

# 27 MORE JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK BY ALLIES

## U. S. Subs Bag 15, British 7 In Sea Raids

Convoy Blasting Sends 1,500 Japanese to Death; Warships Pound Atoll

(By the Associated Press)

The sinking of at least 27 Japanese ships was announced today by allied headquarters—22 of them by submarines—as indications mounted that one of Japan's by-passed fortresses in the Marshall Islands was about ready for the final assault.

American submarines accounted for 15 ships in Pacific and Far East waters, the navy announced, bringing to 642 the number of Japanese vessels sunk, probably sunk or damaged by undersea craft.

Included in the American submarines' toll were two transports, two tankers, and 11 freighters.

Seven ships were sunk and three damaged by submarines off islands in the Dutch East Indies, the British Admiralty said. A large river steamer, a smaller vessel of undesignated type and a supply ship were the only victims specified.

A five-ship convoy, including two transports and three corvettes, got within sight of Japan's bomb-battered base at Wewak, New Guinea, before it was obliterated by more than 100 Fifth Air Force planes in a furious four-day battle.

### Japs Being Out-Smarted.

In announcing the bag of 15 ships, Secretary of the Navy Knox at Washington, referred to sinkings of American submarines by the Japanese and said it is "inevitable that practice makes them more perfect in combatting submarines." American submarine losses since the war started now total 22, all but three of which have been lost in Pacific waters.

The skill of American submarine men is increasing at such a rate that they are outdistancing the improved techniques of the Japanese in anti-submarine activities, he continued.

"This mode of attack by submarines," Knox said, "by and large is one of the most important of all Pacific operations, constantly wearing down Japanese lines of communication and making it more and more difficult to maintain supplies."

### Battleships Get Action.

In the Central Pacific, Admiral Nimitz brought in his mighty battleship guns to assist carrier-based planes soften up Mill atoll, once one of Japan's strongest

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS nearly as one can judge from the talk he hears, Willkie sentiment, quite strong on the Pacific coast, declines steadily as one goes eastward. It seems almost to follow some sort of mathematical formula, dropping so many degrees for each mile traveled.

STILL, there is the Vermont primary the other day, in which Willkie came out with a nice edge.

The point, this writer would say offhand, is that the election next November isn't going to be decided by the kind of people who air their views in trains, hotel lobbies, at luncheon tables, etc.

It is a virtual certainty that a lot of people who aren't doing much talking in public are doing a lot of serious thinking in private. One senses that the voting that will grow out of this quiet thinking will decide the 1944 election.

THAT brings us back to a point that seems to this writer to be of the utmost importance—the plain fact that the republicans aren't giving the people of this country (as yet) much to THINK about.

They are saying nothing much more than: "If you don't like Roosevelt and the New Deal, vote for our side." They are waging a purely NEGATIVE campaign.

Maybe it will work. It will certainly work if anti-New Deal sentiment is as strong throughout the nation as the republican professionals hope it is. One of the soundest rules of politics is that once a landslide starts NOTHING can stop it.

But every salesman knows that

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## Well Equipped by His Father For Carving Enemy



Oscar C. Phipps, who resides on the Coos Bay highway near Roseburg, decided when his son, Oscar C. Phipps, Jr., joined the army paratroopers that the young soldier should be well armed. The father put his hobby to use and equipped the boy with hand-made knives. Private Phipps, pictured above with two of the deadly weapons manufactured by the father, one a throwing knife and the other having a stabbing blade, has two spares for emergency use.

At Camp McCall, North Carolina, where the paratrooper is in training, the knives created such a stir that requests poured in. Mr. Phipps already has furnished 10 and is at work on six more, all to be free to the soldiers.

The blades are made from saw steel, obtained from broken saws discarded by mills. Handles are made from aluminum and fibre washers. All knives are equipped with leather scabbards also provided by Mr. Phipps.

Private Phipps was graduated from Camas Valley high school with the class of 1942 and was a student at Oregon State college when he entered military service March 7, 1943.

## Farm Production Gloomy

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—(AP)—A review of the entire farm production picture, particularly government labor, price and machinery policies, appeared today as the agriculture department issued a melancholy report on prospective food plantings.

The report, based on a March 1 survey of representative farmers, indicated that plantings of such crops as soybeans, peanuts, flaxseed, dry beans and peas, sugar beets, potatoes, and sweet potatoes will be considerably short of goals set by the War Food administration.

Prospects for livestock feed, on the other hand, appear relatively favorable.

