

NAZIS, RUMANIANS FLEEING FROM ODESSA

They keep fighting—
You keep buying
WAR BONDS

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46 JAP SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED, 214 AIRCRAFT BLASTED IN AMERICAN ASSAULT ON CAROLINES

Foe's Warships Refuse Fight 600 Miles From Philippines; Shore Installations Smashed

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, April 8.—(AP)—Navy officials were jubilant today over official reports that American warships dominated waters 600 miles from the Philippines for three days while hundreds of planes based on aircraft carriers sowed destruction in the Carolines more than 1,000 miles west of Truk.

Not one warship was damaged and only 25 planes were lost as the price for sinking 28 enemy ships, damaging 18, including a battleship, definitely destroying 160 Nipponese planes, probably wrecking 54 more, and strewn ruin at Palau, Yap, Ulithi and Woleai. American personnel losses totalled 18 airmen.

This feat of not losing a warship matched the task force performance Feb. 16-17 at Truk, where 23 enemy ships were sunk, six probably sunk and 201 planes destroyed, and Feb. 22 in the Marianas, where two enemy ships were sunk, nine damaged and 135 planes wiped out.

Palau, lone fortified Japanese naval base 530 miles east of the Philippines and 4,595 miles from Pearl Harbor, was overwhelmed and powerfully blasted for two days. Large warships deserted the stronghold, forewarned by search planes, before the American armada could reach attack positions March 29 but, on the night of the 28th a fleeing Japanese battleship was torpedoed and severely damaged by a submarine which slipped past screen-line destroyers.

Then throughout March 29 and 30 Palau was pounded by hundreds of carrier planes. At least 93 and probably 122 Nipponese interceptors went down in flames trying to stem these attacks. From 39 to 59 more were wrecked aground or in the water.

Heavy Destruction Dealt
A communique of Adm. Nimitz announcing the results said that 25 enemy ships were sunk at Palau, including two destroyers, an unidentified combat ship, 16 cargo vessels, five oilers and a passenger ship.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AN Associated Press dispatch from London says that "Wendell Willkie's withdrawal from the republican presidential contest left many in Britain both concerned and confused."

It had the same effect here—especially in the way of CONFUSION.

HERE is the sequence of events leading up to it:

Willkie entered the Wisconsin primary and made a hard and intensive campaign, speaking almost constantly; leaving no stone unturned in his effort to win a large block of pledged delegates.

He failed, rather spectacularly—getting NOT A SINGLE DELEGATE.

Whereupon, immediately, even before ALL the votes had been counted, he announces his withdrawal, urges his friends to make no further effort for him and adds: "It is obvious that I can not be nominated."

IF Wisconsin were a dependable cross-section of the United States, so that it might be said judiciously that "as Wisconsin goes so goes the nation," his dramatic retirement while the election boards were still counting votes might make sense.

But that isn't true. It never has been true.

Wisconsin isn't now and never has been a dependable cross-section of political opinion in this country. It can be argued that Wisconsin voters are politically PSYCHIC, that they sense in advance political trends that are on (Continued on page 2)

Jap Pressure on Kohima Unchecked, Bulletin Reports

NEW DELHI, April 8.—(AP)—Steady Japanese pressure in the Kohima area of India was reported today by Admiral Mountbatten's communique but the bulletin said no important engagement had yet taken place.

Kohima is 60 miles north of Imphal at the junction of the Imphal-Dimapur highway. (The Japanese Domei agency broadcast a claim that Japanese troops aided by the puppet "Indian national army," had captured Kohima on Thursday.)

There was no immediate allied confirmation of the Japanese claim, but the fall of Kohima, 40 miles inside India, would mean complete severance of the Manipur road linking Imphal with the railroad to the north.

Mountbatten said that allied troops operating in the hills overlooking Imphal plain to the north of the big British base had driven the enemy from "one important feature" and had improved their positions in that area.

There was a slackening of action on the Tiddim-Imphal road to the south where the 17th Indian division finally fought its way clear of the last Japanese road obstruction to join the unified defense of the plain.

