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Raiders Blast French, Reich, Holland Spots

Rail Yards at Budapest, Hungarian Capital, Also Lashed by Allied Planes

LONDON, May 5.—(AP)—American Liberator bombers pounded the "invasion coast" of France again today in a before-breakfast blow, and then other bombers and fighters took over the 21st consecutive day of the relentless pre-invasion bombing of Europe with attacks on rail lines feeding Hitler's Atlantic wall.

Not a plane was lost in the several hundred sorties flown today, the third day American bombers have battered France and Holland without loss. Of the few German planes that challenged the invaders four were shot down.

The Berlin radio said that allied Mediterranean bombers were over Romania this afternoon after last night's raid on Budapest in Hungary, but the report of the daylight attack had not been confirmed by allied headquarters.

The broadcast said the afternoon raiders penetrated the Balkan kingdom under a heavy cloud cover and were attacked by German fighters in sharp battles.

West Germany Pounded.

The U. S. planes went out so early today they passed home-bound British Mosquitos which last night attacked objectives in western Germany. Other British planes laid mines in enemy waters without loss.

Bombers of the RAF also operated unusually early, struck today at railway yards at Cambria in northern France. They heaped destruction on the already heavily pounded supply routes of Nazi forces behind the Atlantic wall.

The German communiqué identified the Mosquito targets last night as Cologne and Mannheim.

Budapest Yards Blasted

The allied plane attack on Budapest, capital of Hungary, gave further support to the operations of Russian land forces. Blockbusters were rained with devastating effect on rail yards of the main line from Germany and Vienna to the Romanian front.

The Budapest attack followed up a raid the night before on rail yards in Bucharest, capital of Romania.

Although bad visibility hampered operations in daylight yesterday, bombers attacked rail bridges at Grosseto, Albino, Torre and Fabriano—all in Italy—and hit rail communications at Terni, Sulmona and in the areas north-east and south of Rome, the bulletin said.

Ground activity in Italy again was limited to artillery fire and patrol activity, a communiqué said.

A middle east communiqué reported.

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New York Woman Accused of Being Spy for Japanese

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Velva Dickinson, 50-year-old doll shop operator, was indicted by a federal grand jury today on a charge of acting as a spy in the interest of Japan. Bail was fixed at \$25,000 by Judge William Bondy, who set June 5 for trial.

The maximum penalty under the indictment is death.

The American-born defendant on February 11 had pleaded innocent to a previous federal court indictment charging she used "a code and device to conceal from the office of censorship" the contents of a letter addressed to a correspondent in the Argentine.

"We now charge," said U. S. Attorney James B. McManly, "that she sent a number of letters to Argentina, some of them containing information about the movement and repairs of battle ships after Pearl Harbor and that she sent this information in code to a mail drop in South America. We charge that she did this for money received from Japanese agents."

Mrs. Dickinson's attorney, Maurice L. Shaine, said the government has "deprived" her of all her property and that "if the court fixed bail at \$1,000, she could not make it."

Lofty Feet Rant
By L. F. Rosenstahl.

Halt on ham rationing was a boon to the American consumer, which should be followed by a halt on the hamstringing of legitimate American business.

Allied Battle Equipment Now Superior to That of Nazis, Invasion Eve Claim

LONDON, May 5.—(AP)—An American announcement of the development of battle equipment superior or equal to the enemy's and a German claim of "a hidden host of unknown preparations behind Hitler's European west wall" were thrown today into the invasion war of nerves.

"If you want to call those secret weapons, you can," declared Brig. Gen. Henry Saylor, chief ordnance officer of the U. S. army in the European theater, in revealing something of American arms improvements.

The German claim came direct from the pen of Hitler's ace propagandist, Propaganda Minister Goebbels. His article in this week's edition of the German magazine "Das Reich," broadcast by the Berlin radio, said "there exist innumerable defense measures and weapons so far unknown."

Gen. Saylor said American troops storming into Europe will have "the finest artillery, small arms with performance better than anything the enemy has used and ammunition with higher explosive charges."

Writing yesterday in the army newspaper Stars and Stripes, Saylor said his report was "no pep talk to boost morale" and added:

"When the day of the forthcoming operations arrives every American soldier taking part may be assured his weapons, ammunition, tanks and vehicles will be superior, or at least equal, to those of the enemy. * * * Some ordnance will be used for the first time after being developed and tested thoroughly at proving grounds in America."

