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JAPS' NEW CHINA DRIVE POSES 2-WAY THREAT

Supply Lines Goal of Army Near 60,000

Creation of Famine Also Seen as Plan; Kohima's Siege Lifted by British

(By the Associated Press)
The first large-scale fighting in China since the "rice bowl" battle last fall has flared up in northern Honan province, where powerful Japanese forces are attempting to drive Chinese troops from their stranglehold on a 150-mile segment of the important Peiping-Hankow railroad.

Chinese sources today estimated between 50,000 and 60,000 Japanese troops, some of them brought in from Manchuria, are being hurled into the fray. Another enemy column has fought its way to within six miles of China's east-west Lunghai railway also in northern Honan province.

The new Japanese offensive in China, possibly to revitalize home-front morale, comes when the Japanese invasion into India threatens to reach a stalemate.

Kohima Siege Lifted
With only a few weeks remaining before the torrential monsoon season sets in, the Japanese drive has been dulled to such an extent that British troops have relieved the besieged base of Kohima, farthest penetration of the Indian offensive according to allied reports, and have initiated a strong counter-offensive around Imphal, 60 miles to the south.

The enemy was reported by allied commanders to be sending reinforcements into the Kohima sector in a pre-monsoon attempt to cut the Bengal-Assam railroad 35 miles to the north and thereby choke off supplies reaching allied forces attempting to carve a new land supply route to China.

Famine Threat Envisaged
The new Japanese offensive launched in Honan province also carries the possibility of a man-made famine affecting twenty million civilians and hundreds of thousands of soldiers.

Aside from seizure of communications, the Japanese were believed bent upon securing the rich wheat crop now ripening in Honan.

This crop is the hope of millions of Chinese who in 1943 suffered.

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Slays Nazis Using Him for Shield



"They're making too much of it," said Capt. Maurice Britt of Ft. Smith, Ark., after receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor. Near Mignano, Italy, last November, Britt and eight companions, seized by Germans, were used as a shield for the advance of about 100 of the enemy on the U. S. lines. Britt killed five Germans, saved his eight pals, was shot in the side, had grenade wounds in his chest and lost an arm. The former Arkansas university and Detroit Lions football star is pictured above, with Mrs. Britt, at Lawson hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Lt. Comdr. Stassen of Navy, Possibility for Presidency, Saved in Small Boat at Sea

MADISON, Wis., April 21.—(AP)—"We may have rescued the next president," a Wisconsin sailor wrote his parents in a letter describing the rescue at sea of an officer he identified as Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor and republican presidential possibility.

At south St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Stassen, wife of the 37-year-old flag officer in Admiral Halsey's South Pacific fleet, said she had "heard something about it."

"I just had a letter from Harold a few days ago and he didn't tell me anything about the rescue," Mrs. Stassen said. She added that she believed he did not mention the rescue for fear it would cause her to worry.

William Borwest, a former university of Wisconsin athlete, who is a sound man aboard a subchaser, mentioned the incident in three letters.

In a letter to his parents, he said in part:

"Just a few weeks ago we were patrolling in front of one of these islands when somebody saw a small boat ahead, having engine trouble. We took the passengers aboard and one of them was Stassen. I've read where he's being wanted as a candidate for president, well maybe we saved the next one."

Describing the 6-foot-plus, 200-



Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen

Stassen has announced he does not seek the republican presidential nomination he has indicated he would accept if endorsed by the party at its national convention. In the recent Wisconsin primary he won four of the 24 delegates to the G. O. P. national convention here, placing second to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

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Poultry Ceiling Prices Increased

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—The OPA today increased the ceiling price of poultry at all sales levels by 1.8 cents a pound, effective immediately and continuing through the month of April.

The new revisions approved by Stabilization Director Vinson, also provide a program of increases for May and June and for January through June of 1945.

OPA said the over-all changes would boost the price of poultry to the public an average of two-thirds of a cent a pound over the period of one year.

The increase in May of this year will be 2.2 cents a pound over present levels and in June one cent over present levels. Ceiling prices that have been in effect up to now will be reestablished in July and will continue in effect through December, 1944.

In January of 1945, the revised schedule goes into effect again, with an increase of one half cent a pound that month, one cent in February, and 1.4 cents in March. In April, May and June of 1945 the increases will be the same as in those months of this year.

Addresses Heard
The group reconvened at 11:25 at the convention auditorium in the First Christian church for an address by Mrs. Fred J. Toozie, Portland, state W. C. T. U., president, speaking on the subject, "Keeping Fit for Victory."

An address by Rev. R. Wilbur Simmons, Corvallis, "Postwar Conditions and Planning," was scheduled as the feature of the afternoon session, starting at 2 p. m.

