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# RAF HAMMERS GERMAN BALTIC PORTS

## Berlin Also Given Share Of Bombing

Stettin, Rostock Chief Targets of Raids, Which Cost 31 British Planes

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—Heavy British bombers attacked the German Baltic ports of Stettin and Rostock last night while speedy mosquito bombers pounded Berlin in widespread raids from which 31 planes are missing, the air ministry announced today.

The night's operations also included mine-laying in enemy waters and sharp attacks by bombers on enemy railways, barges and coastal shipping, a communique said.

The operations were favored by good weather and the bombing attacks on Stettin and Rostock—which were carried out by some of the RAF's mightiest planes—were well concentrated, the air ministry said.

Rostock is the site of the Heinkel and Neptuna works and the communique said the port and the Heinkel works were the specific targets in last night's raid. The last previous British raid on Rostock was April 26, 1942, when it was bombed for the fourth night in a row. At that time fires were set that were seen 250 miles away and the center of the city was reduced to a heap of ashes.

Stettin, which is the port for Berlin, was last bombed by the RAF September 30, 1941, and harbor installations, an oil refinery and factories were severely damaged. The Red army air force also raided Stettin, along with Berlin, in August, 1941.

Communications Also Hit.

While the heavy bombers were out against the Baltic ports and Berlin last night—the eighth night in a row that the RAF has attacked the German-dominated continent—other planes hit hard at German rail and water communications in France, Holland, Belgium and northwestern Germany; and attacked shipping off.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news is in another of those lulls that are inevitable in warfare.

In Africa, our side is getting set for the final big push to crowd the Germans off the tip of the Tunisian hump. The fighting in Russia is still bogged down in the mud.

Whatever may be brewing in the Pacific hasn't yet come to a boil.

In the Mediterranean fighting, the highlight at the moment is the shooting down of German cargo planes.

We got 58 of them Sunday and ten more Monday morning. Along with the 68 transports, 17 German fighters were shot down—making a total of 85 planes.

The dispatches, as is so often the case, are a little hazy as to the cost to us, but we seem to have lost somewhere around 7 to 9 planes—an extremely high ratio in our favor.

BRITISH military "quarters" in Cairo say these German transports were carrying axis personnel OUT of Africa. What kind of personnel—whether fighting men or technicians—isn't stated.

Cairo, however, says it is a foretaste of what will happen if Rommel tries a Dunkerque.

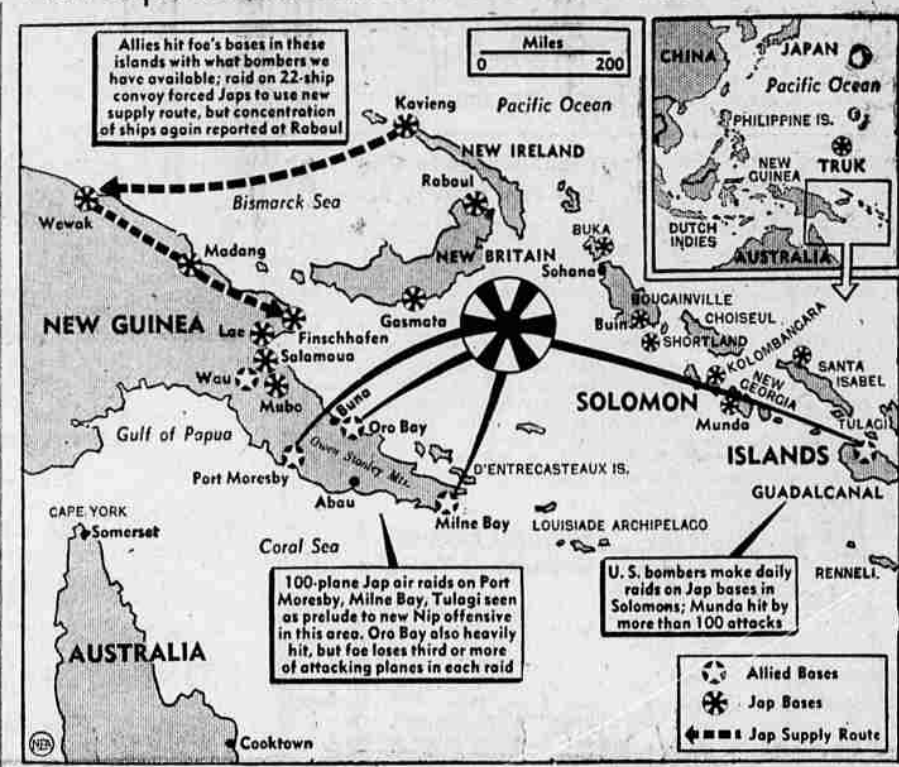
The smacking down of the German cargo planes is described as a "massacre."

