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Reds Tighten Trap on Nazis At Sevastopol

Foe's Continued Efforts To Escape Fail; Battle in Old Poland Undecided

MOSCOW, April 22.—(AP)—Russia's Crimean armies and the red fleet have massed at Sevastopol "to fling the enemy into the sea," the red fleet correspondent reported today as soviet forces tightened their siege of the great naval base.

The Russians have captured hills dominating the city's approaches, the correspondent wrote, and are storming one pass after another despite German long-range guns and strafing and bombing attacks by the enemy's air forces which have put down a "screen of fire" in the mountains.

A highly-important intermediate line just outside the city has been captured by a swift Russian flanking thrust, he said.

The dispatches from correspondents around besieged Sevastopol said soviet warships and bombers continued to thwart evacuation attempts and quoted returning pilots as saying they saw many bodies floating in the Black sea after their escape craft had been sent to the bottom.

Panzer Assaults Fail

In the southeastertn section of Old Poland, today's communique said red army artillerymen, pouring a hurricane of fire into charging mases of German tanks and ing masses of German tanks and erful German thrusts as the battle raging east of Stanislawow spread through the Carpathian foothills.

In fierce fighting that also repeatedly took the shape of hand-to-hand encounters, the Germans lost 1,500 in killed alone on the third day of the battle yesterday and anti-tank gunners destroyed 68 tanks in beating back panzer assaults, the bulletin declared.

A front dispatch said the Germans, using the flooded Prut and Dniester rivers to guard their flanks, had thrown a great weight of men and machines down the intervening valley in a drive apparently aimed at relieving soviet pressure on Lwow, big communications center 65 miles northwest of Stanislawow and 45 miles west of the nearest Russian forces.

(A Berlin dispatch to a Swedish newspaper said Marshal von Mannstein had been replaced as commander in the Carpathian sector by Gen. Modl, comparatively unknown. The dispatch gave no indication as to where von

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Plan for Postwar Fund to Stabilize Peace Endorsed

WASHINGTON, April 22 —(AP)—Secretary of State Hull, lauding progress made toward the creation of an international stabilization fund by treasury technicians of the united nations, today urged that such a program "be put into operation before the end of the war."

Agreement of the technicians on broad outlines for a gold-based $8,000,000,000 stabilization fund to promote postwar world prosperity was announced last night. Soviet Russia gave it approval at the last minute so that the outline had the technical support of the leading allied nations.

He indicated that although the basic principles had the support of the technical experts, the agreement as announced did not actually commit any nation to the program. He made it clear that as far as the United States is concerned, final diplomatic agreement and congressional decision still are lacking.

Hull suggested the need for speedy action in order to clear and organize the world's monetary channels in time for postwar economic reorganization.

"If such programs can be put into operation before the end of the war, we will save much time in the task of bringing about domestic and world wide prosperity when hostilities cease and immeasurably strengthen the prospects for an enduring peace," he said.

Nearly 50 Nazis Fall to His Rifle

(NEA Telephoto)

"You're a one-man army," said a beachhead general to Pvt. Alton W. Knappenberger, 20, of Spring Mount, Pa., shown here cleaning his fondest possession—an automatic rifle. With it he killed approximately 40 Germans during one action in which his two buddies were killed. He then returned for more ammunition, came back to kill 7 more. His one-man blitz took less than 1½ hours. Signal corps radio-telephoto.

Bloodiest Battles Ahead, Nazi Paper Warns Germany

STOCKHOLM, April 22—(AP)—Adolph Hitler's newspaper, Voelkischer Beobachter, bluntly warned the German home front today that it will be confronted this summer or even this spring by the hardest and bloodiest battles of history.

Picturing the probobility of a western invasion launched simultaneously with a new Russian offensive, the newspaper indirectly hinted that new territorial losses might be expected with this answer as to how the German command will meet another soviet offensive:

"There are territories which can be given up even if it should hurt, but there are others which must be held at any price."

"This summer may be the last bloody war summer," it went on.

Bjorn Bjornson, a reporter in Stockholm, broadcast a prediction today that the allied invasion will come some time before the first of May. This prediction, he said, is being widely circulated in the Swedish capital on the basis of these factors:

1. That the period of the greatest tides will occur within the next 10 days, and these tides would facilitate allied landing operations.

2. There has been a lull in ground fighting, while the Russians mass their forces along the eastern front, and the allies, reportedly, move reinforcements onto the Anzio beachhead.

