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Execution of Tokyo Bombers Arouses Washington Demand for Retaliation; Hitler Poison Gas Threat is Reported

Destroy Jap War Lords, Fliers Urged

Those Responsible to Be Brought to Justice, U. S. Note to Tokyo Warns

(By the Associated Press)
A threat to execute every United States flier captured during a bombing of Japan was implied in propaganda broadcasts from Tokyo today and it was said that Japan would "leave nothing undone to prevent a repetition of the allied air attack" upon the island empire last April.

"And by the way, don't forget Americans," said an English-language broadcast. "Make sure that every flier that comes this way has a special pass to hell and rest assured it's strictly a one-way ticket."

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—A new and burning challenge for revenge rode with America's air fighters in the Pacific today.

They were called on by their chief, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, to destroy the Japanese war lords who "have executed several of your brave comrades" in violation of what Arnold termed "every rule of military procedure and every concept of human decency."

President Roosevelt's announcement late yesterday that some of the American fliers who helped

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU must have read the dispatch in this newspaper from an advanced U. S. base in the Andeanos. It tells a story of intelligent Jap planning and determined achievement.

Under our very noses, under cover of the fog, the little yellow men have built a submarine base and an air base on American soil.

WHY we've permitted it is known only to our higher command. We outsiders, lacking all the facts, are in no position to criticize intelligently and constructively.

We can only watch developments.

We can't help watching rather NERVOUSLY.

TUESDAY was Hitler's birthday.

The Berlin radio, paying a tribute to "our beloved fuhrer," was interrupted by a ghost voice that rasped out:

"The entire German nation curses today the hour that man was born. His henchmen have been in power too long. Germans, AWAKE! The time has come to finish with the Nazi gang! Down with Hitler and his crew! On the day of his downfall, the war will be over."

The "ghost" voice came through on the same wave length as the Berlin radio, and so couldn't be tuned out or jammed.

It looks like some rather clever allied propaganda work.

WHETHER or not it is really clever, of course, depends on how the German people take it. If they're as angry as we'd be if the Japs or the Germans perpetrated a similar trick on us, it will do more harm than good.

But it IS true that the day of Hitler's birth was a BLACK day indeed for Germany. These world

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Allied Shipping Losses During 1942 Exceeds Construction; "Terrible" 4 Months Ahead, Senator Forecasts

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The Truman committee called today for "a scientific determination of the number of men who can usefully be employed in the armed services" after disclosing that the allies lost 12,000,000 tons of shipping last year, or "somewhat more" than was built.

Senator Brewster (R., Me.) an active member of the senate group which is investigating the war program, estimated that sinkings over balanced United Nations construction by 2,000,000 tons in 1942.

"I think we'll catch up by next fall but the next four months will be terrible," he predicted. "The enemy submarines will have more hours of daylight in which to work."

The committee characterized the losses as "heavy but not disastrous" and asserted that "the submarine menace can and will be effectively met" through increased cargo ship construction and by use of destroyer escorts, escort plane carriers, land-based anti-submarine planes and submarines.

MacArthur Not to Retire From Field Upon Reaching 64

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur will continue his services in the field after reaching retirement age next January 26.

Undersecretary of War Patterson, announcing this today, said the services of the southwest Pacific commander have been "of the most extraordinary value to the country."

MacArthur will be 64 next January, the age at which retirement from the armed forces ordinarily becomes effective.

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, April 21.—(AP)—American reconnaissance pilots met with increased Japanese aerial activity in the northeastern sector of General MacArthur's command today, and a lone Flying Fortress fought off two enemy fighters until one was shot down in flames.

Both those Fortress pilots who spanned the Bismarck sea for a look at the Japanese in Kavieng, New Ireland, as well as various points on New Britain and those who made the thousand-mile roundtrip to Wewak in northern New Guinea, reported enemy patrols active throughout the area.

General MacArthur warned recently that the enemy is building up his aerial forces in the southwest Pacific.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—A large force of army bombers, winning far north of Guadalcanal island in the south Pacific, heavily damaged Japanese installations on Nauru in the Gilbert islands, Wednesday, the navy said today, and destroyed at least five Zero fighters.

All American planes returned despite stiff enemy resistance from both anti-aircraft and fighter planes.

In the north Pacific army planes bombed and strafed Jap installations on Kiska ten times Tuesday, damaging the runway and camp area of that Aleutian island. The Aleutians air force has now hit Kiska 113 times this month.

