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Foe Fails to Put Aircraft Into Defense

Invasion Coast Major Attack Target; Italian Front Action in Lull

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—A small formation of American Flying Fortresses bombed military targets in Northern France today and although no opposition from enemy aircraft was encountered, two of the bombers were lost.

The Fortresses were escorted by Thunderbolt fighters, the Eighth air force announcement said.

British Mosquito bombers attacked unspecified targets in western Germany without loss.

Depending only on their own guess for safety a formation of American Liberators hit enemy military installations in the Pas-de-Calais region of France yesterday in the first U. S. heavy bomber operation in months without fighter escort.

All the big aircraft returned home from the foray, their second in as many days without loss against objectives along the invasion coast. The accomplishment underscored the allies' growing air superiority.

Throughout yesterday's round trip flight of approximately 400 miles, the Germans offered no fighter opposition.

The Liberator mission followed the Eighth night blow of the month by RAF Mosquitos. The wooden bombers hit the bombed port of Hamburg Saturday night for the first time since January 1. One plane failed to return from this and a coordinated attack on unspecified objectives in western Germany.

Nazi Retaliation Weak.

German raiders over England last night set off London's warning system for the first time since last Wednesday, but there was no immediate report of any damage or loss of life. A weak enemy raid Saturday night demolished two houses and killed several persons in a southeastern coast town.

An air ministry announcement last night said that Augsburg's 150-acre M. A. N. 7-bomb engine works—Germany's largest—were extensively damaged by American and British attacks late in February. Hardly a factory escaped damage, the report said.

The Liberator attack on the Pas-de-Calais area yesterday was supplemented by a daylight foray by RCAF Mosquitos which penetrated to Clermont Ferrand, 30 miles southwest of Vichy and shot up a German bomber and a transport plane on a nearby air-drome.

On the three land fronts in Italy, patrols clashed with small enemy groups at several points but bad weather prevented any large-scale action.

Allied airmen sent 36 German planes to the scrap heap.

Ghastly Deeds of 'Bluebeard' Bared

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Four charred bodies were discovered by police in a "red hot furnace" of a Paris villa, the German news agency DNB has announced, and subsequent investigation uncovered a "Bluebeard" mystery thriller in which eight to 25 women were butchered.

"Vile smelling smoke still was rising from the chimney" when the police broke in, the broadcast asserted, and heads, arms, legs and other organs of the women were found scattered around the furnace room. The courtyard dump also was said to have contained a dozen human limbs.

A "Dr. Plot" is a suspect in the case, the broadcast said, adding that the killer apparently lured the victims into the rented villa, killed them, cut them to pieces and burned the torsos.

The mystery was reminiscent of the "Bluebeard" Landru case, Landru's slayings, including 10 women, sent him to the guillotine in 1921.

Levity Fast Rant
By L. F. Robinson

Chronology of an amateur Victory gardener:
Scans seed catalogue—Inspiration.
Plants seeds—Anticipation.
Slugs, insects, dogs, etc.—Exasperation.
Quality of crop—Consternation.
Sequel, with market basket—Peregrination.

North Ireland-Eire Border May be Closed

Allies Plan Full Barrier To Axis Spies

Travel to Ireland From Britain Restricted at Eisenhower's Request

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—The outright closing of Northern Ireland's border with Eire to give full effect to the suspension of travel between the islands of Britain and Ireland was a near prospect today.

All reports from Belfast, Northern Ireland, said this step—which the British government could order—was regarded as inevitable as the allies moved with hard realism to end the alleged use of neutral Eire as an axis spy base.

Certain other steps, of a nature not now to be disclosed, may also be taken.

All travel except in cases of greatest urgency was suspended between Britain and Ireland, whether Northern Ireland or Eire, by a British home office order last night two days after Eire's Prime Minister de Valera had announced his refusal to accede to a United States request that German and Japanese diplomatic offices in the country be closed.

The order resulted from an urgent request by Gen. Eisenhower, allied invasion commander, who was said to have information that axis representatives in Eire constituted a serious menace to military security.