Snow, Frost Chill Midwest States

CHICAGO, May 5.—(AP)—Snow fell today over northwest Illinois, central and eastern Iowa, Minnesota, and central and northern Wisconsin following biting frosts which are expected to repeat tonight, Forecaster H. L. Jacobson reported.

The nation's coldest temperature was 18 above zero at Moberly, Mo., and freezing weather stretched as far south as Springfield, Ill., which had a minimum of 32. Subfreezing temperatures extended over Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, most of Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Chicago had the coldest May 5 in history, with the mercury at 34.

Jacobson said the snow would change to rain during the day over most of the area, with a "hard freeze" tonight and slowly rising temperatures Saturday.

Frost nipped northern Kansas today and freezing weather was predicted for most of the state tonight.

Sgt. Wm. W. Wilson of Yoncalla War Casualty

Word has been received at Yoncalla of the death of Master Sergeant William W. Wilson, son of Mrs. Bernice Wilson, Yoncalla. Sergeant Wilson was ground-crew chief, attached to a bomber squadron, and had been in England since early December of 1943.

Born at Yoncalla, November 2, 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, he was married, July 4, 1940, to Esther L. Schlimer at Tillamook.

Surviving are his wife, his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Joseph D. Wilson, Portland; Lovina E. Wilson, Eugene; Mrs. Earl Brant, Yoncalla; Mrs. C. A. Sandquist and Albert E. Wilson, Marshfield.

Grange Master Opposes Highway Bottleneck Job

PORTLAND, May 5.—(AP)—Proposals for a \$2,500,000 project to eliminate Pacific highway "bottlenecks" will be protested by the Oregon State Grange unless such projects would enhance the war effort, Morton Tompkins, state grange master, said today.

He said it might cause a further needless drain on manpower needed for agriculture and other essential war industries.

Allies Take Offensive on Burma Front

Heavy Losses to Nippons Evidenced, but Gains Further Ground in China

SOUTHEAST INDIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 5.—(AP)—Allied forces have gone over to the offensive at all points in the area of the Indian frontier base of Kohima and their attacks are making "satisfactory progress," a headquarters communiqué said today.

Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the Japanese in minor clashes north of the Imphal plain, and patrol activity has disclosed increasing evidence of the enemy's heavy losses in the Imphal-Uthul area, the announcement continued.

In Kangzhatung, Mogaung valley stronghold, has fallen to Chinese forces driving down the valley toward Mogaung, the bulletin said. It added that other units of Lt. Gen. Stilwell's Chinese forces have established a road block two miles below the village in a wide flanking drive and have trapped enemy forces attempting to fall back to the south.

Other Chinese forces pushing toward Myitkyina, the enemy's main north Burma base, were reported to have penetrated Japanese positions at Kauri, 10 miles northeast of Manipal.

Allied bombers have struck a heavy blow at the Japanese supply center of Mandalay in Central Burma against bases feeding the enemy's forces in India and northern Burma, Admiral Mountbatten's headquarters announced today.

Railway yards at Maymo and numerous other targets were hit by the bombers as they ranged far and wide over Burma, a communiqué said.

CHUNGKING, May 5.—(AP)—A new threat to the Chinese base of Loyang through Japanese capture of Linju, 60 miles southwest of Chenghsien, was announced today.

3 Oregon War Mothers in Lead With 8 Apiece

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Three mothers, each with eight children in service, held the lead today in the search for the Oregon mother with the most sons and daughters in the war.

They are Mrs. Ella Garner, Oregon City; Mrs. Edward Shannon, Corvallis; and Mrs. Chuck Wing, Portland.

The winner, to be announced this weekend, will become Oregon's candidate for American war mother of 1944.

Douglas Mullarky, secretary to the governor, who is in charge of the contest, said that Mrs. Myrtle Croner, Oregon City, who has been a shipyard welder for 19 months, has five sons, a granddaughter, and a grandson at war.

Tiniest of Oregon's leading war mothers is Mrs. Ed Jerrieres, Gresham, who weighs 98 pounds. She has six sons and a son-in-law in uniform.

Bus Plunge Into Canal Kills One, Injures Four

MIAMI, Fla., May 5.—(AP)—A canal bank fisherman was killed and 28 bus passengers were given a ducking today in an accident that involved a bus and truck on the Tamiami trail about 25 miles west of Miami.