Idaho Rancher Slain; Partner Faces Inquiry

PAYETTE, Idaho, April 22.—(AP)—Tom Harris, prominent Payette rancher who was shot in his apartment Monday night, died and his partner, Earl Clark, was held today on an open charge pending investigation.

Use Against Reds Planned, Britain Told

Churchill Warns Berlin What to Expect If Gas Employed as Weapon

LONDON, April 22.—(AP)—Asserting it had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," the British government vowed today that any use of gas by either Germany or her satellites would bring immediate reprisals in kind against military objectives "throughout the whole expanse of Germany."

The government's statement was issued by Prime Minister Churchill.

The British Broadcasting company also quickly beamed broadcasts to Germany, directly informing the German people what they could expect if their leader orders the use of gas. The broadcasts emphasized the united nations' air superiority and quoted the prime minister's comment that "British resource and scale of delivery (of gas warfare facilities) have greatly increased since last year."

The Berlin radio, replying to the British statement, quoted German foreign office circles as saying that Germany would stand by a pledge given last year that she would use poison gas only if her enemies used it first.

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said Berlin political circles termed Churchill's declaration "provocative."

Britons began checking over their gas masks, with which every resident of Britain is equipped, after Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, cautioned them two days ago that the danger of the use of gas was not past. His warning followed the assertion of Wing Commander E. J. Hudson, inspector-general of civil defense, that "if Hitler thought he could secure tactical surprise by using gas he certainly would."

Churchill's statement said the reports of Germany's intentions had come from "several sources." A soviet official, meanwhile, declared that "we have passed on to the British foreign office information that supplies of gas recently have been reaching the German armies on the Russian front."

Mexicans to Fill Farm Jobs in Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Four hundred Mexican farm laborers are en route to the Yakima and Kennewick, Wash., areas.

Three hundred have been assigned tentatively to work in sugar beet fields. The remainder would be sent to Kennewick to work in asparagus and early truck crops.

If domestic labor is unavailable, additional Mexicans may be imported for other areas later.

Experienced laborers among the Mexicans will be paid 60c an hour or \$12 an acre and inexperienced workers will be paid 50c hourly. These wages will prevail until a public hearing is held in Yakima May 3.

Twelve Men Perish in Crash of Army Plane

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 22.—(AP)—An army airplane crashed and burned while making a landing at the Evansville municipal airport shortly before last midnight and twelve men were killed, Major F. C. Dickson, army representative at the field, reported.

Army officers requested that names of the victims be withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

Runaway Horses Deal Death to Their Owner

CALDWELL, Idaho, April 22.—(AP)—W. F. Patrick, farmer near Parma, died in a Caldwell hospital of injuries received Tuesday when his team of horses ran away.

His physician reported Patrick was plowing in the field when the horses bolted, and he was struck in the chest by the plowshare.

Draft Rules For Married Men Stated

Dependency or Reduced Income Will Not Defer Induction, Information

SALEM, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Married men with children acquired before Dec. 8, 1941, will be deferred temporarily, but all other men with dependents probably will enter the armed forces by next fall, unless they are deferred for reasons other than dependency, Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, said today.

"Oregon at the present time is inducting only single men or men who acquired dependents after declaration of war, but this pool of men is near exhaustion and calls in the next several months will include men with dependents," Colonel Wooton said.

"It is not true that all single men will be inducted before any men with dependents are taken. Some single men will continue to be deferred in class II-A and class II-B so long as they are irreplaceable in occupations essential to the support of the war effort or necessary to war production. This group of deferred single men is being kept as small as possible but cannot be eliminated if induction will dangerously curtail activities essential to the war."

Will Heed Hardships

The colonel said the new classification, III-D, will give deferment for registrants whose induction would cause "extreme hardship and privation" to their dependents.

Registrants cannot qualify for this classification merely because their induction would cause inconvenience to their dependents or even a radical reduction in their income," he said. "Experience would indicate that not much more than six registrants

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Prices of Poultry Revised by OPA

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—OPA today revised poultry prices throughout the country and announced "a campaign to smash the black market in poultry."

The price order, effective immediately, establishes uniform prices for each type of poultry and cut the current prices of drawn and quick-frozen eviscerated poultry by 1 to 10 cents per pound, but increased prices for quick-frozen eviscerated broilers and fryers by 11 to 2 cents per pound.