Tonight's program, starting at 7:30 o'clock will feature music by the Northwest Christian college quartette and an address, "What Faith Can Do For You," by Rev. Mark Koehler.

The convention delegates and visitors will be seen in a public parade to be held Saturday at 3:15 p. m. The parade will be led by the Roseburg Girls drum corps, and will traverse the business district.

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Need of Cheap Power Told By Dr. Raver

Resources of Douglas to Attract World's Notice, Bonneville Head Says

An abundance of electric power at low rates is essential to industrial growth, Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, told a large audience last night at a chamber of commerce forum dinner at the Umpqua hotel. Pointing out that interest centers in the development of the potential resources of the Pacific Northwest, he declared that private capital would not undertake enormous power development until profitable markets were available. On the other hand, markets can be created only if there is an abundance of power. Consequently, he declared, it requires the impact of public power to break the vicious circle.

The Pacific Northwest, Dr. Raver asserted, has existed on a colonial economy. Raw materials have been shipped to the eastern industrial centers for manufacture and the finished products returned to the Northwest, with the consumer paying freight costs both ways.

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Premier Badoglio Forms New Italian Government

NAPLES, April 21.—(AP)—Marshal Pietro Badoglio today announced the formation of a new Italian war government with himself as premier and foreign minister.

The men who held the war, navy and air ministries in the old cabinet remained at their posts in the new government, as did the technician whom Badoglio had chosen to head the finance ministry. The other posts were divided among Italy's six political parties of the liberation junta and some independents.

Diving Suit Cowboys Ride "Human" Torpedoes



Broadside view of the tandem crew torpedo used by allies in the Mediterranean with deadly effect on axis shipping. The two men wear special diving suits, wrap their legs around the slim, explosive projectile and ride it under water until it reaches the target. Then they attach its explosive charge with a time fuse to the target and ride the propulsive part of the torpedo to safety.

Reds Repulse Nazi Assaults In Narva Area

Foe's Counter Blow in Carpathians Also Fails; Savastopol Holding Out

MOSCOW, April 21.—(AP)—Powerful German tank and infantry attacks have been beaten back by the red army near the Estonian border town of Narva and at the foot of the Carpathians more than 800 miles to the south, a soviet communique announced today.

The German blows on the Baltic front, which had been quiet for six weeks, were directed against the Russian bridgehead on the west bank of the Narva river southwest of Narva and were preceded by a heavy artillery barrage, the announcement declared.

More than 2,000 Germans were officially reported left dead on the battlefield and many more slain in repeated attacks.

The German-Hungarian counter-offensive at the foot of the Carpathians, first announced by the Russians two days ago, spread yesterday from the east of Stanislavow to the south, where the red army was credited with hurling back furious attacks.

At least 2,300 axis troops were killed, the communique said, "violent engagements went on throughout the day."

Savastopol Not yet Taken
Battles were reported continuing at the outskirts of besieged Sevastopol, meanwhile, and front dispatches said that thousands of Germans and Romanians drowned in the Black sea as soviet bombers and torpedo planes kept up hourly attacks against con-

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Union Label Appears on News-Review Masthead

A union label, Roseburg No. 1, appears on the masthead of today's News-Review, the first time in the history of the publishing industry in Roseburg that a newspaper has been privileged to use the symbol of organized labor.

Roseburg local No. 785, International Typographical union, completed negotiations this week with the Roseburg News-Review and the Mid-Oregon Printing company. Working agreements have been signed and uniform wage scales jointly approved. The wage scale, however, cannot be made operative until endorsed by the War Labor board.

The Roseburg union is headed by Harlan B. Carter, president; M. O. Ream, vice president; and L. H. Gau, secretary-treasurer.

British Empire's Future Queen Comes of Ruling Age Amid Chaos of World War



H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—Blonde, blue-eyed Princess Elizabeth, next in line to rule the vast British empire, came of reigning age today as she celebrated her 18th birthday.

Greetings from the far-flung outposts of the empire she expects some day to rule poured in on the young princess who, though still legally a minor for the next three years, became a councillor of state empowered with others to act for her father, King George VI, in his absence. However, if at any time during the next three years she were to succeed to the throne, she would do so as queen regent with royal powers and no question of the necessity for a regency.

The young princess' 18 years

have been crowded with history. Within a year after the death of her grandfather, King George V, the abdication of her uncle, Edward VIII, brought her into the limelight as the likely future ruler of the British empire.

She has watched the rise of the world into war, with her home islands and her empire shaken by the terrible conflict. As she enters her 19th year with the allied nations getting set for an invasion of Europe, she can recall the dark hours of Dunkerque and the battle of Britain in the skies.

