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'Axis Food'
BERN, Switzerland, April 6—(AP)—Two excellent hams hanging in a Milan store window caused a near-riot among Italians who couldn't believe their own eyes.

Enemy Allies Hit Ships, Planes at Rabaul Gains in Bataan Japs Drop Bombs on Indian Ports

Bombers and Artillery in Jap Assault

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—The Japanese hurled wave upon wave of assault troops at Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright's American-Filipino forces Monday, and gained ground in the third day of fierce fighting on the Bataan peninsula.

A late day communique from the war department said the attacks were supported by heavy artillery fire and dive bombers for the second time in three days, reported that "the enemy made some gains," although paying heavily in casualties. Anti-aircraft gunners shot down one of the dive bombers, the second they have bagged in two days.

On the east coast of the peninsula, where the Japanese have been repulsed twice in the last 72 hours in attempts to land troops for a flank attack, enemy artillery harassed the defenses, firing from barges in Manila bay. Most of the shells fell short of their targets, the communique said.

The action reported Monday was the seventh massed drive against the Bataan defenses in less than two weeks. Since Saturday the hammering at the right of Wainwright's line has been almost continuous.

There was no mention in department communique Monday of the extent of casualties among the defending forces in the savage fighting of the last three days, but it was believed likely that they have been much lighter than the Japanese losses.

A morning communique, covering the fighting of Sunday, had reported the Japanese unable to gain and related the frustration of the second attempt to land troops from barges on the peninsula shore.

300 Bombers Slash at Nazis

RAF Loses Only Five, Strike Hardest At Cologne

LONDON, April 6—(AP)—One of the mightiest British air fleets ever to cross the English channel—a force of more than 300 bombers—cast a thousand tons of explosives and countless fire bombs upon German war plants in an over night raid extending from the French coast inland to the Parisian industrial suburbs and on east to the heart of the Rhineland.

In this great attack, a part of a master plan to choke the flow of German arms eastward to the Russian front, only five British craft were lost, the air ministry announced Monday in briefly recapitulating one of the most successful operations of recent months.

Hard hit were the docks at LeHavre and the Gnome-Rhone works at Gennevilliers near Paris, in which French workmen under the lash of the Nazi conqueror are making airplane engine parts for use against England and the Russian allies, but the greatest power of the raid was expended on Cologne.

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Freedom Talks Are Speeded

Madras Area Is Attacked Twice; Jap Fleet Near

NEW DELHI, India, April 6—Bombs fell among the people of India proper Monday when Japanese planes, attacking the Indian coast for the first time, raided two ports in Madras Presidency, and worse to befall was hinted in the disclosure that a Japanese naval force is ranging the Bay of Bengal.

The naval force, which includes at least one aircraft carrier, already has attacked commerce both with its surface ships and its planes, said a communique.

These first direct manifestations of war came to India as its people still were torn with hesitation on their political future and a few hours after Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo in a broadcast from Tokyo had warned of "great calamities" to her 390,000,000 people. These would be unavoidable, he said, "in the course of our subjugation of British forces," a reference which seemed plainly to indicate his determination to direct a Japanese invasion.

The raiding force which attacked Visagapatam, a city of more than 40,000 and site of a British naval base, and Cocanada, nearby provincial capital of 40,000, was officially described as small.

Slight damage to the Visagapatam harbor area, which was attacked twice, was reported and only a few casualties occurred at Cocanada—possibly because the raiding force had been dealt with so severely that it attempted the surprise blow at Colombo only to be ambushed by a waiting RAF which asserted 27 of the 75 raiding planes were shot down and 30 more damaged.

NEW DELHI, India, April 6—(AP)—Louis Johnson, a special emissary from the United States, sought in a round of conferences Monday to assist in solution of the complex Indian independence question, rendered even more urgent by the first Japanese air attacks on the mainland.

Friendly assurances of the

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Destructive? Time to Join

Are you of a destructive nature? Like to sharpen pencils just to see the shavings fall?

"Put your natural inclinations to work . . . that is, be ready to if and when there's work to be done," urges City Engineer J. H. Davis, who tonight at 7:30 in the city council chambers plans to meet volunteers for the city's defense demolition squad.

The demolition workers are to be organized and trained to remove debris in case of bombings or fires.

Leading Salem's Army Day Procession



Large Crowds Watch Parade

Army, Civil Defense Units Join in Line of March

With clockwork precision and grim smiles, thousands of Salem persons joined mounted and mechanized army units to parade for one hour through capital city streets Monday morning.

Thousands of others, from tiny children perched on parents' shoulders to elderly folk confined to car seats, lined the way as their share in the observance of Army day.

Stores and offices, closed while the procession moved from Marion square through downtown streets, provided their shares of marchers and watchers. School children and teachers, university students and faculty members, dismissed from classes, were in the throng.