Mounting farmer concern over shortages of labor and farm machinery was said by the department to be holding down crop expansion. Uncertainties over draft status of deferred farm workers were said to be particularly disturbing. The final planting figures may be even below those indicated, officials said, because of recent selective service action in stepping up requirements for deferment.

"There seems to be a general fear," the report said, "that there will be an inadequate supply of labor needed during short periods for harvesting certain crops which are dependent on seasonal labor."

## Obedience to Parking Rules Determined on

Council Also Sets Clear Spot for Firemen; Lodge Given Shelters Permit

The annual declaration of war on overtime and double parking automobile drivers, an event which comes regularly with the spring season, was made by the Roseburg city council at its regular meeting last night. The police committee was instructed by Mayor W. F. Harris to meet with the police officers and to require enforcement of parking regulations.

Authorization also was given the street department to mark off a no-parking area on Main street, immediately opposite the city hall, to provide for freer movement of fire apparatus.

The council also authorized preparation of an ordinance which would repeal the measure adopted a few months ago requiring vehicles to stop at railroad crossings within the city limits.

Councilman Walter S. Fisher reported that the committee on electric lights had investigated the need of more illumination on Winchester and Jackson streets where those thoroughfares are crossed by the North Roseburg railroad spur. The California Oregon Power company has been requested, he told the council, to apply for priorities for materials with which to install the lights.

Shelters for Service Men

Permission was granted the Eagles lodge to install service men's shelters along the highway in the north and south sections of town. Everett Partin, representing a committee from the lodge, stated that plans have been made to build shelters where service men may rest while waiting for rides with passing motorists.

The lodge also submitted a resolution to the council urging that a section of the South Umpqua

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## Northwest Not Free of Lumber Strike Threat

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 21—(AP)—Possibility of a strike still threatened the Pacific Northwest lumber industry today.

A strike vote may be asked if the West Coast lumber commission again refuses wage increase demands at a rehearing opening here tomorrow, said Doyle Pearson, assistant secretary of the regional executive committee of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union.

He said a statement he made previously to the effect the union's 65,000 workers in the northwest would keep faith with their no-strike pledge of December 3, 1941, "was intended to mean that strike action was not contemplated at the present time."

"We intend to use all government facilities to correct the situation," he said, "but failure by the commission to reach a satisfactory decision will leave the door wide open."

## Nazis Resist Stubbornly in Cassino Hills

Reinforcements, Rough Terrain Enable Enemy To Prolong Struggle

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, March 21—(AP)—German troops fought their way back into the wrecked continental hotel today. Enemy defenses in the southwestern part of Cassino and in the hills behind stiffened as Lt. Gen. Richard Heidrich, commander of the First German parachute troop division, tried to make good his boast that he would throw the allies out of Cassino.

New Zealanders immediately went back to their old task of trying to knock the Germans out of the Continental.

German troops apparently moved back into the hotel in the darkness of early morning, and brought in more reinforcements to block the passage through the southwestern corner of the town.

The Germans also seemed to be filtering troops from the Monastery atop Mt. Cassino down into the hill positions which they were defending so stubbornly.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Mar. 21—(AP)—New Zealand troops of the Fifth army have wiped out part of the remaining German fortifications on the western edge of Cassino but the nazis have been reinforced and a grim struggle continues, allied headquarters announced today.

Many more German prisoners were taken. Although two tanks which the Germans had placed in the lobby of the Continental hotel were knocked out and 180 prisoners taken there, the Germans still were holding out in that area.

The Germans also seemed to be by to positions on the slopes of Monte Cassino overlooking the town, including the strategic point they regained in a counter-attack Sunday, it was announced, and are laying a heavy artillery

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## Stassen Would Accept Presidential Nomination

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander Harold E. Stassen, former republican governor of Minnesota, advised Secretary of the Navy Knox today that he will not seek the republican presidential nomination but will accept it if offered.

The former governor now is flag secretary on the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander of the South Pacific forces.

A convention delegate slate pledged to Stassen has been entered in the April 4 Wisconsin primary, and his name will go before Nebraska voters in a preferential primary a week later. He was endorsed last November by the Minnesota republican state central committee as a "favorite son" candidate for president.

# HITLER SEIZES HUNGARY, CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT WHEN REFUSED MORE AID AS RUSSIAN JUGGERNAUT NEARS

## Reds Within Fifty Miles Of Rumania

Drive in Old Poland Also Extended; 11 Nazi Ships In Crimean Ports Sunk

MOSCOW, Mar. 21—(AP)—The red army had driven to within 50 miles of the Rumanian border after capturing the highway leading westward from Soroki in Bessarabia and smashing two Rumanian divisions hurled into the gap in the Nazi defenses, front dispatches said today.