The new prices were based on cost at country shipping points, replacing a former system based on cost of delivery to the buyer. Under the old system, buyers of different cities could legally offer varying prices for the same poultry on the same farm, and officials said this encouraged black market activities.

Although the new order directly affects only country prices, OPA determines wholesale and retail prices by percentage mark-ups on the country price, and officials said both wholesale and retail prices will be expected to conform to the new country prices.

Jury in Lower 13 Case Still Deliberating

ALBANY, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The fate of Robert E. Lee Folkes was locked up today with eight women and four men considering a first-degree murder charge against him in the lower 13 slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, Norfolk, Va.

The jury deliberated a few minutes more than 13 hours yesterday, then was locked up for the night. Deliberations resumed around 9 a. m.

The jury filed out yesterday to ask Judge Lewelling the number of votes required on the different degrees of guilt.

Lewelling advised them an unanimous vote is necessary on a first-degree verdict while only 10 are required for conviction of second-degree murder.

Douglas Lags In Quota On War Bonds

More Than One Million Still Needed; Pacific Coast Area Far Behind

Douglas county is still far behind its quota of two and one-half million dollars in the Second War Loan campaign, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the war savings staff, reported today. Sales to date, he reports, approximate \$1,400,000.

"All of the large purchases have been made and the remainder of our quota must come from individual purchases of E, F and G bonds and treasury certificates," Pargeter said. "The sale has been stepped up by the report of the details of the bombing of Japan, but sales to individuals still are lagging. If we are to maintain our unbroken quota record, the residents of Douglas county must increase their purchases of bonds."

The committee, Pargeter states, is sponsoring a bond rally at Glendale Friday night in connection with the program dedicating the newly constructed Aircraft Warning service observation tower.

Fullerton school has rallied to the cause of the Second War Loan, it was reported today, and at the regular Wednesday sale of bonds and stamps the students this week invested \$448.65.

WEST COAST LAGGING IN DRIVE, TREASURY SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Bond sales in the treasury's \$13,000,000,000 second war loan amounted to \$1,322,000,000 up to last night, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau reported today, adding that the west coast is lagging in the drive.

Asserting that the 12th federal reserve district, with headquarters at San Francisco, is "at the bottom of the barrel" in the campaign, Morgenthau said this is "peculiar" because "the west coast is closer to the front than any other part of America and always led the way heretofore. It has always felt the war more closely."

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—The state war bond staff urged Oregonians to bear down today on small purchases in the Second War Loan campaign.

The state's goal is \$100,000,000 this month. Of this banks are expected to buy \$50,000,000 in bonds.

E. S. Sammons, co-chairman of the finance committee, said the sum for private purchases was near \$30,000,000. But he said the total included a number of large subscriptions and said the remaining \$20,000,000 would be hard to get.

Columbia, Willamette Nearing Flood Stage

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The Columbia river, slightly over flood stage of 15 feet now, will be up to 18 feet at Vancouver, Wash., by Sunday and will go even higher later, the weather bureau predicted today.

The bureau also said the Willamette river will reach flood stage of 18 feet in Portland Saturday, submerging lower levels of several piers.

The three Henry Kaiser shipyards in the area prepared to erect cofferdams around the ways in order to keep the high water from interfering with work.

Smaller shipyards said they would delay launchings if high water interfered and would attempt to outfit ships while they were still in the ways.

Loggers Return to Jobs In Response to Appeal

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—Many loggers who left the woods for other war industries are returning in response to the War Manpower commission appeal, the C. I. O. Lumber and Sawmill Workers union reported today.

Figures for this area were not available, but union officials used the term "considerable numbers"

R. H. S. Graduate Awarded Wings As Bombardier



Richard D. Fies, above, whose mother, Mrs. C. O. Fies, resides at 1441 Riverside Drive, has been commissioned a second lieutenant, army air force, and awarded the silver wings of an aerial bombardier upon graduation from the bombardier school at Kirtland field, New Mexico.

Lt. Fies is a graduate of Roseburg high school, receiving his diploma with the class of 1938. While in school he was outstanding in tennis and football.

Lieutenant Fies and his wife will be located at Albuquerque, where he has been assigned to duty as an instructor. He has been in the army since March, 1942, having enlisted while employed with the Consolidated Freightways at the Seattle office.