OUR American General Spaatz says the allied air force has won CLEAR-CUT SUPREMACY

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# Roosevelt, Camacho Exchange Friendship Vows

New Jap Menace Battled in Southwest Pacific



This southwest Pacific area is still a critical war area despite allied victories in New Guinea and the southern Solomons a few months ago. Big Jap raids on our bases have shown that the enemy still has plenty of airpower here and that allied raids have not been powerful enough to knock out the foe's airfields. Allied airmen continue their attacks on Jap convoys north of New Guinea, but the threat to Australia is emphasized by reports of concentration of Jap warships, supply vessels and transports at Rabaul and Truk. In addition, the enemy is said to have 200,000 troops massed in this area.

## Lumber Concern Buys U. S. Timber On South Myrtle

The Climax Lumber company has just completed negotiations for 20,000,000 board feet of Umpqua National forest timber to be cut at the new mill being constructed at Myrtle Creek. In making the announcement, Forest Supervisor V. V. Harpham said that the timber was sold to the highest bidder for \$3.20 per thousand feet for Douglas fir and \$6.20 for sugar and white pine. The total estimated value is \$62,100,000.

The timber to be cut is located on the headwaters of South Myrtle creek. The construction of five miles of new road has already been started by the Pico Logging company, which is moving equipment from its extensive operations near Montesano, Wn. E. W. Pico will have charge of all logging and is also serving as general manager of the Climax Lumber company, which will do the milling.

This sale brings the total value of timber in "going" sales on the Umpqua National forest to more than 500,000 dollars, Harpham stated. The counties will receive a substantial portion of the revenue because 25 per cent of national forest receipts are paid to the counties in lieu of taxes. An additional 10 per cent is spent for roads and trails within the county.

Junior Forester Jack Smith has been assigned to manage this sale for the forest service. Part of the area will be selectively cut and part clear cut. It will be managed as part of the South Umpqua unit, where it is estimated 44,000,000 feet can be cut annually on a sustained yield basis from National forest land.

## Hitler Buys War Bond For Hitler's Birthday

FORT JACKSON, S. C., April 21.—(AP)—Hitler bought a \$1,000 war bond for Hitler's birthday.

The war bond belongs to Capt. Paul Hitler of Brooklyn, N. Y., for 31 years a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces—a birthday gift to Adolf Hitler.

## Lower 13 Murder Trial of Folkes Is Given to Jury

ALBANY Ore., April 21.—(AP) Eight women and four men jurors began life-or-death deliberation at 10:15 a. m., today in the first-degree murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, accused of the fantastic "Lower 13" knife slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James.

The jurors took the case with Circuit Judge Lewelling's detailed instructions after hearing testimony and arguments for 13 days in the trial of the 20-year-old negro second cook of a Southern Pacific limited.

The state asks his death for the throat slashing of the attractive Norfolk Va., bride of a navy ensign who lay in berth lower 13 last January 23 as the train roared past a village station near here in the pre-dawn blackness.

The defense maintains Folkes was in the dining car galley preparing breakfast at the time she was knifed in the throat. She died a few moments later in a pool of her own blood in the aisle of the sleeping car.

Judge Lewelling told the jury it could return any one of four verdicts: Guilty of murder in the first-degree which automatically calls for the death penalty if unaccompanied by a recommendation for leniency; first degree with a recommendation for life imprisonment; second degree with a recommendation for life imprisonment; or acquittal.

If the jurors found the evidence showed Folkes was intoxicated at the time he made his alleged confession of the crime, Lewelling said, this fact should be considered although intoxication does not make a confession inadmissible as evidence unless the person making the confession has lost possession of his faculties.