Music by army and Salem high school bands, American flags and the banners of various marching units, horses and uniformed participants made of the rapidly moving line of march a colorful event.

Behind an escort of motorcycle-mounted police reserves the official reviewing party, including the state's governor, the city's mayor, the county's judge and army and civilian defense officers rode at the head of the parade.

Army units, veterans, civilian defense groups including uniformed women's motor corps and Boy Scouts, high school band, Cherrilans and the mounted posse marched and rode in swift succession.

To Salem business men and women who closed their stores nearly 100 per cent for the event went thanks of the Retail Trade

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Civil and military sides of war were represented vividly as Salem, observing Army day, saw armed soldiers and arm-banded civilian defense workers march through downtown streets. Censorship regulations do not permit identification of troops or description of their equipment. Heading the parade on horseback were Gov. Charles A. Sprague, head of the state defense council and Col. C. B. Haseltine (at the governor's left).

Subs Sink 3 Enemy Ships

Roving American Raiders Hit Two Tankers Near Jap Isles; Total Is at Least 30 Sunk

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—American submarines battering steadily at Japan's long supply lines in the western Pacific have sunk three more enemy merchant ships, two of them heavily laden tankers, the navy reported Monday.

Destruction of these vessels raised to a total of 51 the Japanese ships blasted by far-roving US undersea raiders—a total made up of 30 sinkings, 10 probable sinkings and the damaging of 11 other ships. The overall score of Japanese vessels sunk and damaged by both army and navy forces mounted to 209 in the four months of war ending Monday.

The two tankers were sunk by a submarine on extended patrol in the vicinity of the Caroline islands, Japanese mandates lying east of the Philippines. One of the tankers fired on the submarine but, the navy said, failed to damage it.

The cargo of the tankers, whether oil or gasoline, was not given, but it was considered possible that they were transporting fuel for enemy fleet units. Turk Island in the Carolines group is a great Japanese naval base.

The third ship reported sunk was a freighter, blasted by a submarine on patrol in constant operation there, thousands of miles from their bases.

That operations over the whole enemy-dominated western Pacific are constantly increasing was indicated by the fact that in recent weeks the navy has made more and more frequent reports of American undersea attacks.

Only last Saturday it was announced that two light cruisers had been torpedoed south of Java and that five non-combatant enemy vessels had been damaged by submarine attacks in Dutch East Indies waters.

Eugene Men to Start Flax Processing Plant

EUGENE, April 6—(AP)—Construction of a \$100,000 flax processing plant near Irving will be started soon, a group of Eugene business men said Monday.

They said articles of incorporation would be filed at Salem Wednesday. About 500 acres of flax already have been contracted.

Hendricks in ARP Position

Named by Council as Full-Time Unit Organizer

Paul Hendricks, Salem attorney who as district ARP warden No. 3 has been responsible for air raid precautions in downtown Salem, was Monday night named full-time organizer for the ARP in the capital city. He is to be succeeded at his district post by Carl Gabrielson.

Nineteen districts and wardens totaling approximately 1100 in number, now partially organized and in training, come under his department, John D. Minto, supervisor of the city air raid precautions unit, said. Hendricks has been a member of the unpaid executive committee headed by Minto on which also serve Leo Page, C. V. Richardson, Breyman Boise, Elmore Hill and Gardner Knapp.

Organization work is expected to take at least two months, Minto told the city council as he asked for appropriations to pay Hendricks, who will maintain his own office in the Ladd & Bush building.

Mott Enters Bill on Tax

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP) Legislation (HR 6900) declaring it to be against the public policy to require a citizen to be a member of any labor, political, civic, fraternal or religious organization before he can obtain employment on a government financed project, was introduced Monday by Representative Curtis (R-Neb).

Among other bills introduced representatives: Mott (R-Ore)—permitting taxation by states and sub divisions of real estate hereafter acquired by the government for military purposes but permitting states and sub divisions to waive the taxation if they desire. (HR 6903).

Five Die in Bomber

TUCSON, Ariz., April 6—(AP) Motors of a big US army bomber failed late Monday, one of them burst into flames, and the huge ship crashed into the desert 23 miles southeast of here, trapping and killing five officers and men in the blazing cabin.

279 Axis Planes Downed on All Fronts in 2 Days

Yanks and Aussies Strike At New Britain Bases of Japan's Rebuilding Force

US ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 6—(AP)—Raids described as "among the heaviest yet made by the allies" were reported carried out Monday by flying Aussies and Americans striking at Rabaul and Gasmata in New Britain where Japan was said to be reinforcing her badly wrecked and overmatched air forces.