Nazis Keep Trying To Crack Red Line

MOSCOW, April 22.—(AP)—The Germans kept up unceasing assaults in the Kuban valley of the Caucasus during the night, trying with a great weight of men, tanks and planes to crack the Red army lines from the southern shores of the sea of Azov to the Black sea at Novorossisk.

All their efforts failed, although in some instances groups of axis troops were able to reach the first lines of the Red army's defenses, only to be cut down by murderous machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, and by Russian bayonets in hand-to-hand fighting, the soviet information bureau's communique said.

In one sector the Germans were reported to have lost upwards of 1,700 men in the last 48 hours.

The German force, meanwhile, was being engaged in some of the vast intensive air battles of the campaign as Russian fighter planes met strong attempts to dive-bomb the Red army's ground troops into submission.

The two-day score of plane destruction in this sector was reported as 93 to 42 in the Russians' favor, and the Red army's aviation was increasing the number of its attacks on enemy ground troops.

Tax Showdown Slated After Easter Recess

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The house voted today for an Easter recess until May 3, and Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) announced the body would have a final showdown on that date on pay-as-you-go taxation, with another vote on a modified Ruml plan to skip an income tax year.

Senate concurrence in the recess resolution was required and, according to house leaders, would be forthcoming.

Ex-Governor Dickinson Of Michigan Passes

CHARLOTTE, Mich., April 22.—(AP)—Former Governor Luren D. Dickinson died today at his farm home near here at the age of 84 years. He had suffered a heart attack yesterday.

Smashed Foe Leaves Ruins Of 27 Tanks

Cream of German Army Used in Futile Try to Ease Pincer Pressure

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 22.—(AP) British infantrymen, tanks and artillery have beaten back three major thrusts by axis ground troops seeking to ease the pressure upon their Tunisian defense lines, inflicting losses which included destruction of 27 tanks and capture of 500 Germans in the mountainous area of Medjez-el-Bab, itself 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

The assault forces, described here as some of the best of Marshal Rommel's men in Africa, were met by heavy fire. They suffered considerable casualties and the survivors were withdrawing at dawn, a communique said. Among the 27 wrecked tanks they left behind were two of the 60-ton Mark VI Tigers.

Gen. Montgomery's Eighth army massed artillery batteries to beat off two counterattacks against its new lines—anchored in the region of Takrouna, five miles northwest of Enfidaville, and in the area of the Djebel Garci, 10 miles inland from the coast—with a heavy loss to the axis.

Axis Use Crack Troops

General Montgomery's men, who face 10 miles of extremely difficult hill country in their latest push toward Tunis, have already driven through three miles which had once bristled with Nazi defenses.

Observers said the axis forces were striking with all possible strength in an effort to slow their progress, regardless of the cost in troops and material.

The German command included units of the Hermann Goering Jaeger regiment and the Goering Grenadiers in the attack on the First army and they struck on an eight-mile front. Tank forces which had previously seen action in the battles of Fondouk, Kasserine Pass and Maknassy were thrown into the fray.

American-manned Spitfires frustrated an attempt by Messerschmitts to bomb allied troops east of Medjez-el-Bab. The Nazi planes were forced to jettison their explosives and two Focke-Wulf 190's which joined in the subsequent battle were shot down.

Both French and United States troops have been carrying out active and penetrating patrols on sectors of the Tunisian front assigned them, it was added.

Relatively bad flying weather restricted aerial operations, but a number of bombing and machine-gunning sweeps were carried out by allied squadrons over Tunisia, and Malta-based Spitfires knocked down four more Junker-52 transports. Ten enemy aircraft were destroyed during the day by the north African squadrons, while four allied planes failed to return from all operations.

American and British-manned

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Jail Terms Given Two On Vagrancy Charges

Floyd Allen, 24, and Robert A. Morgan, 21, transients, were held in custody today, following arrest by the state police last night on charges of vagrancy. The men were sentenced to 30 days each in jail following pleas of guilty in the justice court today. During the period of their sentence investigation will be made to determine whether they are wanted elsewhere, State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported. The two men reportedly were attempting to halt cars south of Myrtle Creek last night and were reported to the police by motorists who feared attempts at hold-up, the police sergeant reported.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Fortunately for the mental calibre of the U. S. armed forces, draft ages have been revised upward. A downward revision into the adolescent group would have caught a lot of bureaucrats directing the war effort.