The Irish mail train to Holyhead—where it connects with the boat to Kingston near Dublin—left London this morning two-thirds empty.

Irishmen on the train—mainly laborers—were strongly against de Valera.

"What does he want to keep the Germans in Dublin for?" asked Michael Leneham of Carrock-on-Suir. "Germany never gave anything to Ireland and never will."

Issue Demands Caution.

There was nothing to indicate that allied moves were likely to go as far as the application of economic sanctions against Eire. The British were going slowly, leaving the initiative largely to the United States because of the

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Spare Rome, Pope Asks War Nations

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, speaking to a great throng massed in St. Peter's square and to radio listeners around the world, appealed to allied and German leaders yesterday to spare Rome and to strive for a "peace of liberation."

"How could we believe that anyone might dare to turn Rome, this almighty city which belongs to all fronts and to all places and to which the Christian and civilized world is looking for light, into a theater of war, thus perpetuating an act militarily inglorious and abominable in the eyes of God and of a humanity conscious of the highest spiritual and moral values?" the pope asked.

He urged rather that leaders of the belligerent nations work for a peace "which will free mankind from all internal and external violence so that they may be remembered in benediction and not in malediction for centuries on the face of the earth."

The pope described the plight of Rome, which is now occupied by the Germans and toward which the battle lines have been creeping, as "especially grave," and he appealed to "all those who have means to help, either with material contributions, or with the help of active work, not to deny their efficacious support and assistance."

He said that towns were stricken "in nearly every continent by an aerial war which does not recognize any law or restraint, already a terrible indictment against the cruelty of such methods."

Organization of Air Patrol Unit in Roseburg Planned at Meet Tuesday

Organization of a civil air patrol unit in Roseburg is expected to result from the visit here tomorrow of Major Leo G. Devaney, Oregon wing commander, and Capt. C. T. Haas, wing adjutant. The two officers will be at the Chamber of Commerce offices at 8 o'clock in the evening to explain the duties of the patrol, outline the training routine and assist in the organization of a local unit. Local business men will aid in the project and LeRoy Hill of the high school faculty will aid in selecting prospective enrollees from upper classmen.

The work of the civil air patrol, it is stated, will prove valuable to young men who are approaching draft age in that it will give them an opportunity to enter the service better trained and in many instances qualified for ratings.

Information available at the present time indicates that training will be given in such subjects as pre-flight, flight, ground service, infantry drill, firearms, leadership and command, court-martial reviews and inspections and other subjects similar to regular air corps training.

Years ago, previous to becoming an aviator, Major Devaney operated one of the first garages in Roseburg, in partnership with Gordon Burnett. He is a survivor



Major Leo G. Devaney

son of the late Michael Devaney, well remembered here as a Southern Pacific locomotive engineer.

Japs' Wewak Base Smashed To Fiery Ruins

U. S. Airmen Also Down 26 Nippon Planes; Gains Made in Whole Theater

(By the Associated Press) Twenty-six Japanese planes, remnants of the enemy's once-powerful air force in the Southwest Pacific, were destroyed by U. S. Fifth air force airmen during a 120-ton strike at Wewak, main Japanese base on New Guinea. Gen. MacArthur communique today.

The raid on Wewak, one of the heaviest in weeks, left gun positions smashed, fuel and supply areas burning. In addition to the 26 planes shot down, Japanese probably lost six others and several parked planes were destroyed, MacArthur said. Two American planes failed to return.

In the Central Pacific, marines landed without opposition on Wotho atoll, 67 miles northwest of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, giving the allies a straight string of islands extending from Majuro in the Eastern Marshalls through Kwajalein and Wotho to Eniwetok in the west. The line points straight toward Tokyo.

Other marines, fighting on Willaumez peninsula in New Britain, have consolidated their position around captured Talasea and its emergency landing field, while allied forces on Bougainville to the east have driven Japanese back from minor gains won during a violent eruption of heavy fighting on the Empress Augusta bay battlefield.

Wide-ranging air and sea craft accounted for 23 Japanese barges, patrol boats and small coastal ships along the rim of the Bismarck sea. At least two of the barges were filled with troops.