The bus driver, David Lewis, and three passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eyre of Tampa and L. G. Whitney, coast guard officer from Port Everglades, were treated at a hospital here.

The bus plunged into the roadside drainage canal, it was reported, but no lives were lost aboard it.

U. of O. Gets Bequest in R.A. Booth \$250,000 Estate

EUGENE, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—A \$10,000 bequest to establish a science and a public service scholarship at the University of Oregon was disclosed today in the will of Robert A. Booth, late Oregon lumberman.

The remainder of Booth's \$250,000 estate was bequeathed to his son, daughter and grandchildren.

Younger, Fresher Men for National Offices Becomes Theme of G. O. P. Leaders

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—The republicans appeared today to have developed a new campaign theme to offset democratic claims of "experience" by proposing to put younger and fresher men in national offices from the presidency on down.

Although national committee officials said it was mere coincidence that three high ranking party members have sounded this note recently, an influential republican declared there was no doubt that if President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York become the opposing nominees, much more will be said on the subject.

Dewey himself brought the matter up inferentially in his April 27 speech on foreign policy in New York when he blamed "tired war leaders" for the failure to make a lasting peace after the last war.

There has been every indication that the democrats will stress the experience of their officeholders as one of their major campaign points.

National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan has advanced this argument in several speeches, asserting that the republicans were offering "untried" men for positions of great responsibility in wartime. He added at Chicago this week that his best information was that President Roosevelt, who has been in the south resting after an attack of bronchitis, is in splendid health.

Koga, Top Admiral Of Japanese Navy, Killed in Action

(By the Associated Press)

The commander-in-chief of Japan's battle-reliant navy, Adm. Mineichi Koga, is dead. Tokyo radio says he was killed "while directing general operations from an airplane at the front."

Those are virtually the same words Tokyo used a year ago to announce the death of Koga's predecessor, Adm. Yamamoto, the man who boasted he would dictate peace terms in Washington.

Whether Koga actually was killed at the fighting front or disposed of himself by hara-kiri because the Japanese navy has been unable or unwilling to stop the steady allied march toward Tokyo, the world probably will never know. Certainly, Tokyo would dress up Koga's demise in the most face-saving terms.

Koga's death, which Tokyo said occurred last March, elevated 58-year-old Adm. Soemu Toyoda to command of the combined Japanese fleet.

Koga's regime was distinguished by its consistent avoidance of battle. During his time, allied forces swept through the Gilbert and Marshall Islands in the central Pacific, cleaned out virtually all of the Solomons and most of New Guinea and the Bismarck archipelago in the south Pacific—all without serious Japanese naval opposition except for the battle of Kula gulf in the Solomons last July 5 and 6, where Japan lost at least nine cruisers and destroyers and the allies lost one cruiser and one destroyer.

As the new naval chief, Toyoda may find it even harder to avoid battle. Forces under Adm. Nimitz in the Pacific, Gen. MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific and Adm. Mountbatten in southeast Asia are beating the vital of Japan's defenses and a naval action may be forced.

Trunk Sent by Express Yields Body of Woman

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—(AP)—The body of a woman, police said, was found today in a trunk shipped from Chicago to the Railway Express company office.

The trunk was taken to the morgue, where the torso was to be examined.

Investigators said they had not yet determined to whom the trunk had been shipped. Capt. LeRoy Sanderson of the police homicide squad reported that the trunk was sent from Chicago April 30 by a man giving his name as John Lopez.

The body was encased in some substance, apparently salt, police said.

Plan to Ease Tax Returns Passes House

Prompt Approval Looms In Senate; Changes in Present Burden Slight

WASHINGTON, May 5.—In the face of loud complaints against the perplexity of involved computations in paying taxes, the house unanimously passed today a "painless tax" measure intended to simplify procedures for 50,000,000 taxpayers.

The vote was 358 to 0, and the legislation moved over to the senate where Chairman George (D., Ga.) of the finance committee predicted speedy approval.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—The taxpayers' dream—of a March 15 without fearful figures and dismal decimal points—came nearer to realization today. The house met to give overwhelming approval to legislation simplifying the tax statutes for 50,000,000 persons.

Leaders expected the measure to pass before midnight. It then will be sent to the senate, where swift action also is expected.

Drawn by the house ways and means committee, the bill would relieve some 30,000,000 of the 50,000,000 taxpayers of the necessity of ever computing another income tax return, and simplify payment procedures for the 20,000,000 others.