Japanese activity in the Kohima area was described here as a "prolonging" nature. This town is important in the line of communications reaching back to the Bengal-Assam railway which feeds the North Burma offensive of Lt. Gen. Stilwell and the China air supply route. The Japanese have been reported within 35 miles of the railway after cutting the Imphal-Kohima road along 15 miles of its length.

Plane Wreckage With Six Bodies Found Near Nome

SEATTLE, April 8.—(AP)—With all six men aboard dead, the wreckage of a Pan-American airplane was located 10 miles east of Nome, Alaska, yesterday, the airways Alaska sector office reported here.

One of the crew members was Capt. Robert L. Bullis, the pilot, formerly of Yakima, where his wife, Norren, and 16-month-old son, Larry, now reside.

The other victims were Flight Mechanic Fred Moller and passengers Theodore Sellenrich, Eric Kotogren, Bill Murray and Rew Wilson.

Cigars to Be Switched From Civilians to Troops

NEW YORK, April 8.—(AP)—Effective Monday the army and navy will receive an extra 32,000,000 cigars monthly to be withdrawn from civilian trade, says Director Harry W. McHose of the Clearing House.

McHose said the extra cigars would be added to 59,000,000 monthly already being supplied to the armed forces.

Accused of Sale Of Butane Sets



Installation of butane gas equipment on privately-owned automobiles, in violation of federal regulations, is charged against Lawrence W. Zonker, above, carburetor service station operator at Hollywood, Calif. Zonker is alleged by government agents to have sold the butane sets, at \$1,000 each, to numerous persons, including such film notables as Gary Cooper, Eddie Cantor, Bob Hope and Cary Grant. Butane is not rationed, but it is vital to aviation operations and cannot be sold without WPB permission.

Gen. Giraud Defies DeGaulle's Effort To Remove Him

ALGIERS, April 8.—(AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud refused to step down as commander-in-chief of French armed forces today and challenged Gen. Charles de Gaulle to oust him during a "disagreeable" 30-minute conference. A French national committee member who described the meeting in de Gaulle's headquarters at noon said it was "not so well."

De Gaulle's circles said, however, that negotiations between the two French leaders were continuing with the likelihood of a definite decision tonight.

The showdown between the two arose from de Gaulle's efforts to relegate Giraud to the unimportant post of "inspector general of the armies" and take over the command of French land, sea and air forces himself.

Sources close to Giraud said the 65-year-old commander would rather quit than be shelved and humiliated.

De Gaulle also was reported to be encountering trouble in getting the national committee's approval to oust Giraud, a move interpreted by Americans and Britons here as another maneuver against President Roosevelt's reported decision to entrust Gen. Eisenhower with authority to negotiate with groups inside France.

De Gaulle has sought recognition of himself and his national committee as the provisional government of liberated areas.

Gasoline on Light Bulb Causes \$500,000 Fire

EDMONTON, Ala., April 8.—(Canadian press)—Accidental spilling of a few drops of gasoline on a hot electric light bulb by a workman started a fire which leveled a heavy equipment repair shop of the Northwest division United States engineers at a loss of \$500,000.

Scores of heavy-duty motor vehicles, office equipment and records were destroyed.

Brunswick's Plants Raided By Americans

Bombs Smash Airplane
Nests of Nazis; Railway
Lines in Italy Ripped

LONDON, April 8.—(AP)—Great fleets of American bombers and fighters thundered back into Germany today, blasting the aircraft industries of Brunswick and airbases in the northwest and provoking the German air force into the first major air battle this month.

U. S. headquarters announced the successful blows shortly after the Berlin radio, apparently seeking to make the raid appear a major German victory, had boasted that Hitler's defenses had beaten off an attempted assault on the German capital.

The American announcement disclosed, however, that the larger portion of 500 to 750 Flying Fortresses and Liberators involved in the aerial invasion had slammed their explosives into sprawling Brunswick, 10 miles west of Berlin, while other bombers escorted by hundreds of fighters were aiming crippling blows at Nazi air nests.

Berlin broadcasts described great air battles extending from the German borders on into the heart of the reich, claiming the fleet was attacked by a "platoon" of strong German fighter squadrons between the Weser and Elbe rivers and forcing them to scatter their bombs and retreat in disorder.