As to intoxication at the time of the crime, Lewelling said that if the jurors ascertained that the evidence showed Folkes was intoxicated, this should be weighed. But he stressed that intoxication does not excuse a crime.

"Intoxication, in the main," he said, "should be weighed in deciding the degree of guilt."

## S. F. Again Votes "No" On Car System Purchase

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—(AP)—For the second time in less than six months, San Francisco voters have defeated a proposal to consolidate the city's street railways by purchasing the privately-owned Market street system.

The total semi-official vote in a special election yesterday was: "yes, 53,441; no, 87,399."

The election was on a revenue bond proposal to buy the Market street system for \$7,950,000. Sponsors included Mayor Rossi and the city board of supervisors.

A similar proposal lost last November by a margin of 3,500 votes.

# Tokyo Bombing Story Told by War Dept.; Planes' 'Shangri-La' Was Carrier Hornet

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Tokyo could tremble again today in memory of the bombs which struck terror into Japan's vulnerable heart a year ago.

For the War department promised that those were just a gentle prelude to the pounding to come, and disclosed that the "Shangri-La" from which the bombers struck was a ship at sea—a floating base that could be multiplied to maul the Isle of Nippon from almost any direction.

Ripping away at last the mystery that had cloaked the Pacific war's most thrilling aerial exploit, the official story of the raid disclosed: That the base from which Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's 16 bombers took off to blast war plants in Tokyo and four other Japanese cities was the aircraft carrier Hornet, later lost in the Pacific battle of Santa Cruz, October 26.

That the idea of the spectacular attack—a first installment on Pearl Harbor debt—was conceived in January, 1942, presumably by Doolittle, and intense training in utmost secrecy preceded its execution on April 18.

## Point Values Slashed On Frozen Foods

Reduction Also Decried For Soups; Blackeyed Peas Off Ration List

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Blue ration coupons will buy about twice as much frozen fruits and vegetables and canned and dehydrated soups starting tomorrow. Dry blackeyed peas will be ration-free.

A slash in the point values of these goods was announced by the OPA to prevent warm-weather spoilage and relieve a clogging of storage space resulting from slow sales.

It was the second major change in coupon costs of rationed fruits and vegetables, and came as the OPA was considering an overhaul of some of its meat points, including possible reductions on luncheon and other ham and an increase on beef hamburger. These meat changes, if made, probably will come at the end of the month.

Factors of frozen foods received what officials described as obvious "point bargains," primarily to clear commercial refrigerators of the remnants of last year's pack and make way for this year's. When the new crops come out, they are likely to be point-priced again at about the old levels.

The one-pound size of frozen fruit was cut from 13 to 6 points, one-pound package of frozen baked beans from 8 to 4 points, and the customary 12-ounce size of other frozen vegetables from a 6-10 point range to a flat rate of 4 points.

Soup Points Slashed  
The customary 10½-ounce can (Continued on page 6.)

## 35 Belgian Fascists Reported Slain in Paris

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Zurich Switzerland, reported today that 35 supporters of the Rexist (Belgian fascist) and Dorlot movements and other extreme right organizations were slain last week in Paris. No details were given.

## Real Aim Of Meeting Not Made Public

Mexican Ruler Travels Into United States on Return Visit With F. R.

BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN, April 21.—(AP)—The conferees of state which President Roosevelt and President Avila Camacho began in a gala setting at Monterey, Mexico last night, continued north of the border today.

Camacho was returning the only official visit ever made deep into his country by an American president but security reasons forbade the immediate announcement of details.

The two continental leaders delivered radio addresses at Monterey without disclosing in any manner the real reason for their dramatic meeting.

They spoke, instead, of differences between their two governments which already have been solved, of a joint solidarity in arms in a world at war, and of the values, now and for the future, of the good neighbor policy.

They dealt strictly in generalities and words of friendship and Mr. Roosevelt promised that "the government of the United States and my countrymen are ready to help" Mexico toward greater progress toward "the greatest possible measure of security and opportunity." He referred to the issue now apparently dead, created by Mexican expropriation of American-owned oil lands.