Beginning next January, the present withholding system against wages and salaries would be revised—upward for most taxpayers—to take the full tax liability for persons earning up to \$5,000. Thus, the withholding levy would become in 1945 the actual tax for these millions of persons, and they would owe no more at the end of the tax year.

There would be no change in amounts held from pay envelopes and salary checks this year, but the government itself would compute the taxes on 1944 income for those with wages and salaries under \$5,000.

Procedure Explained

The measure reshuffles the whole income tax structure, scrapping the victory tax and set-

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Russians Repulse New Nazi Probing Assaults

LONDON, May 5.—(AP)—German probing attacks southeast of Stanislawow and south of Tiraspol were thrown back yesterday for the second successive day as the lull in ground fighting continued along other positions of the eastern front, Moscow announced today.

The communiqué declared that soviet planes bombed and strafed German and Romanian troops pinned in the besieged Crimean city of Sevastopol Wednesday night.

The Russian planes were declared to have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and to have started at least 10 large fires and caused many explosions. The communiqué said that many enemy batteries were silenced.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In these pre-invasion days, when everything is leading up to something else, we are interested chiefly in SIGNIFICANT news.

It may be that Spain's more or less complete knuckling under to us and the British, announced in recent dispatches, falls into that class.

FRANCO'S Spain agrees to limit her German exports of wolf-ram (ore from which strategic alloy metal comes) to mere "token" shipments, to clean out the nazi spies that have swarmed on Spanish soil, to close the German consulate at Tangier, across the Gibraltar strait in Africa, and to release five interned Italian ships. She says all her troops have left Russia—where they have been helping the Germans.

YOU may wonder about "token" shipments. Presumably they are too small to do the Germans any good, but by continuing them the Spanish maintain the fiction of free commerce. That is to say, they "save face."

IT rather looks as if Franco has decided that Germany's goose is cooked and that he'd better take steps to get in the good graces of the winner.

If his break (if it is a break) should start a stampede for the allied bandwagon among the few remaining European neutrals and the small German stooges, it would indeed be significant.

These small countries are EXCEEDINGLY close to the seat of war, with unexampled opportunities for accurate observation, and the fact that they have shown such extreme respect for Germany has been at least interesting.

There can be no doubt of their need and strong desire to be on the winning side.

ON Monday, 2500 U. S. planes dropped 3,000 tons of explosives on 17 RAILROAD junctions in northern France and Belgium. Experience has taught us that destroying railroads behind the enemy's lines is apt to be one of the final acts before the beginning of a big battle.

TITO arrives in London with a military mission—apparently consisting of himself and two others. The Yugoslav radio says that Major Randolph Churchill (Winston's son) has been touring LIBERATED COASTAL TERRITORY in Yugoslavia.

London dispatches tell us that Tito's visit has "renewed speculation concerning the possibility of

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Unsanctioned Jaunt to Reno Lands Bridegroom, 14, Wife, 21, Behind Bars

DENVER, May 4.—(AP)—A story of courtship conducted "after school and on holidays" was told in Denver county jail by a 14-year-old bridegroom and his 21-year-old wife where they awaited today the arrival of Los Angeles authorities.

The bride, Elaine Monfredi, asked "What difference does it make about our ages? We're in love." Her youthful bridegroom, Ellsworth Wisecarver, asserted his devotion, declaring "Elaine is my first and only sweetheart—I don't know how I could live without her." The youth said he would be 15 next June 15.

The couple had only 40 cents when Denver detectives, in response to requests by Los Angeles police, accosted the pair as they inquired about a telegram at a Denver hotel yesterday.

Her mother, Mrs. M. McEntee told Los Angeles police she re-

ceived a telegram from Elaine Wednesday from Albuquerque, N. Mex., saying:

"Morn—broke—wire cash immediately to Denver, Colo." Wisecarver added that he "supposed" he was married to Elaine.

"Sometime in 1941," he told newsmen, "we went to Reno, Nev., with another couple to get married. We did a lot of drinking, and I passed out."

"When I came to, I was sitting in the car and the other couple had a wedding license for themselves. Elaine said we were married, but that she'd show me the wedding license some other time. But whenever I'd want to see it, she'd stall."

Mrs. Wisecarver said in Los Angeles she was pleased by the apprehension of her son.

"I am glad they are both caught," she told reporters. "When he comes back I know he will be a good boy."