Rabaul, New Britain, was hit with 91 tons of explosives, other planes supported ground operations on Los Negros island, in the Admiralties, and in the Central Pacific American planes raided four atolls in the Eastern Marshalls Friday.

Japs in Burma Smashed. On the Arakan front in Burma, British troops captured Buthe-daung, Japanese defense base 55 miles north of Akyab, while American and Chinese troops smashed two miles farther down the Hukawng valley to within 11 miles of its southern end.

Lt. Gen. Stilwell, directing the Hukawng valley drive, said "although I have often been wrong, I am willing to hazard the guess

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Cordon Sworn in As U. S. Senator

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Guy Cordon, republican, of Roseburg, Ore., was sworn in today as senator from Oregon in succession to the late Charles L. McNary, who for ten years had been minority leader of the senate.

The oath was administered by Vice President Wallace after Cordon was presented by Senator Holman (R-Ore.).

The 54-year-old tax expert, appointed by Governor Snell, took a seat next to that of Senator Vandenberg of Michigan in the second row on the republican side. He will serve until the next general election when a senator will be chosen to fill McNary's term expiring in 1949. Cordon said he is undecided whether to seek the remainder of the term.

After Cordon took his seat senators and Oregon members of the house crowded around to congratulate him. Then the senate approved a resolution authorizing payment of the expenses of the congressional delegation which went to Salem, Ore., for McNary's funeral.

Cordon plans to return to his Oregon home to wind up his business affairs and bring his family to Washington. He expects to depart later this week.

Gasoline Ration on A Card May be Cut To Two Gallons

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—The possibility that basic "A" gasoline rations in the mid-west and west may be trimmed from three to two gallons a week, to match the eastern seaboard ration, was acknowledged today by Colonel Byron Houston, deputy administrator of the OPA.

Colonel Houston said the plan was advocated by the Petroleum Administration for War as a means of equalizing supplies over the country.

OPA's decision may be announced tomorrow, he said, if the civilian allocation of gasoline for the second quarter of the year, starting April 1, is transmitted by PAW to OPA tonight as expected. If the mid-western and far western curtailment is ordered, it probably will be placed in effect by extending each series of A coupons to last three months instead of the present two months, officials said. It was acknowledged that only a small saving in gasoline would be accomplished. PAW Administrator Jekes long has cherished the idea of putting rations on an equal basis over the nation.

Douglas County Laid In Game Survey Program

PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—(AP)—The state fish and game commission has approved tentatively a \$572,000 postwar program including \$280,000 for a six-year fish and screen program, \$149,000 for a three-year stream and lake survey and \$142,450 for new hatcheries.

The plan also calls for extension of the upland big game survey throughout the state, beginning with the Tillamook burn area, Coos, Douglas and Clatsop counties.

The commission reelected E. E. Wilson, Corvallis, chairman. Commissioners Kenneth Martin, Grants, Pass, and Theodore R. Conn, Lakeview, announced they are awaiting induction into the navy as apprentice seamen.

British Coal Strike Partially Broken Up

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—The week-old strike of 100,000 miners which is estimated to have cost Britain 300,000 tons of coal began slowly breaking up today with early reports indicating possibly a third of the men back at work.

The situation as a whole, however, was confused. Some miners who voted yesterday to return to their jobs turned around and went home this morning after meetings at the pitheads. The shutdown still was complete in some areas.

Compromise Seen As Only Chance For War Ballot

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) urged the senate today to accept the compromise service vote bill worked out by house and senate conferees, declaring that if the proposal is rejected he could see no hope for passage of other voting legislation.

"According to my views, the conference report presents the best possible bill that can be secured," he said.

"It is my earnest belief that more soldiers and sailors will be enabled to vote under the pending bill than under any measure proposed or possible of adoption."

On one thing both sides agreed: It'll be this bill or nothing so far as service vote legislation is concerned this session.

Said Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), co-sponsor of the original federal ballot plan:

"Congress has dilly-dallied so long now it's doubtful if anything else can get through. But the soldiers would be better off with no law than this."