Her training has been directed carefully toward fitting her for the queenship and the role she will play in the future of the British empire.

New Local Store Of Auto Supply Co. To Open Monday

The Western Auto Supply company's store in Roseburg will open Monday in its new location in the Newland building at Stephens and Cass streets. The new store is reported the most modern to be established by the organization in either Oregon or Washington.

The new location affords more than three times the floor space available at the site being vacated. The quarters have been completely remodelled and fitted with entirely new fixtures, attractive lighting equipment and floor coverings.

Jack C. Davis, manager, reports that the store will offer many new lines of merchandise in its new headquarters. Included in the new lines will be a furniture department, household goods, and various other items, together with an extended stock in each of the departments previously maintained, particularly automotive parts and accessories.

The features to be introduced in the new store will require a much larger sales force than ever before, Manager Davis reports. He is to be assisted by Mrs. Alta Arthur, saleslady; Mrs. Blanche Elliott, bookkeeper; Fuller Johnson, salesman; Mrs. Violet Burgess, saleslady; Dottie Fenley, Charles Carter and Ernest Hodson, stock room attendants.

Tax Delinquency Drops Heavily in Nine Years

SALEM, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Property tax delinquency in Oregon totals \$20,222,919, compared with \$46,510,000 nine years ago, the state tax commission said today.

The commission said it expected the delinquency would be reduced further this year.

Fresh Havoc Dealt Along Invasion Path

Cologne Left in Flames By RAF; Foe's Plane Plants, Airfields Hit

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—The German radio said "major U. S. A. bomber formations" were over southeastern Europe at noon today, indicating that the 15th air force was striking from Italy to carry forward the offensive.

The broadcast said bombs were dropped at several places in Serbia and Southern Romania.

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—The RAF threw the crushing weight of 1,100 aircraft into an attack on Cologne, a German anti-invasion transport hub, and three other rail targets in France and Belgium last night with a massive bombardment of perhaps 4,480 short tons.

Only 16 bombers were lost in the tremendous night operations, including a Mosquito raid on Berlin, which quickly followed yesterday's dusk attack on Adolf Hitler's Atlantic wall by a fleet of 750 to 1,000 Flying Fortresses.

An air ministry communique said a great weight of bombs was dropped in the four-ply assault, suggesting that it might have exceeded the 4,480 tons deposited on French rail targets by a 1,000-bomber fleet on Tuesday night, when the RAF marked up a record up to that time in bomb tonnage.

Making Path For Invasion

In less than 72 hours allied air invasion forces in Britain had sent over 9,000 planes roaring against the European fortress with close to 15,000 mixed tons of explosives on rail junctions which tie the invasion coast with the reich, defending airfields, plane factories and coastal defense installations in an unprecedented pattern of destruction obviously designed to flatten a path for Gen. Eisenhower's troops.

This pattern was continued today as bomber formations, including American Marauders, skipped across the channel, continental radio stations closed down, and Spitfires harassed the military objectives in northern France that were hit by 2,500 tons of explosives by the Americans yesterday.

In addition to Cologne, rail targets hit in the RAF assault last night were Ottignies, 15 miles southeast of Brussels, Lens in the Pas-De-Calais area of France, and LaChapelle on the outskirts of Paris, where a ring of rail junctions had been attacked in recent raids.

In addition to these strikes, Beaufighters made a foray against shipping off the Dutch coast, hitting one large escort vessel with a torpedo and damaging two smaller ones.

Fires Engulf Cologne

Cologne was riddled by Britain's first 1,000-bomber assault on May 30, 1942, but the city still is Germany's third largest and the air ministry explained that its railways, now largely repaired, were still vital to the German war effort.

Its industries have been reduced to comparative impotence, however. The attack on Cologne was de-

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Invasion Forces Massing, Nazis Say

LONDON, April 21.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today the American and British navies were massing "the greatest concentration since Dunkerque" in British home waters for the western invasion.

"Troops are leaving London, which is becoming more and more deserted by British, American and colonial troops," the broadcast said.

"Every day now troop trains are leaving London stations, taking men to channel ports and to ports on the south and east coasts."

The Vichy radio, also broadcasting invasion rumors, declared the main invasion blow from the west would be timed with new allied assaults in Italy and the Balkans.

Sutherland Residents Hurt In Automobile Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. John Herstine, residents of Sutherland, were brought to Mercy hospital in Roseburg today for treatment of injuries suffered in an automobile wreck about 10 miles north of Drain. Both suffered severe cuts and bruises and Mrs. Herstine has a broken arm. Their car skidded out of control and rolled over the bank.

By L. F. Robinson

A lot of unromantic, heartless folks who read about the bombardment of Sumatra probably lamented that the name of the target was not Sinatra.