

Your complete morning newspaper, The Statesman, offers you pertinent comments on war news of the day by Kirtle Simpson, Washington analyst.

CHICAGO, April 14—(P) Gen. Douglas MacArthur's name was written in on the democratic ballot as a candidate for US senator in Tuesday's primary election.

Island Troops Successful In Raids on Ener

Ambush Trucks on Mindanao, Strike Positions on Luzon; Cebu Continues Resistance

WASHINGTON, April 14—(AP)—The army reported Tuesday that an American-Filipino raiding party had ambushed a Japanese truck column on the island of Mindanao and inflicted heavy casualties with no losses to itself.

Plan Includes All Groups

Committees Named on Recreation Survey For Assistance

Every organization in the city of Salem is to be contacted for assistance in a defense recreation program, members of the new committee named last week by Mayor W. W. Chadwick decided at the chamber of commerce Tuesday night.

A survey in which every patriotic, service, women's, fraternal, business and church organization in the capital city is to be asked what facilities it can offer, what services it will provide, gets underway tonight when O. E. Palmateer presents to the executive committee of the Federated Patriotic Societies of Salem blanks to be taken back to the 19 organizations they represent for information and volunteered aid.

The questionnaires, to be mimeographed today, are modeled on those in use elsewhere, brought to the Tuesday meeting by Don Orput, federal security agency representative.

Each organization or group of organizations is to be asked to name a defense recreation committee through which the central steering group may work in securing cooperation for various projects.

Establishment of a temporary service club in the Hollywood business area for army men stationed here looms with appointment of what was termed the "nucleus of a committee" for such a project. Miss Helen Barrett, Mrs. James H. Nicholson, Jr., and Mrs. T. J. Erabee were appointed to select others to serve with them for immediate development of such a center.

Tom Armstrong, Rev. S. Raynor Smith and O. E. Palmateer were named to select a finance committee. Frank Bennett was appointed public relations chairman.

Bulletins

MOSCOW, April 15—(Wednesday)—Yugoslav guerrillas have routed a German punitive expedition of 5000 troops, and are besieging the cities of Sarajevo and Valjevo, the Moscow radio said Wednesday.

One surrounded Italian garrison is starving to death, the announcer said.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 14 (P)—Three German planes were shot down and four more were damaged over Malta Tuesday as the island remained under a day-long alert with the third attack still in progress Tuesday night, the high command announced.

The harbor area and air fields were bombed and there was some civilian property damage and some fatalities.

STOCKHOLM, April 14—(P)—The Swedish-American liner Drottningholm, under charter to the United States government for an exchange of axis and American diplomats, is scheduled to leave here Wednesday with some 200 non-official Americans going home.

BERLIN (from German broadcasts), April 14—(P)—The Italian announced in Rome Tuesday that departure of United States diplomats and newspapers is now scheduled for April 26.

First Aid—The Grand Revelation

ROCHESTER, N.Y., April 14 (P)—Examiners of a Red Cross first aid class whistled softly in appraising results of a written test—for adults. "Some of the answers," said Roy V. Benson, director of water safety and first aid, "are, to say the least, surprising."

8 Slowdowns Are Revealed

Knox Advises Against Suspension of 40-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, April 14—(P)—The development of "slowdowns" in eight plants with important navy contracts was reported Tuesday by Senator Byrd (D-Va.) on the basis of information from the office of the assistant secretary of the navy.

Four Lost in Two Sinkings

Eight More Missing From Torpedoed Merchant Ships

NOFOLK, Va., April 14—(P)—Four seamen were lost and eight others were missing after two medium sized merchant ships were torpedoed off the Atlantic coast last week, the fifth naval district announced Tuesday night.

The first of the two attacks, occurring Thursday, set the cargo ship aflame, and survivors said the vessel was still burning and settling by the stern when they were picked up by a rescue vessel. Two of the crew, Third Mate Newall Sweeney and Ordinary Seaman Richard Lyons, were lost when they leaped overboard after their lifeboat caught fire.

Monday's Weather

Million Miles Away Was Closest-to-Earth Comet

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 14 (P)—Harvard astronomers said Tuesday that latest calculations of the path of a new celestial object which is either a comet or a "minor planet" indicated that the body probably came within a million miles of the earth—a near record for visitors from space—before receding.

Commenting on reports from two Berkeley, Calif., astronomers concerning the first computation of a "probable path" for an object originally sighted more than a month ago, the Harvard astronomers said that if the postulated positions were correct, the object approached closer to the earth than any comet.

And they added that only one other large celestial object—the minor planet "Hermes"—which zoomed within 475,000 miles of the earth in 1937—ever had come closer.

