Burma; No US Report on Rain

Of Incendiary Bombs in Japan

# Japs Say 4 Cities Hit by US Bombs

Rangoon

Outflank

**American Planes** 

Raid Rangoon as

Chinese Retreat

NEW DELHI, April 18-(AP)

Big United States bombers sav-

agely raided Rangoon, chief

Japanese supply base in Burma,

Saturday while battle-worn

ualties on the Japanese in a de-

The withdrawal was ordered

after the Japanese had out-

flanked the Chinese positions

from both sides. The Chinese

command said that fighting was

continuing without abatement

against a foe "vastly superior

to Japanese troopships and a

cruiser in the Bay of Bengal. It

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Manpower

Board Set Up

McNutt Given Control

Of Labor Mobilization

WASHINGTON, April 18-(AP)-A

nine-member war manpower com-

For Industry, Farms

man power for war labor jobs.

The other eight members, to

come within the government setup,

ald M. Nelson of the war produc-

tion board would be one of them.

A sweeping executive order

gave McNutt power to issue

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The war shipping administra-tion announced it had requisition-

merchant fleet not already under

Ships Under

labor section of the WPB.

laying action.

in numbers,"

## Laval Keeps Three Posts on Cabinet, Still Under Petain

13 Chosen Are Collaborationists; **Darlan Commands War Forces and** Reports Only to Aged Marshal

By TAYLOR HENRY

VICHY, Unoccupied France, April 18-(AP)-iPerre Laval, France's No. 1 campaigner for all-out collaboration with Germany, reorganized the French government on a pro-axis basis Saturday, but agreed to submit to the final authority of Marshal Petain, still chief of state.

Laval won the marshal's approval, necessary under the constitution, of a 21-man government, 13 of whom have been active supporters of his pro-German policy for France. He split the civil and military divisions of government, abolished the national defense ministry and kept three important posts for himself-foreign affairs, interior and information.

The aged marshal, by special

taneously placed his heir apparent

Jean Darlan, in complete com-

mand of all land, sea and air

forces, responsible only to the

Petain is expected to broad-

cast a message to the nation,

probably Sunday, in explanation

of the governmental reorganiza-

tion. The cabinet, which was

officially presented to the mar-

shal Saturday in conformance

with French political tradition,

will hold its first official meeting

Petain won a significant point

by retaining two of his most in-

fluential friends as ministers-

Lucien Romier, his minister of

Barthelemy, minister of justice.

undertakings and his actions."

(Semi-official circles in Ber-

lin said Laval was expected to

concentrate first and immedi-

ately on stepping up industrial

production and agricultural

Laval's chances of success, these

Laval compromised by accept-

chief of state.

Monday.

April 16.

and Italian governments.

## Normandie Is Fired Again

Welder's Torch Is Cause of Second Fire in Harbor

NEW YORK, Sunday, April 19 (AP)-Fire that started in supplies salvagers were removing raged through a lower hold of the former French liner Normandie Saturday night, but did no damage to the vessel's structure, it was said at ly three hours after the blaze was brouhgt under control.

The 83-000-ton vessel had lain on her port side half submerged since flames caused her to capsize February 9.

Lieut. Com. William A. Sullivan, USN, said in a statement: "The fire started in decomposed stores which the salvage people were attempting to remove. No damage to ship's structure. Great difficulty in fighting fire due to the fact that all entrances to compartment in which fire was were located under water. It was necessary to cut away covers which had been welded over in order to get water to the fire."

A message received by teletype at police headquarters from the West 54th street station said the blaze was started by a spark from welder's torch, landing on cork

A spark from a similar torch was said to have started the previous blaze. A congressional investigation committee this week Relief Ship attributed the first fire to carelessness and asserted there was Docks, Greece

Approximately 20 pieces of fire apparatus were drawn up outside the pier and disaster units and ambulances were standing by. But there did not seem to be any need for them as there was in the earlier fire when many workmen overcome by smoke.