Allied headquarters at Naples announced today that air forces again hammered heavily at German rail communications in Italy yesterday, destroying 31 enemy planes for a loss of three allied bombers and seven other planes. It was announced that allied anti-

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Gasoline Cut Decried For Outboard Motors

PORTLAND, April 8.—(AP)—Owners of outboard motor boats will have to make five gallons of gasoline last three months. Those having inboard motors will get 15 gallons.

Pleasure boats henceforth will be allowed only enough fuel to prevent deterioration of motors, said Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, in announcing the cuts.

Job Deferments For 18-25 Group Barred Unless Based On Key-Man Endorsement

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—This is the manpower and draft picture as of today.

Age group 18 through 25—no job deferments unless endorsement as key man is obtained from state draft director or man is employed by farming, merchant marine or army transport corps.

Age group 26 through 29—job deferments will be granted only for "necessary men" in war production or war effort supporting work, this requirement to be "strictly applied."

Age group 30 and over—necessary-man requirement to be applied less strictly.

Fathers—18-25 group—no consideration as fathers; 26-29 group—to be given some consideration over non-fathers, other deferment factors being equal; 30-and-over group—fathers to be given more liberal consideration.

4-F's—those not already employed in essential occupations warned by Manpower Commissioner McNutt, Draft Director Hershey and a house military subcommittee which has been considering work-draft legislation, to apply immediately for such essential work.

Today, following appeals of

Merger of 6 School Units Is Proposed

Election Asked on South
Douglas Plan to Relieve
Over-Crowded Condition

Consolidation of Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Days Creek Union high, Days Creek elementary and Gazeley school districts with a valuation of \$3,911,470, is proposed in petitions now being circulated among residents of the affected districts. The petitions would authorize the school district boundary board to call a special election to vote on the proposed merger.

The program, as outlined, would provide for the construction of a central high school, to be located between Myrtle Creek and Canyonville, near the junction of the Riddle road with the Pacific highway. Existing school buildings in each of the affected districts would be used for elementary school purposes.

Proponents of the plan point out that only a limited program is now available in each of the high schools within the area, but that consolidation would permit a complete academic course. Thirteen teachers are now employed in the four high schools now in operation within the area proposed to be consolidated, while, according to the estimates contained in the program, ten teachers could provide a much larger program by specializing in their subjects.

Expense Factor Easy.

Estimates have been made that the cost of operating the consolidated district, using as a basis the expenditures for the 1942-43 school year, would be only \$2,000 more than the combined expense now incurred, while educational facilities would be greatly increased, and opportunity would be given students for selection of a wider range of studies.

It is claimed by the proponents of the plan, that, due to the fact the several districts now have \$40,000 cash on hand available, no tax levy would be necessary for the first year of operation of the consolidated district. However, the committee advocating the consolidation suggests a levy of at least 2.6 mills, which would cover bond retirement and interest.

Principal cost in the consolidation.

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Sutherland Boy Awarded Purple Heart For Wounds Suffered in War Action



FARRAGUT, Idaho, April 7.—Receiving the Purple Heart award for being wounded in action is Bernard W. Bever, motor machinist's mate second class, now in transportation department at this U. S. naval training station. The medal is being pinned on Bever by Captain Frank H. Kelley, USN, station commandant, at a departmental inspection.

Bever, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Bever, Sutherland, Oregon, was wounded aboard an infantry landing craft on the Mediterranean in the Sicily campaign August 17, 1943.

Bever was at the throttle of an LCI en route from Sicily back to Africa in a convoy when a 250-pound bomb from one of 70 or 80 attacking German planes struck his boat. He was hit by 39 bomb fragments, one of which fractured his hip, and he suffered severe burns to his arms.

His craft was sunk, the only one in the convoy lost, and Bever was in the water about 45

War Draft Halted For Men Over 25

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Selective service today declared a moratorium on induction and processing of men 26 years of age and over today, effective until draft boards have finished with their younger registrants.

The new order applies even to men who may have been ordered to report for induction, with the proviso that they be in essential jobs.

The order said the army and navy have decided "the immediate necessity for young men in the armed forces is greater than the need to immediately fill calls by inductions of older men."

Processing and induction of older men may be resumed, the order said, when local boards are satisfied that their younger men all have been handled.