(Moscow considers the Prut river the current Rumanian border. The Russians in 1940 took over Bessarabia areas which previously had been part of Rumania.)

Red Star said German planes were attacking the Dniester crossings, but indicated the nazis had no hope of halting the soviet advance because of the large number of bridges thrown across the stream.

Far to the north of these operations, the First Ukrainian army was reported surging on toward Lvov, big German rail hub in Old Poland.

North of Odessa, the Russians overwhelmed two Rumanian trench lines and quoted prisoners as saying the Germans had shot at least 170 Rumanians for failing to hold.

A communique said 11 German ships, including a transport, were sunk by Russian airmen in Crimean ports, indicating that the nazis perhaps were trying to evacuate the peninsula which has been walled off by the Russians for months.

Only a small number of Germans escaped from Vinnitsa, which was taken in a thrust

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## Cordon Urges More Aid For Returning War Vets

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 21—(AP)—Guy Cordon, interim U. S. senator, today urged greatly increased aid for returning servicemen.

"It is not enough to provide an allotment for these heroes," he said in a speech at Portland American legion post.

"It is not enough to provide hospitalization for those who need it. We must give back to them, as far as we are able, the things that were taken from them when they left their private lives to fight for their country. We must provide the mechanics and the opportunity for them, whether it be in further education or immediate employment," he said.

## U. S. Liberators Bomb 'Rocket Coast' Of France, Following Fortress Raid On Frankfurt, Reich Industrial City

LONDON, March 21—(AP)—Britain-based American Liberators heavily bombed the Pas-de-Calais "rocket coast" area across the channel today. It was the second heavy attack on that sector in three days.

The Liberator force took advantage of a solid overcast to thwart anti-aircraft opposition that had been heavy last Saturday, and the first bombers back today reported little ground fire and no naz fighters.

RAF bombers in small force struck the Angouleme explosive works in Southern France last night in a continuing nocturnal campaign against specialized enemy factories, while mosquito planes bombed western Germany for the eleventh straight night.

German resistance was negligible and not a plane was lost. Angouleme is 60 miles northeast of Bordeaux.

Frankfurt Also Blasted. American Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked military targets in the Frankfurt area of Germany yesterday as the highlight of a day that saw between 1,600 and 2,100 allied planes cross the channel.

A U. S. communique last night said six American bombers and eight escorting fighters failed to return from the 400-mile round-trip to the German industrial city. Few enemy aircraft were encountered, but the fighters brought down four.

(The OWI said the Stockholm newspaper Morgon Tidningen had printed an article even before yesterday's American attack calling Frankfurt the "worst bombed" city in Germany, ranking it ahead of Hamburg in that respect and declaring its population would be evacuated.)

## Sustained Yield Forest Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—(AP)—Legislation to authorize government agencies to cooperate with private interests to set up "sustained yield forest units" was passed today by the house.

The bill (S 250) was returned to the senate for concurrence in clarifying amendments.

The measure, introduced by the late Senator McNary of Oregon, authorizes the Agriculture and Interior departments to establish, in cooperation with private owners, sustained yield units under which forest land would be subjected to coordinated management as to rate, manner and time of cutting.

The measure was called up out of order and passed at the request of Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.)

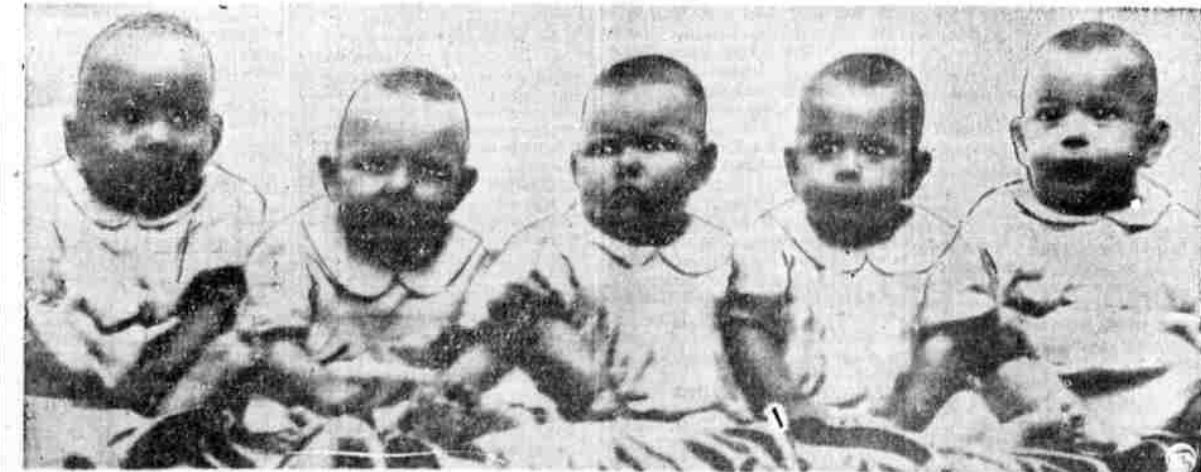
## Blizzard Hits Rockies, Paralyzes Traffic

