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SEVASTOPOL-TRAPPED AXIS BATTLING DESPERATELY

Obstructions Impede Reds' Land Advance

Continued Attempts of Germans to Escape by Sea End in Disaster

MOSCOW, April 19.—(AP)—A Soviet communiqué said today that axis troops were "resisting desperately" as Russian marines pushed through the valleys south-east of Sevastopol, apparently on the verge of joining up with the main body of the Fourth Ukrainian army for a combined assault on the big Crimean port.

"The Germans are heaping as many obstacles as they can in the way of our troops and are blowing up bridges across mountain streams," declared the communiqué. It added that naz machine-guns were firing on their Romanian allies if they showed the least sign of retreat or surrender.

Gen. Yeremenko's marines yesterday captured the coast town of Balaklava, scene of the historic "Charge of the Light Brigade," and today one arm was advancing along the Balaklava-Sevastopol highway, less than seven miles from the port proper, while another moved toward the city along the Sevastopol-Yalta road, threatening the base from south and southeast.

The Russians were meeting stiff opposition as they scaled historic Fedukin heights where the Germans were firing from every crag and numerous concealed strong points. The communiqué said "tremendous losses" were suffered by the enemy as Black sea warships, bombers and even submarines blasted their self-propelled barges trying to escape west of Balaklava.

He added that the Russians now held all airdromes in the Crimea.

Escape Efforts Blasted
Front dispatches said the Black sea air force was pounding Sevastopol's harbor night and day and sweeping the sea lanes to Romania. Squadrons of planes raked

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a new angle to the invasion rumors.

The British forbid diplomats, other than American, Russian and British commonwealth (Canada, South Africa, Australia, etc.), to travel from England or receive coded messages. Even hitherto sacred diplomatic pouches are to be opened hereafter and their contents censored.

It is guess that the new and drastic action, designed to prevent invasion news from getting to the enemy, is aimed primarily at Spain and Elre, although all neutrals are affected.

THE implication is that invasion day is nearing. German broadcasters say it "won't be long now—six weeks at the most."

THE Russians join in the bombing of Romania, their planes attacking the Danube port of Galati, around 100 miles from Bucharest, where our (British and American) bombers have been spreading destruction recently.

In these bombing operations, we and the Russians are joining forces DIRECTLY for the first time. This is interesting because up to now the Russians have insisted on playing a lone hand.

The more co-operation there is NOW between us and the Russians the more likely it becomes that there may be co-operation AFTER the war. Nearly every one is agreed that a stable peace depends largely on enlightened co-operation among the United States, Britain and Russia in the

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Regional Industrial Advantages to Be Stressed in Dr. Raver's Talk Here

Dr. Paul J. Raver, at right, who heads the Bonneville Power Administration, will address a public meeting at the Umpqua hotel at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night. The meeting is sponsored by the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Dr. Raver has served as administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration since Sept. 16, 1939, having previously spent a year as an engineer with a congressional committee engaged in an investigation of the Tennessee Valley authority. He participated in the preparation of the report on appraisals of rates and power policies of that authority.

Born at Logansport, Ind., April 27, 1894, he studied engineering in University of Nebraska and Northwestern University. He served with the field artillery during the first World war, and following discharge was employed as a valuation engineer by an electrical firm at Chicago. He later became estimating engineer for the Chicago Surface Lines, making studies of transportation problems. In 1927, he was made professor of public utilities at Northwestern university, where he served for six years, becoming supervisor for the section of rates and research for the Illinois Commerce commission in

1933, directing the handling of all rural electrification problems. He was advanced to executive officer of the commission in 1937 and remained in that position until



his appointment to head the Bonneville administration. Dr. Raver's particular interest centers in the industrialization of the Pacific Northwest and he is striving to interest industry in the natural resources, cheap electricity power and other advantages offered in the area.

Unions Ask Price Control Retention

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The CIO and the AFL joined hands today to call upon congress to continue, "without weakening amendments," the federal system in price controls, which was concurred in also by the Railway Labor Executives association, the union organizations declared also.

"A restoration of the relationships between prices and wages which existed September 15, 1942, is absolutely essential to make the law work equitably and build the morale of American workers to the highest degree of efficiency."

The statement was read to the senate banking committee by President William Green of the AFL. The committee is considering legislation to continue price controls another year after next June 30.

Green, in a separate presentation, said the AFL wants the price control act extended for two years after the war.