Another new draft dictum gives fathers older than 30 liberal consideration for deferment, tightens sharply deferment requirements in other age groups and warns 4-F's who are not now in essential work to get into it immediately or face a work battalion order.

Commando Kelly Going Home to Stricken Mother

WITH FIFTH ARMY, Italy, April 8.—(AP)—Tech. Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly, the first enlisted soldier in this war to receive the congressional medal of honor, is going home, it was learned today.

The man who was decorated by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark for his "one man blitzkrieg" in which he single-handedly destroyed about 40 Germans between Salerno and the Rapido river, is being returned under the army's rotation policy and will leave immediately.

Kelly, who lives in Pittsburgh, received the news of his return almost simultaneously with word that his mother, deaf and her sight failing fast, had appealed to President Roosevelt to allow her hero son to come home to visit her for a few days.

Charles is one of seven sons the widowed Mrs. Irene Kelly has in service.

Outer Defense Lines Broken By Russians

Planes Intent on Saving
German Commanders in
Tarnopol Area Downed

MOSCOW, April 8.—(AP)—Germans and Rumanians were reported in flight from Odessa today as the Russian army drew tight a siege area which pressed as close as 9.3 miles to the northeast of the big Black sea port, scene of long-drawn soviet resistance in 1941.

A dispatch to Red Star said one group of Gen. Malinovsky's Third army caught an enemy column hurrying from the city along a narrow muddy road northwest of the port and achieved so great a surprise that the enemy was unable to put up resistance.

The road was severed, he said, and hundreds of the invaders were thrown back into the icy Dniester swamps.

Great panic swept through little outskirt villages as Russian cavalry and tanks followed by infantry broke down one defense line after another in the five-mile wide land corridor approaching Odessa from the northeast, the correspondent reported.

Forty-five miles northwest of the Black sea metropolis, the Russians have encircled still another group of the enemy, five to six divisions comprising 25,000 to 50,000 men.

A Russian communique said 5,000 Germans were killed and more than 1,000 captured in a two-day battle that followed the drawing of the ring about the pocket and that 64 guns and 24 tanks fell into soviet hands.

Rescue Transports Bagged

Very heavy battles were in full swing southwest of Tarnopol at the northwestern end of the southern offensive with the Germans throwing large numbers of tanks into an incessant effort to relieve their surrounded garrison in that city.

Transport planes were still trying to rescue the Tarnopol commanders, but the Russians were bagging numbers of the transports.

Malinovsky's Stalingrad veterans, many of whom had defended Odessa in the two months' German siege in 1941, swept down on the city yesterday in a 25-mile advance to capture more than 10 towns and villages, the war bulletin said.

In a drive on Kishinev, capital of Bessarabia, troops of Marshal Konev's Second Ukrainian army captured the district center of Orhei, 20 miles to the north, in a two-day battle, the Russian war bulletin said, and then forced the Reut river and captured a bridgehead on its southern bank.

For the fifth straight day, the soviet high command failed to mention the 70-mile long Russian front inside Rumania, where Konev's forces last were reported a few miles north of the rail center.

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Child's Plea Wins Respite for Daddy

ATLANTA, April 8.—(AP)—"Dear President Roosevelt," wrote little Barbara Montrose of Atlanta.

"I am nine years old and I have a little sister five and a little brother seven. My little sister will be six years old on Easter Sunday. My daddy has to go to the navy April 6. I asked him why he couldn't stay until after Easter. He told me I would have to ask President Roosevelt, and so I am asking you. We love you."

(Signed) Barbara, Rosemary and Monty Montrose.

Memis Montrose, Jr., will be home for Easter and his little girl's birthday tomorrow, instead of in the navy. Barbara received a letter from Lt. Col. Cliff Hatcher, assistant state director of selective service, to whom President Roosevelt forwarded the little girl's letter. Colonel Hatcher wrote Barbara that he had asked her daddy's local draft board to delay induction until after Easter.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt

Today's difference between a pessimist and an optimist: The former, with dour visage, reads the news from India and Italy; the latter, with unquenchable elation, peruses reports from the Carolines and Russia. The former also expects the hanging of crepe, the latter the hanging of Hitler.