3. The overpowering allied air assaults aimed at the invasion defenses and the supply points behind the line.

Girl Killed by Lasso Intended for Her Horse

COLFAX, Wash., April 22—(AP)—Sheriff L. M. Parnell today attributed the death of June Pierce, 15, to her being accidentally lassoed last night by a 14-year-old companion who had aimed at the neck of the horse she was riding.

The sheriff said Karl Van Tine related that the loop settled over the girl's head while the other end caught on his stirrup. His horse bolted, he said, and dragged th girl 300 yards.

U. S. Soldiers in Italy To Broadcast Tomorrow

ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD IN ITALY, April 22—(AP)—Army radio station JJRP, voice of the beachhead, will go on the air tomorrow 6 a. m., (Pacific war time) with a full-fledged special program to carry the voices of some of the troops here to the folks back home.

The broadcast will include soldier interviews and spot news reports. All major American networks will participate.

New Tax Program Frees 30 Million Of Filing Returns

WASHINGTON, April 22 —(AP)— The house ways and means committee put finishing touches today on a bill to free some 30,000,000 taxpayers from the annual chore of computing annual returns, including a new system of withholding levies against wages and salaries.

Higher for most taxpayers, the new withholding levels, if finally written into law by congress, would collect the full tax liability of persons earning up to $5,000 annually.

Under plans of the committee the new schedules would become effective next January 1. There would be no change in amounts held out of pay envelopes and salary checks this year.

Not only would 30,000,000 be relieved of computing reurns, but the other 20,000,000 income taxpayers would be given relief by simplified procedures of tax computation.

The law now requires employers to deduct and transmit to the treasury 20 per cent of the taxablie portions of wages and salaries, that is, earnings after arbitrary allowances have been made for family status, exemptions, other taxes, contributions to churches, charitable institutions, and for intres. said.

However, the withholding system does not now ocver the exact liability, and the taxpayers must file returns as usual each March 15, settling with the government for the difference between amounts withheld and actual tax liability.

The ways and means committee wants this system simplified and streamlined to take the exact tax from as many taxpayers as is possible.

Argentine Laborite Denied Conference Seat

PHILADELPHIA, April 22—(AP)—Labor delegates to the international labor conference today denied a seat to Luis Girola, workers' delegate for Argentina, following a day and a half of heated debate over charges that Girola represented "a fascist regime."

Vincente Toledano, Mexican labor delegate who led the fight to cust Girola, was said by colleagues to be pressing his demand that the entire Argentine delegation be excluded.

Ear Biter Must Pay $1,000 Or Serve Two-Year Term

ASTORIA, Ore., April 22—(AP)—William O. Nerren, Jr., 23, a sailor convicted of biting off part of Leonard Matson's ear in a fight, was sentenced here in circuit court to two years in the penitentiary. The judge offered parole on condition he pay Matson $1,000 within 10 days.

Allies Well Prepared for Japs in India

Enemy Being Mopped Up Near Imphal, Repulsed In Attack on Kohima

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 22.—(AP)—Allied headquarters today declared its forces were prepared to meet any Japanese threat in the Imphal and Kohima areas of eastern India where infantry and tanks continued to push outward from the Manipur plain and that the "situation continues to develop favorably."

There was no further report of Japanese activities in the Kohima area, 60 miles north of Imphal and 35 miles southeast of the Bengal-Assam railway, where enemy reinforcements were reported yesterday.

(A Domei broadcast from Tokyo declared Japanese forces had stormed and taken Moirang, 24 miles south of Imphal on the west shore of Loktak lake, on April 18, describing the village as a "strategic enemy bastion which guarded the southern gateway into the Imphal basin."

("Waves of Indo-Japanese soldiers surged over strongly fortified pillboxes," the broadcast said. It declared the British had concentrated 10,000 on the defense of that sector, as well as many guns and tanks.)

Japs Hurled Back

Divebombers aiding the allied cleanup campaign northeast of Imphal where the British, at last report, had pushed the enemy back to a point 30 or 35 miles from the town, and were reported inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese.

At Bishenpur, on the road leading from the plain to Silchar, Imphal's nearest rail head, further Japanese attacks were repulsed, the communique said. This railroad runs from Calcutta northeast to Assam and pumps lifeblood into Lt. Gen. Stilwell's North Burma offensive and the 14th air force activities of Maj. Gen. Chennault in China.

The main effort of the Japan-

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Klamath Indians to Get Timber Revenue Split

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 22—(AP)—Approximately $320,000 will be distributed next week to the Klamath Indians, representing the semi-annual per capita payment from sales of timber on the reservation.