5 Dogs Have to Be Slain To Reach Owner's Body

ST HELENS, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—The charred body of a man found in his burned cabin on the Columbia river bank here was tentatively identified by Deputy Coroner L. L. Powers today as that of Walter C. James, 53. Although the cabin caught fire Monday, it could not be entered until yesterday because of the heat from the smoldering log stumps upon which it was built and five vicious dogs. The dogs, mongrels, had to be killed.

Color Blind Man Throws Away Wrong Stamps

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 19.—(AP)—A man—admittedly color blind—told his rationing board that, while disposing of his family's unneeded blue ration stamps, he unwittingly threw away the red meat stamps, too.

The board, after investigation, announced today it had accepted the story as authentic and that it would replace the family's five currently effective ration books.

Fred M. Wright Named Reedsport Peace Justice

SALEM, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Fred M. Wright was appointed by Governor Snell today as justice of the peace for the Reedsport district of Douglas county. He succeeds Clyde F. Brown, resigned.

Wright, well-known former Roseburg resident for many years, is editor of the Port of Umpqua Courier at Reedsport.

Rome's Fate Up To Nazis, F. R. Says

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Replying to a plea from Eamon De Valera that Rome be spared, President Roosevelt has told the city's fate rests with Germany, while the Germans again have sought unilaterally to declare Rome an open city.

President Roosevelt's message, dated April 3, was made public in Dublin today.

"If German forces were not entrenched in Rome no question would arise concerning the city's preservation," the president said. He asserted the allies, "often at considerable sacrifice," have tried scrupulously to spare religious and cultural monuments.

The German reply was broadcast by DNB, Nazi news agency, shortly before allied headquarters in Naples announced heavy enemy traffic was noted moving into Rome from the northeast. The Germans suggested De Valera induce the United States and Britain to contribute toward preservation of Rome by refraining from what DNB called "senseless" air attacks.

Burglary Charge Faced By Soldier Held Here

Frank J. Powell, 22, soldier from Fort Ord, Calif., recently arrested at Roseburg and booked on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, is wanted at Eureka, California, on burglary charges, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported he has been informed in a message from the sheriff at Eureka. Powell was taken into custody here with a 15-year old girl, Ramon Zavala, a hitch-hiker traveling with the couple, also was arrested, but has been released. It is planned, the sheriff stated, to surrender Powell to the California authorities. The girls, now in custody of the juvenile court, is to be returned to her parents in California.

Laval Warns French Not To Aid Allied Invasion

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—Pierre Laval, Vichy French chief of government, broadcast last night a warning to all Frenchmen against cooperation with the allied armies "when the invasion is launched."

Laval declared: "Massed formations of Anglo-American paratroopers will be dropped over France... they will seek the cooperation of French partisans and civil war will break out in France... for months I have worried about the possibility of a landing."

War Tide in India Turning Against Japs

Allied Offensive Takes Heavy Toll; Air Power Lack Doooms Japs' Drive

(By the Associated Press)

Allied defenders of Imphal have gone over to the offensive northwest of the besieged Indian state capital on the Burma border and are making "satisfactory progress." Front-line dispatches to allied headquarters said the Japanese are suffering heavy casualties trying to drive onto the plain surrounding the well-defended allied base 30 miles inside the Burma-India border.

Southeast Asia allied headquarters estimated the Japanese have lost at least 4,000 dead in the past six weeks of their Indian offensive and that artillery fire and air support probably accounted for many more killed.

From the fighting front around Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal, Associated Press War Correspondent Clyde A. Farnsworth predicted the enemy's Indian invasion will collapse because the Japanese failed to show any power in the air.

Allied planes rule the entire Burma-India border fighting, he said, and at least as far as the Kohima front is concerned, it's hard to determine if the Japanese air force still exists.

Likewise, the Japanese air strength was conspicuous in its absence when Solomons-based bombers blasted into impotence the strategic Satawan island air-drome on Nomo atoll in the Eastern Carolines, one of the guardians of the mighty base at Truk, 150 miles to the northwest.

Neither intercepting planes nor anti-aircraft fire challenged the allied bombers as they spread 34 tons of bombs over the airstrip Sunday.

Other allied planes pounded Rabaul, New Britain, with a 125-ton attack and hit airdrome and supply areas in the Kai Islands west of Dutch New Guinea.

Central Pacific planes hit targets on Pingelap, Pakin, Ant and Ul Islands in the Carolines and four by-passed enemy bases in the Marshall Islands.