Jittery Nazis Alter Vichy

'Social Justice' Is Barred From Mail, Alleged Seditious

Father Coughlin Founded Michigan Magazine Declared Attacking War Effort of Nation; Hearing Set

WASHINGTON, April 14—(AP)—Social Justice, a weekly newspaper founded at Royal Oak, Mich., by Father Charles E. Coughlin, was excluded from the mails temporarily Tuesday night and a hearing ordered to determine whether it should be barred altogether for alleged seditious utterances.

Foreign Buying Placed in BEW

Wallace Heads Group To Wage 'Dollar War' in World

WASHINGTON, April 14—(P)—President Roosevelt Tuesday handed to the board of economic warfare, headed by Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, sole responsibility for waging the war with dollars on foreign fronts.

FDR Says Plan Coming

Progresses on Ideas For Combatting Inflation

WASHINGTON, April 14—(P)—President Roosevelt challenged advocates of sweeping cuts in non-defense spending Tuesday to show where savings could be made, and said his over-all plan for combatting inflation was progressing.

RAF Blasts At France in Daylight Raid

LONDON, April 14—(P)—British fighters and bombers ranged over northern France with comparative freedom for 9 1/2 hours Tuesday in their longest daylight offensive of the year.

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OSC Man Is Coordinator Of Research

CORVALLIS, April 14—(P)—Elimination of static in aircraft radios during precipitation is being sought by researchers and E. C. Starr, OSC professor of engineering, has been named national coordinator.

Private Becomes Colonel For Day

GOODFELLOW FIELD, San Angelo, Tex., April 14—(P)—Private First Class Joseph G. Flippert looked at his warrant of promotion—and his eyes popped!

Burmese Defense Pushed

Many Jap Planes Ruined in Raids By RAF, Yanks

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, April 14—(P)—The Japanese invaders, slowly beating back both anchors of the allied line, stood Tuesday night only 20-odd miles from the fringes of the Central Burma oil fields and as the crisis approached in that campaign for Outer India the powerful counter-action of American and British airmen formed the one bright spot amid the general and increasing gloom.

In Again

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Laval Given Job; Coast Built Up Against Invasion

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE Associated Press War Editor

From its long semi-obscurely the European theatre emerged Tuesday night as the most critical of the war—the arena of a victory for German power politics which overshadowed the Japanese enemy's continued advance upon India's Burma flank and all other phases of the struggle in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Acting to strengthen their western position against the possibility of an allied invasion of the continent, the Germans forced Marshal Petain to his knees. In effect, it seemed, they were about to throw him out as the head of the melancholy remnant of what was once France, and to extort

NEW YORK, April 14—(P)—The British radio said Pierre Laval, newly returned to power in the Petain government, told interviewers at Vichy Tuesday he wanted to maintain friendly relations with both Germany and the United States.

from Frenchmen 100 per cent "collaboration" against their old allies and friends, Britain and the United States.

All was not clear, much remained to be explained, but it matters were as bad as they looked this was the position:

Petain agreed to set up a new government in which it appeared that he himself would be a decorative nobody and the real power would be held by Pierre Laval, the Gallic Quisling who has made a career of panting to see Hitler's bidding.

Admiral Jean Darlan, another anglophobe, presumably would stay close to the top, possibly as head not only of the French fleet but of all Vichy's armed services.

The additional possibilities discussed in dispatches from neutral Switzerland were most sinister: Vichy might give certain concessions, involving such strategic points as Madagascar and North and West Africa, for axis supply and transport needs; Vichy might even give the nazis military aid, perhaps the French fleet for convoy duty.

Some saw the possibility that Hitler's plots might go even further—that he might insist on complete control of the French fleet which, combined with that of Italy, could force the British to evacuate Alexandria as a naval base and leave Malta in the most perilous position.

All this would imply an outright break with the United States—and that coming to pass it would follow that the United States would be free for such direct action as seemed required to protect American and allied interests—but there was still a considerable question as to whether Vichy was ready to go quite that far.

For example, Petain's government during the day angrily rejected as "injurious" an American explanation as to why Washington had established a consulate-general at Brazzaville in Free French equatorial Africa, and thus brought itself to the very brink of a severance of American relations.

At all events Hitler was moving in on Petain and this in turn fitted neatly into the situation created by an obvious spread of fear in Germany of an allied attack—a fear that seemed to lie principally in the current visit to England of General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the American army, and Harry L. Hopkins.

For the first time since the war began, it was plain that many nazis were about to catch the fright neurosis that they had cultivated so often in the past against little neighboring countries, and the British and other allies were sardonically amused at these traces of hysteria among the Herrenvolk.

"We are expecting an invasion at any time. Let them try it; we are ready," so said an authoritative nazis spokesman.

On the Russian battlefield as well the Red armies were giving (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)