The compromise grew out of three weeks of negotiations between federal ballot advocates in the senate and "states' rights" from the house who wanted the federal government to be kept completely out of service voting.

The compromise: a short-form ballot available to servicemen and women overseas only if they can't get a state absentee ballot and if the federal ballot is authorized by state election laws. Service voters within the United States whose home states have no absentee voting law could get a federal ballot if state laws permit its use.

Two Enginemen Hurt As Train Hits Caboose

SPOKANE, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Two enginemen were injured today when an east-bound passenger train pulled by two engines crashed into a caboose attached to a string of freight cars on the Northern Pacific's main line in Spokane.

The lead engine was derailed, but soon was removed and the passenger train resumed its journey.

Fireman C. L. Myers said he and Engineer C. C. Bayless, both of Pasco, jumped when Bayless sighted the caboose and shouted a warning as the train rounded a curve. Bayless' back was hurt and Myers slightly injured.

Herbert T. Sutherland, a witness, said he saw soldiers on the train "jiffed into aisles and over seats" when the crash occurred, but Myers said none were hurt.

The demolished caboose was believed unoccupied.

Reds Press on Toward Nazis' Kherson Base

Railway Into Balkans Severed; Tarnopol Torn By Desperate Battle

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—The red army battled today to within 22 miles of the big Nazi base of Kherson on the lower Dnieper river, Moscow announced, after slaying 5,000 Germans yesterday to bring to more than 60,000 the number declared killed in eight days of the massive southern offensive.

The Russians swept up 210 more communities yesterday, smashing a railway leading into Rumania and Hungary and storming into Galvoron on the middle Bug river, 50 miles from Rumania and close to one of the few intact railways left to the Germans in Southern Russia, a soviet communique said.

Tass, soviet news agency, reported earlier that the Russians were dislodging the Germans in Tarnopol house by house, with the nazis clinging to every ditch and gutter in the city, where street fighting has been raging since last Thursday.

A field dispatch to the army newspaper Red Star said the Germans were fighting fiercely for every hilltop, stream and road in the Tarnopol sector and another Russian report, indicating the German strength, said a single Russian plane had spotted 400 Nazi tanks coming up to the battle.

Nazi Morale Sinking. The newspaper Pravda said the number of prisoners was increasing hourly and that Germans in some cases were surrendering in groups. One captive was quoted as saying morale was extremely low, ammunition short and ranks becoming more disorganized.

Pravda carried a similar report from the Second Ukrainian front where the Russians were pushing from Uman into Odessa province.

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4 Douglas County Officials File for Party Nominations

County Judge D. N. Busenbark, Commissioner H. B. Roadman, Clerk Roy Agee and Treasurer Oliver H. Johnson have filed declarations of candidacy at the primary election. Busenbark, Roadman and Johnson seek the republican nomination and Agee the democratic endorsement.

Sheriff O. T. Carter and Coroner H. C. Stearns, also seeking reelection, filed last week for the republican nominations.

The office of county school superintendent is to be filled at election this year and the incumbent, Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, is expected to be a candidate, but has not yet filed for the nomination.

Candidate filings must be made by April 4.

The offices of justice of the peace at Drain and Reedsport are to be filled, together with election of constables in each justice court district.

Doenitz Subs for Hitler in Annual "Hooy" Talk

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Substituting for Adolf Hitler at the microphone, Admiral Karl Doenitz told the German people in a Memorial day address yesterday that a "pitiless struggle is being waged for the existence of annihilation of our nation."

In his address, the first time since the start of the war that Hitler has failed to broadcast as part of Germany's annual tribute to her war dead, Doenitz, supreme commander of the German navy, declared:

"Everybody knows we are in the midst of a merciless struggle of great harshness and seriousness. Events of this war and the brutal aims of our enemies which they have publicly proclaimed demonstrate to us what is at stake."

Traps Japanese In Burma Drive

Maj.-Gen. Frank Merrill, above, of Woodstock, N. H., heads the tough volunteer infantry outfit known as "Merrill's Raiders" which, with other American units and Lieut.-Gen. Stilwell's American-trained Chinese troops, have pinned 2000 Japs in a triangular trap in northern Burma.