DENVER, Mar. 21—(AP)—A spring blizzard struck the Rockies today with a fury unequalled this year, tangling wartime transportation and leaving from eight inches to two feet of snow over a wide area.

The storm, the second within four days, extended over Colorado, Wyoming, northern Kansas and western Nebraska. Winds up to 30 miles an hour piled up drifts which closed roads in central Wyoming and slowed traffic to a crawl in most parts of Colorado.

Transcontinental planes were grounded in Denver. Schools were closed in some parts of Colorado.

## First Picture of Argentina's Mysterious Diligenti Quintuplets



Here is the first picture of Argentina's mystery quintuplets, reported born to Mr. and Mrs. Franco Diligenti, well-to-do ranchers, last July 15th. Left to right: Carlos Alberto, Maria Esther, Maria Fernanda, Maria Christina and Franco. The father, who released the picture which was radioed from Buenos Aires, refuses to let newsmen see the quints, also refuses to say where birth registration took place.

## Nazi Troops Poured Into Balkan Nation

Hungarians' Resistance Scattered, Ineffective; Quisling Taking Reins

LONDON, Mar. 21—(AP)—Upwards of 100,000 German and Rumanian troops were reported occupying Hungary today against the growing threat of Russian armies a bare 100 miles from the borders of the expanded Balkan kingdom.

Some scattered fighting sprung from the occupation but there was nothing to suggest any serious difficulties for Hitler. Top-flight Hungarian leaders including the regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, and Foreign Ministers and possibly Premier Kallay were believed virtually kidnapped in Germany, whence they had been summoned to receive peremptory demands for all-out military assistance.

Bela Imredl, former premier and foreign minister and a Bulgarian naz, was reported establishing a government. He was said to have convoked parliament for tomorrow at which time he was expected to assume Horthy's powers.

## Nazi Demands Refused.

Hungary—the kingdom without a king, ruled by an admiral without a navy—was reported to have rejected these German demands: to fill gaps in the German army caused by Russian offensives; to mobilize totally for war; to send workers to Germany; and to help occupy Yugoslavia.

Regent Horthy, the Hungarian foreign minister and army chief of staff had been summoned to Hitler's headquarters and while there, the German was said to have ordered his troops to march in from Rumania and Austria.

Titto May Aid Hungarians.

Stockholm dispatches said there were some indications that the Hungarian satellite gateway kingdom to Nazi communications in

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## Bus Plunge Death Toll Believed 21

PASSIAC, N. J., Mar. 21—(AP)—A fourteenth body was recovered and a tentative list of seven missing persons was established today as Police and Red Cross workers sought to learn the death toll in the plunge of a bus into the Passaic river.

Police grappled in the 18-foot barge channel below the Market street bridge between Passaic and Wallington. It was from the icy surface of this span that the bus plunged into the water yesterday. Six passengers, the only survivors of the bus, and two rescue workers were reported in good condition in hospitals today.

Divers who looked over the vehicle at the river bottom late yesterday had estimated there were about 25 bodies inside.

Those saved either swam or were swept out of the rear door of the bus, which was jarred open.

The disruption, the worst since 1872, caused great property loss, not only from the burial of the towns but also from destruction of orchards and vineyards on the slopes.

A food dump for refugees was set up in the village of Pollena by the allied administrative chief for the city of Naples. From this center, bread and soup were distributed to various villages where the refugees found shelter. Medical supplies were made ready for delivery to any spot on short notice.

Hungary and Rumania are putting the "Balk" in Balkans, but having made their bed with Hitler, they'll have to endure the clutch of Nazi parasites until Joe Stalin's juggernaut rolls in with the necessary insecticide.

Levity Fact Rent By L. F. Retznertala