The payment will be distributed on the basis of $200 to every man, woman and child enrolled in the tribe. Reservation families average about four persons, and family income from this source alone averages approximately $1,600 annually.

Timber sales from the reservation are now running about $650,000 a year.

Named Keynoter For Republicans

(NEA Telephoto)

Gov. Earl Warren (above) of California, selected by the G. O. P. convention arrangements committee to deliver the keynote address at the republican national convention in Chicago, June 26.

Cpl. John P. Verd Wins Silver Star

Corporal John P. Verd, formerly of Roseburg, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for exceptional bravery in action at Nassau bay, New Guinea. Corporal Verd's citation reports that he remained with his machine gun in the face of an enemy attack, permitting his companions to withdraw before a superior force and to reorganize for a counterattack.

Corporal Verd was employed at Carl's Tavern in Roseburg as a fry cook, prior to the war. He enlisted with the Portland company of the 162nd infantry, Oregon National guard.

His mother resides at Arlington, Wash., and his wife, the former Dorothy Chamberlain of Sutherlin, is employed as an electrician with the Willamette Iron and Steel company at Portland.

Sanity Hearing Set for Robert Earl Griffith

PORTLAND, April 22—(AP)—A sanity hearing has been ordered for Robert Earl Griffith, 15-year-old boy who Tillamook County Sheriff Allen Birch said confessed setting a fire which killed his two sisters and a brother.

State Police Capt. S. A. Malehorn said the youth, now held in the Tillamook jail, would be brought before examiners at Salem within a few days.

The boy's accounts of the fire, which razed the family home near Grants Pass in October, 1942, have varied from day to day, Malehorn said—with the confession made and repudiated several times.

War Effort Far Short of Needed Corn

Govt. Urges Farmers to Release Holdings Used For Feeding Livestock

CHICAGO, April 22—(AP)—Midwest farmers were urged today by a War Food administration official to release immediately a share of their corn holdings to meet the "urgent requirements" of the processing industry and to solve "a very serious war problem for the immediate future."

E. O. Pollock, midwest regional director of food distribution, WFA, asserted the corn is needed for producing critically important war materials and that failure of farmers to move the grain to market will "jeopardize the successful prosecution of the war."

"The corn processing industry needs about 11 million bushels of corn every month—only about 4 per cent of the 1943 production—for the manufacture of a large variety of critical war materials," Pollock said in his appeal to midwest farmers.

"We need meat, poultry and dairy products for the armed services, but we also need many materials made from corn in order to properly arm and equip our fighting men."

The WFA official said that corn is needed by the industry for the manufacture of weapons, medicines, clothing, packaging and other materials for the army and navy.

He said some corn processing plants have closed, others are operating only half time and "the future production of certain important war materials is seriously jeopardized."

Because of the record numbers of livestock on farms, the move-

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Wichita Facing Threat of Flood

WICHITA, Kas., April 23.—(AP)—The most serious flood in its hostory was predicted today for the Little Arkansas river, which flows through the heart of war-busy Wichita, after repeated rainfalls which have soaked much of the midwest.

Water was overflowing into Wichita's north end this morning and rising rapidly.

All tributaries of the Little Arkansas were overflowing and evacuation warnings were issued this morning to residents of the area.

Marion, Kas., was isolated by flood waters.

Residents of lowlands in the Kansas City area were routed this morning after four inches of rain fell in a 25-hour period. Total rainfall at Kansas City for the year was 14.58 inches, 6.86 inches above normal.

Machine Shop at Sutherlin Nearing Completion

Pictured above is the machine shop, now nearing completion, at the operation of the Springfield Plywood company at Sutherlin, Oregon. The shop is equipped to repair all heavy duty machinery at the mill and at the logging operation, 14 miles east of town, up the Calapooia river. Included in the repair equipment is a 1500-pound steam hammer. Dimensions of the building are 43 by 90 feet.

Accused in Nazi Plot Against U. S.

(NEA Telephoto)

Edward James Smythe, (above) of New York, accused seditionist who was arrested near the Canadian border after jumping his $1,000 bond. He faces trial with 29 others charged with conspiracy in nazi plot against the U. S.

Endeavorers Slate Election, Public Parade Here Today

The Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, meeting in Roseburg in its annual state convention, prepared today to complete its business sessions and will finish its meeting with inspirational services Sunday.

Conference sessions were held this morning at the various churches of the city with denominational luncheons being served during the noon hour at the Presbyterian, Christian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

Election of officers was scheduled as the principal item of business during the afternoon. Convention plans called for a recess between 3 and 4 p. m. to permit a parade by visiting and local delegates, led by the Roseburg Girls drum corps.