Four German Assaults On Anzio Line Repulsed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 19.—(AP)—Allied troops yesterday repulsed four raids against one position on the Anzio beachhead, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, headquarters announced today.

The bulletin declared bad weather and poor visibility curtailed all major air operations yesterday, but allied fighter-bombers struck at German planes aground in northern Italy and at Nazi communications.

Nine enemy planes were destroyed in combat. Eight allied craft failed to return.

Goering Stresses "Love" On Hitler's Birthday

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Hermann Goering spoke to the Germans of love today on the eve of Adolf Hitler's 55th birthday.

"With immutable love we remember our dearly beloved father and commander in chief at his birthday," said a Goering order of the day broadcast from Berlin. He asserted that an oath not to lay down arms should be Hitler's birthday gift.

Hunter Found Dead With Dog Guarding His Body

ASTORIA, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—County Coroner Robert Wallace termed accidental the fatal shooting of Victor G. Holt, 22, of Svenson. Holt went into the woods Sunday with his gun and dog. Searchers found his body beside a fallen tree, his dog standing guard.

Britain Extends Clamp on Eire's Rail, Sea Service

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Britain adopted new security measures today to isolate neutral Eire as a potential axis spy post, suspending shipping between Cork and Britain and curtailing rail traffic between Northern and Southern Ireland.

Both measures, linked with allied preparations for the forthcoming invasion of western Europe, dealt a fresh blow to Eire's already hard-hit economy. Suspension of Cork's shipments bottled up one of Eire's main outlets for livestock and agricultural products.

The British war ministry declined to divulge the extent of reduction in rail service between Eire and Northern Ireland.

The Eire government previously had ordered a drastic reduction of train schedules within Southern Ireland to save fuel. Exports of coal from Britain to Eire were cut recently because of a reduction in production from mine strikes.

Allied Mines Halt Traffic on Danube

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 19.—(AP)—The great Danube waterway—the Germans' primary heavy shipping route in southeastern Europe—has been strewn with mines by allied bombers along 300 miles from Budapest to Bucharest, halting all enemy traffic, it was announced today.

The river was converted into a mass of flames and a death trap for river traffic when a mine-laying Liberator of the RCAP shot up and exploded a tanker that spread blazing oil and gasoline among at least 30 other craft.

The incident occurred in the course of mine-laying operations in recent nights. Enemy broadcasts indicated traffic had been halted on the river.

In a summary of operations, headquarters said one large river craft and some smaller vessels were sunk, and that Liberators machine-gunned barges and tugs, destroying or damaging 15 vessels.

Widower Found Dead in His Auto of Gunshot

BURNS, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Coroner Harry Smith said John E. Grave, 73, was found dead in an automobile at his Laven home yesterday, a gunshot wound in his head. A rifle was beside the body, Smith said, adding that the aged man had been despondent since the death of his wife last month.

Price Ceilings on Smaller Sizes of Douglas Fir Boards Boosted to Spur Output to Meet Army's Requirements

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—The OPA issued new 90-day schedule of prices on Douglas fir boards and dimension lumber, boosting price ceilings in order to stimulate production to meet army demands for crating and construction of cantonments and hospitals.

The changes, covering lumber cut in thickness up to two inches, provide for increases ranging from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per 1000 board feet, for select merchant lumber.

At the same time, ceilings on larger planks and timbers were reduced, in order to decrease the amount of the larger sizes produced.

OPA said it was hoped that the Douglas fir industry would be cutting at least 50 per cent of its total production into boards, compared with a normal pre-war cut of ten per cent and a present cut of about 30 per cent.

The amendment is effective at once with a provision that it may be continued after 90 days if the need remains urgent.

Another amendment, effective for the same period, applies to sales of soft wood by "distribution yards"—yards which resaw lumber for resale.

The previous regulation per-

Keynoter For G. O. P. Will be Gov. Warren

California Chosen on Statement That He's Not Vice-Presidency Seeker

(By the Associated Press)

Government Earl Warren of California was chosen keynote speaker today for the republican presidential nominating convention in Chicago June 26. National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler said the arrangements committee would also recommend to the convention the election of House Minority Leader Joe Martin of Massachusetts as permanent chairman.

Spangler told reporters that the selection of the 53-year-old California governor as the kick-off speaker for the convention was made after several members had told the committee that Warren was not a candidate for national office. Although Warren has been considered as a possibility for the vice presidential nomination, Spangler said William Reiche, California member, pointed out that Warren repeatedly had said he was not a candidate. However, he has the "favorite son" support of California's 50 delegates in the presidential race.