The Sydney Herald, which reported the raids, said direct hits were scored on large Japanese ships in Rabaul harbor on the northeast New Britain coast, where the Japanese secured their first foothold on Australia's outer island rim.

Both as Rabaul and Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, aircraft were said to have been damaged in the airdromes.

Earlier it had been reported that Japan was strengthening her air forces in that area to bolster her faltering Australian offensive, and it was assumed that the allies determined to destroy the new planes before they could get in action.

It remained for official reports, however, to tell whether the raid had been successful as that of March 21 when the Japanese are claimed to have suffered one of the most devastating blows of the southwest Pacific with 23 ships sunk, burned, beached and damaged and the equivalent of two squadrons of planes knocked out.

The raid was in line with Army Minister Francis M. Forde's advice today to the defenders not to grow overconfident because of their recent sharp success.

By The Associated Press

The swelling air power of the United Nations scored one of the mightiest series of blows yet against the axis in aerial warfare over the weekend, destroying an official count of 279 planes and damaging scores more at a cost of 47 allied craft.

The Russian air force—which Hitler once boasted was destroyed—turned in the best performance, listing 221 Nazi planes wiped out Saturday and Sunday against 33 Soviet losses for the two days.

Furthermore, Moscow announced officially that 194 other German planes were destroyed in the air and on the ground in the six days preceding Saturday, for an eight-day total of 415. The Russians said their own losses for the eight days were 84 craft.

Japan was the second heaviest loser—27 of 75 raiders hurled against Ceylon Easter morning having been knocked down by the British. Five more enemy craft were listed as probably destroyed there and another 25 damaged.

Twenty additional Japanese planes were blasted to earth by United States and Australian air men in the weekend exchange of blows at Koepang, Dutch Timor; Darwin and Port Moresby.

German and Italian raiders attacking Malta lost 11 planes and probably 12 others Saturday and Sunday. Six were damaged.

The British lost six planes at Malta and over Libya and five more in the RAF's massive assault Sunday night upon Paris and the Rhineland. Three allied planes were lost in Australian-United States raids on the Japanese.

Erupting in full fury over the weekend, the biggest day's total was reported Sunday, when 119 Nazi craft were listed as destroyed in the air and on the ground after Saturday's count reached 162. The Russians reported a loss of only 84 planes.

The communique said briefly that "no essential changes took place at the front."

A supplement to the Moscow communique said that in the last two days of fighting on the Leningrad front 2300 German officers and men were killed.

A Russian guards unit in the Kalinin sector recaptured seven more inhabited localities from the Germans, taking much equipment, it added.

LONDON, April 6—(AP)—The Moscow radio reported Monday night that 60 German parachute troops attempted a landing behind Soviet lines but before they reached the ground 57 of them had been killed by red army machine-guns.

NLRB Seeks Ward Order

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6—(AP) The NLRB asked the US circuit court of appeals Monday for an enforcement order against the Montgomery Ward store in Portland, directing the company to bargain collectively with two AFL unions—the warehousemen and the retail clerks.

Council Refuses Dog Change

The "dog-fight" which has occupied a large share of recent council meetings was brought to a halt Monday night when Salem city fathers voted down a motion to turn over enforcement of dog-regulation measures to the Marion-Folk Humane society.

With less discussion than that which had a few minutes earlier centered around the economy of city-operated vs. society-managed pound, the council approved an expenditure of \$350 to pay a full-time air raid precautions supervisor for two months and to provide certain office supplies, instructed the city traffic department and the city engineer to conduct a survey with a view to regulation of bicycle parking.

passed for first two readings an ordinance forbidding for "the duration" sales of fireworks in the city and amended the bus license ordinance.

The bus ordinance amendment, passed over the opposition of three councilmen, gives the city the right to require operators of city buses to change routes following public hearing and requires that they shall file a schedule of their rates with city offices.

The parents who Saturday night refused to call at the city police department for their minor son after the lad had been picked up as a violator of the curfew ordinance would be liable to a fine of not more than \$250 or a

maximum of 60 days in jail should they repeat the performance if an ordinance introduced by Alderman L. F. LeGarie Monday night should be finally passed by the council. Similar to city's present curfew ordinance except for the fact that it holds parents of minors out after 10:30 (present hour is 10) at night responsible and provides punishment for failure to answer the police summons. It was passed for first two readings.

An ordinance regulating speed with which locomotives may be driven on tracks within the city limits and providing for emergency permits was referred to the street committee.

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Reds Call for US Offensive

NEW YORK, April 7—(AP)—An immediate American offensive against Germany was advocated in a report to the national committee of the communist party of the United States over the weekend, the party disclosed Monday.

"If we don't do it now, we may not again have the initiative for a long and terrible period," Robert Minor, acting secretary of the party, told the committee.