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Ex-Gov. West Not Senator Aspirant; Others Mentioned

PORTLAND, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Former Governor Oswald West ended political speculation today by announcing he will not run for U. S. senator in the democratic primary but two other possible candidates emerged.

Edgar W. Smith, member of the state board of higher education, was expected by some observers to come out as a democratic candidate for the seat now held by Sen. Rufus C. Holman, republican.

Ray Gill, former master of the Oregon State grange, said friends were urging him to run for the seat left vacant by the late senator McNary.

Only former Gov. Charles A. Sprague has announced his candidacy to succeed McNary, but republican leaders predicted Guy Cordon of Roseburg will file for the G. O. P. primary upon his return to Oregon from Washington, D. C., after being sworn in as interim senator.

Holman's only opposition to date is Wayne L. Morse, Eugene republican, former University of Oregon law school dean and ex-member of the National War labor board.

Action on Timber Bills Urged by Ellsworth

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—(AP)—Abandoned towns and cut-over tax delinquent lands will result unless the late Senator McNary's bill to provide for sustained yield management of forests is passed, Representative Ellsworth (R-Ore.) has warned the house.

A companion measure to permit government agencies to cooperate with private owners in establishing sustained yield forest units has been introduced in the house by Representative Stockman (R-Ore.).

Ellsworth also urged enactment of another McNary bill which would increase federal appropriations for forest fire protection from \$2,500,000 to \$9,000,000 annually within four years.

Pistol Accident Kills Marine at Tillamook

SEATTLE, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Marine Pvt. John J. Murphy of Spokane, who was wounded in an accident Friday at the Tillamook, Ore., naval air station, died yesterday, district naval headquarters reported. Murphy suffered a chest wound in the accidental discharge of a pistol which another marine was cleaning.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, this writer is stranded in Washington, with no train space yet available and the hotel limit rapidly approaching. Persistent effort has so far produced no railroad reservations.

It should be added that this is no uncommon situation. It seems to be more nearly the rule than the exception. Travel, in these war times, is no picnic.

THE railroads are doing their best, and what they are accomplishing is little short of amazing. But the volume of traffic to be moved is mountainous. The passenger trains all run full, and back here they run frequently—every hour or so on the big main lines—but no matter how much is moved more is waiting to be moved.

There is, of course, a certain amount of needless travel—meaning by that travel that isn't directly connected with the war effort—but ordinary observation leads one to believe that it isn't staggering.

It takes a lot of transportation to run a war.

BACK here on the east coast, there is one situation that is causing considerable cynical amusement. When the winter winds began to howl last fall, a lot of people climbed into their cars and headed for Florida. How they got the gasoline can be guessed but not proved.

Apparently they relied on the Florida ration boards to provide them with gas to get back, but the Florida boards struck them down. Now they're stuck. Their eagerness to get back north is said to be producing a lot of boot-

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Charge of Lying Hurlled by Dies at Commentators

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Charging that "fully 60 per cent of the statements" of some radio commentators can be "proved to be utterly false," Chairman Dies said today the house committee on un-American activities may soon "investigate this matter on the ground that it is distinctly un-American."

Dies currently is engaged in a controversy with Walter Winchell, commentator and columnist, whom he assailed in a house speech last week and who declared in a broadcast last night that efforts were being made in unidentified Washington circles to impugn his integrity.

Dies said in an interview his committee may subpoena the scripts of certain radio commentators over a period of several years to take each statement "and establish its truth or falsity."

The Texan said he proposed to find out whether broadcasting companies which permit the dissemination of falsehoods would be willing "to afford maligned persons an opportunity to answer false charges over the same facilities and to the same audience."

In his speech last week, Dies told the house that the Blue network had rejected his request that he be allowed to use part of Winchell's radio time to answer charges he said Winchell had made against him.

Without mentioning any individuals, Dies said some radio commentators "have become adept in taking advantage of the loopholes in the libel laws."

"The technique of smear by innuendo is being used more and more by certain commentators to get around libel laws," he asserted. "It is not so much what is said as the way it is said that does the damage."