that a long, dry fall and a late spring made April crop prospects below average.

## Medford Flier Among 7 Killed in Bomber Crash

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 13.—(AP)—First Lieut. Lester W. Shepherd, son of Mrs. Alice E. Shepherd, Medford, Ore., was announced yesterday as among the seven airmen who were killed when their bomber crashed near Ridgeland, S. C. Lieut. Shepherd was the pilot.

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## Livestock Outlook Now Good; More Hay Advised

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Cattle and sheep are on Pacific northwest ranges again, and fear of heavy losses is over.

A feed shortage, plus a late spring took a heavy toll in early lambing. With the range slow in developing stockmen feared cattle might starve.

But the weather broke suddenly, and the range is green again. Stock is gaining back lost weight, and market experts predict the northwest meat supply will be up to normal this fall.

Agriculture experts, however, are warning farmers and ranchers a hay shortage still exists. They advise increased hay plantings to prevent a recurrence next winter.

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