Tonight's program, starting at 8 o'clock, will feature the high school speech contest, special music by the Northwest Christian college quartette, and installition of the newly elected officers.

Communion Service Set.

Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Morris H. Roach will conduct the convention communion service at the First Presbyterian church. Delegates will attend the churches of their choice during the morning worship period. The final meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 p. m., with Rev. Mark Koehler, professor of religious education, Whitworth college, Spokane, as the principal speaker. The Rev. Mr. Koehler also will lead the commitment service.

American Aid to Russia Draws Wide Approval

MOSCOW, April 22—(AP)—U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, back in Moscow after his first tour of the soviet union, said that everywhere "everyone expressed appreciation for the direct assistance of the United States and for the volume of supplies * * *."

He said that in Murmansk British and American ships were unloading 24 hours daily and that "the records show the speed of discharge has constantly improved."

Flying Instructor of Baker Killed in Crash

LUKE FIELD, Ariz., April 22—(AP)—Lt. John E. Beard, 26, instructor, of Baker, Ore., was one of three persons killed yesterday in the crash of two training planes whose wings locked in flight. A second flight instructor parachuted safely.

Beard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beard, Baker Ore.

North France, Balkan Cities Main Targets

Belgian Rail Yards Also Bombed; Cologne Still Burning From Pounding

LONDON, April 22.—(AP)—American bombers in strength attacked military targets in northern France today, carrying forward the allies' biggest aerial offensive from Britain into its fifth day following a night strike against burning Cologne by RAF Mosquitos.

The Marauders and light, fast Havocs were covered by swarms of RAF, dominion and allied Spitfires in the cross-channel attack. Many squadrons of U. S. Thunderbolt fighters also were observed in the air.

The attack by the bombers on the cross-channel objectives, which have been hit every day this week by Britain-based planes of all types, apparently formed only part of today's striking force.

Other bomber formations were seen winging their way to the continent.

The morning flights soared out even as allied headquarters in Naples was announcing a blow by Liberators Friday against strategic Balkan railway yards at Bucharest and Turnu-Severin, 170 miles west of the Romanian capital. Thirty-five nazi planes were wrecked, while the Mediterranean air force lost eight bombers and nine other planes in all its flights Friday.

Reich Badly Lashed

All the Mosquitos returned safely from the Cologne raid, as did other planes that laid "many mines," the air ministry said.

Cologne, one of the most important railroad centers of western Germany, still was afire yesterday from 1,800 tons of bombs poured on it by British Lancasters and Halifaxes Thursday night in a 5,000-ton assault against four key rail centers.

Mosquitos now have ranged over Germany 11 nights this month, bombing Cologne and Berlin thrice and Hannover twice.

U. S. bombers hammered the invasion coast of France by daylight yesterday, and U. S. 9th air force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers staged a double-pronged attack on Belgian railway yards in the morning and afternoon. All the Thunderbolts returned safely.

An air ministry report declared British and American air raids have destroyed more than 100 war plants in Frankfurt and devastated more than half of the 2,200 acres making up its administrative and commercial heart.

Nazis Raid Anzio Area

The Germans stepped up their shelling of the Anzio beachhead yesterday and also threw 37 planes into four raids against the harbor area.

Beachhead anti-aircraft batteries downed five of the raiders

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Shirley Temple to Reach 16 Tomorrow

HOLLYWOOD, April 22—(AP)—The greatest child star of them all, Shirley Temple, will celebrate her sixteenth birthday tomorrow. No formal plans are being made to celebrate the day, for Shirley is in the midst of film work, though her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Temple, are planning a surprise gift for her, and close friends may drop in.

The traditional sweet sixteen milestone finds the child who neted $20,000,000 for her studio, Twentieth Century Fox, during the five years of her child stardom, again under contract, this time to David Selznick.

Her child prettiness has been enhanced, soft chestnut hair replacing the blonde curls. She is five feet one and one half inches tall, tips the scales at a trifle over 100 pounds, and her softly rounded but slender figure enables her producer to jump the gun a bit by casting her as a year older than she is, in a co-starring role with Ginger Rogers.

Shirley goes out on dates, with groups of four to eight school chums. Among her admirers is Dale Harris, fellow thespian aged 17, her screen date in her current film.

Levity Feet Rent

By L. F. Rotsenstein

A bunch of nazi political charlatans are proposing to the world a new "Magna Charta" to provide an "abundant" life for everybody. What they really mean is an a-BUND-ant life.