Warren took office as governor of California last January. A veteran of world war I, he has practiced law in his home state since 1914. He was deputy city attorney of Oakland in 1919 and 1920, and deputy district attorney of Alameda county from 1920 to 1925 and served as district attorney there from 1925 to 1938. He was named attorney general of California in 1939.

Politics in Other Sectors.
Other sectors saw these political developments:

Harrisburg, Pa. — Governor Martin suggested that Pennsylvania's delegates might get together on a particular presidential candidate in advance of the republican national convention. . . The Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council (CIO), meeting at Harrisburg, discussed plans to mobilize organized labor for political action, with representatives of local unions reported strong for a fourth Roosevelt term.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, holding its 43rd annual convention, considered a fourth-term resolution too.

Memphis—John U. Barr, national chairman of the Draft-Byrd-for-President committee, announced today.

Former Roseburg Bank Building Sold To Oakland Firm

Sale of the Lumbermen's building by the United States National bank to E. G. Young and Company of Oakland was announced today by J. H. Booth, manager of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National. Negotiations have been in progress for several weeks.

The new owners have not announced their plans for the use of the building.

The structure was erected by A. C. Marsters and for many years housed the Roseburg National bank. Following sale to the U. S. National bank, it was completely remodelled and modernized and was occupied by the Roseburg branch until the recent consolidation with the Douglas National bank.

The name was changed to Lumbermen's building, following the removal of the bank to its present location, as office space is largely occupied by firms engaged in the timber industry or management.

Maj. Gen. Vandenberg Gets High Allied Post

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg was appointed deputy commander-in-chief of the allied expeditionary air force by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today, succeeding Maj. Gen. William O. Butler, who was given an undisclosed new assignment.

Erasure of Foe's Air Power Prior to Invasion Objective; London Suffers Deadly Attack

(By the Associated Press)
Another 2,000 American planes ripped open aircraft factories in half a dozen western German cities today after British bombers plunged a record 4,480 tons of explosives last night into French railways, essential to Nazi defense against invasion.

The violent aerial offensive preparing western Europe for D-day mounted to unprecedented fury with 8,500 tons of bombs cascaded on Hitler's defenses by at least 5,000 allied planes in three heavy attacks in one 24-hour span. A thousand British bombers attacked last night near Paris, at Rouen and Tergnier.

Targets today were plants at Kassel, Eschwege, Paderborn, Gutersloh, Lippstadt and Werl. It appeared likely that at least 2,000 U. S. planes had flown into the battle to destroy the Luftwaffe and control its birth rate.

M'Arthur Spurning Of Whiskey Draws W. C. T. U. Praise

EVANSTON, Ill., April 19.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's refusal to permit Maj. Richard I. Bong, America's combat ace, to accept a case of Scotch whiskey as a reward for shooting down 27 Jap planes, is "praiseworthy," says the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Lauding Gen. MacArthur for his ruling, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national W. C. T. U. president, said "this is one of the few times when a military leader has become a moral leader." She said it was "bold challenge to other military leaders who should realize that it keynotes the handling of the entire liquor problem as far as servicemen are concerned."

Mrs. Smith praised Maj. Bong, a teetotaler, for "demonstrating to the nation the value of total abstinence."

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker had offered the liquor as a reward for Bong breaking his record of shooting down 28 enemy planes in World war I. Gen. MacArthur rejected the offer and said he did not consider "liquor or spirituous wines as appropriate recognition of Bong's deeds."

The raid—the first on London in four nights and the third attack this month—started about 1 a. m., and lasted for an hour. Anti-aircraft batteries hurled a heavy barrage but it failed to turn the raiders and various colored flares, incendiaries and high explosives rained down on the city. At least 13 enemy planes were reported shot down.

Firemen and air raid workers quickly extinguished the fire at the hospital and rescue squads worked through the night hours seeking victims.

Some of the extricated patients were injured badly.

All told five wards were damaged seriously by fire in addition to two wrecked by the blast. Several nearby cottages also were damaged by the explosion.

Other Localities Suffer.
A high explosive also fell in a tenement district, killing 10 persons.

A fairly large number of fatalities occurred in other scattered sections to London, including two residential areas. Three women and a man were killed at

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Lovity Feet Rant
By L. F. Rosenstolz

In view of the "lockjaw" condition of Governor Tom Dewey in regard to the presidency, the G. O. P. at present needs a keynoter less than it needs a key-opener.