Exploitation Jabbed  
Mr. Roosevelt declared with studied emphasis: "We recognize a mutual interdependence of our joint resources. We know that Mexico's resources will be developed for the common good of humanity. We know that the day of the exploitation of the resources and the people of one country for the benefit of any group in another country is definitely over."

A few minutes before, Camacho had said, in a conciliatory vein, had said, in a conciliatory vein, that "neither your excellency nor I believe in negative memories." Camacho stressed the "solidarity" (Continued on page 6.)

## Hitler's Jackals Battle 'Dunkirk'



At top—Col. Gen. Jurgen Von Arnim, second in command to Marshal Rommel, who pocketed the allied onslaught aiming at total annihilation.



Lower photo—German Field Marshal Hugo Sperrle, reported sent to southern Italy, along with 2,000 planes, in an attempt to keep open a ferry route for the axis from Tunisia to Italian ports.

## Enfidaville Captured In Night Attack

Battle Sees Repulse of Four Counterattacks Launched by Rommel

(By the Associated Press)

Allied headquarters announced today that British 8th army troops had captured Enfidaville, coastal anchor of Marshal Rommel's mountain defense zone, and beat off four axis counterattacks in heavy fighting.

Enfidaville lies about 50 miles south of Tunis, the capital. "All initial objectives have been captured," said a bulletin from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. "Fighting continues."

Simultaneously, British 1st army troops attacking within 30 miles of Tunis on the western flank scored "a small local advance in the Medjez-El-Bab sector, the communique said."

While allied ground troops surged into apparently full-scale offensive, united nations warplanes stepped up their paralyzing assaults on the axis and recorded a three-day total of 151 enemy planes destroyed.

British Lunge At Night  
Dispatches said Gen. Montgomery's 8th army veterans launched their newest offensive in bright moonlight at 11 p. m. Monday, after tremendous artillery barrage, and stormed at least three miles into Rommel's "coffin corner" defenses in the initial attack.

Tallan headquarters said the preliminary bombardment was of exceptional intensity, indicating that it rivaled if not surpassed the 500-gun barrage which precluded Montgomery's breakthrough the Wadi El Akarit on the road to Sfax.

Montgomery's victorious troops broke a week-old lull with their typical dash, sweeping over hills alive with bursting shells from axis artillery and mortars to reach the top of Takrouna heights, five miles west of Enfidaville, while another column seized the 1,200-foot Djebel Gardet on the left flank.

In the skies, allied fliers shot down 27 more planes yesterday, Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters said, and it was disclosed that 12 (Continued on page 6.)

## U. S. Sub Bags 13 Jap Ships in Two Prowls

PEARL HARBOR, April 21.—(AP)—The submarine Wahoo has returned from its second adventure in enemy waters with another eight ships sunk for a total of 13 in two successive patrols.

Naval officials said the eight bagged in the second patrol was a record number for a single patrol, but Lieut. Commander Dudley W. (Mush) Morton, skipper of the Wahoo, described the exploit as "just cut and dried sinking of ships."

"It was just sight, track, shoot and sink," said the 36-year-old Miami, Fla., officer.

Besides the eight ships, totalling 37,000 tons, the Wahoo damaged a ninth and wrecked a trawler and two sampans. The sinkings all were achieved within one week's time. For the two patrols, the first in January, the total tonnage sunk was 69,000.

## Poisoner of One of Six Husbands Given Pardon

BOISE, Idaho, April 21.—(AP)—The last strings that attached Mrs. Lyda Southard, convicted poison slayer of the fourth of her six husbands, to the Idaho prison, were severed today.

The state pardons board made final a conditional pardon granted Mrs. Southard 18 months ago. The middle-aged woman has spent her free months quietly on her sister's farm at Nyssa, Ore.

Mrs. Southard's prison career included an escape over the walls and freedom for 30 months during which she married a sixth time. Husband No. 6 obtained an annulment after her arrest.

She was convicted of poisoning Edward Meyer, No. 4, at Twin Falls, in 1921. Her first three husbands also died while she was married to them. No. 5 obtained a divorce after she was arrested.

Now that Hitler's birthday has been duly celebrated by the nazis, it will be Mussolini's turn in July, and we fancy that the Italian acclaim will hardly sound like this: "He-Il Duce."

Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Reizenstein