The Normandie was taken over by the United States with the out-

Hitler Slowed by





GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL

### Furloughs Set decree, delegated to Laval the For Draftees power to control France's domestic and foreign policies but simul-

To Clear Up Affairs; Hershey Lists Most Important Work

WASHINGTON, April 18-(AP) Men expecting to be inducted into the army may now expect furoughs shortly after being sworn n, to wind up their personal af-

Under a new policy described

be made in advance to local draft

Under the new procedure, men accepted for military service will sworn in immediately upon ing the marshal's condition that he their induction at reception cenhe submit the ministerial list to ters with the result that they will the chief of the state "to whom he not be eligible during their furwill be responsible and to whom loughs to enlist in the navy or

> BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., April 18 Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, Saturday night listed in order what he considered the seven most important occupations on which draft deferments should be based.

sources said, depended on the at-Munitions production, food titude of his government towards production, transportation, comthe powers of "the new Europe.") munications, health, maintenance of each and "to some degree" education.

> Fourth selective service regisoccupy two days, employes at the armory office announced Satur-

NEW YORK, April 18-(AP)-The

# Raid In Europe

## and former vice-premier, Admiral

as "greatly liberalized" furgranted on request, to begin not later than five days after in-

state without portfolio, and Joseph

he will give an account of his marine corps.

Greek War Relief association an-To accept registrations from fighters," said Hopkins. nounced Saturday it had received men who by February 16 of this word that the ship Sicila, which year had attained their 45th left New York March 27 with a birthdays but by April 27 will not have attained their 65th birthdays cargo of flour and medical supthe armory registration rooms will plies, arrived in Piraeus, Greece. be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1633-ton Swedish freight- Sunday, April 26, it was declared. er's voyage was approved by the From 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, break of war and rechristened the United States, British, German April 27, registrations will also be

## Yanks To Allied Airmen Strike in Europe, **Marshall Avers**

**Boys** in Ireland Are Prepared

By RICE YAHNER

Hit; Japs WITH THE US ARMY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, April 18—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States army, declaring "the time for action is near," said Saturday that American troops "inevitably will join the commandos," the British shock force which has been raiding the German-held

action, he told a press conference that United States air forces will be established in bases "all over the British Isles."

Here for a flying inspection of the United States contingents already in Ulster, General Marshall said he had conferred at length in London with Lord Louis Mountbatten, chief of the British 140 miles southwest of Mandanmandos, as well as with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other British service chiefs.

army has long trained an entire army corps in land cooperation such as the recent British dash to St. Nazaire, nazi submarine coast, and against other important nazi coastal installations in both France and Norway.

General Marshall flew here Requests for such leave should Friday with two of President Roosevelt's closest advisers, Harry Hopkins and W. Averell Harriman, after ten days of "the most intimate and satisfactory" discussions with the British leaders.

tour and review of the bulk of the United States troops here and then told officers that these men are but the first of a "steady flow."

second contingent followed in about a month.

Gen. Marshall told the unit commanders that he was "very much impressed with the apparof the American forces.

of officers, Hopkins said that production alone would not win the war and that he had "a deepseated belief that in the final analysis, the battle is going to be with tration in Salem is scheduled to our land forces fighting the Japanese and Germans.

## **Guns Silenced**

Attack on Corregidor Decreased; Japs **Burning Cebu** 

Corregidor's sharp shooting gunners encouraged hopes of a prolonged defense of the Philippine system, civil service and a new stronghold Saturday by blasting into silence additional batteries of enemy siege guns.

counter-blows, the war department said, Japanese bombing and shelling of the island fortress at the entrance to Manila bay showed 'somewhat decreased intensity." Reporting on the situation else-

Cebu, the Philippines' second city,

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### **US Control** WASHINGTON, April 18-(AP) Dixon Named **US Minister** of the government.

is engaged in drafting a special power, said 1500 German officers the appointment of Sir Owen Dixspeech for his birthday Monday and men were killed in two days on, justice of the high court, as government control. Reports from Polish quarters to bolster morale. In it, he is ex- of fighting on the Leningrad front Australia's minister to the United

end private shipping for the duraforego festivities in his honor and forego festivities in his hono

## Americans Toughest Jap Foe

BERLIN - (From German Broadcasts) - April 18-(A)-The Tokyo newspaper Nichi Nichi corrected the Japanese press Saturday on a recent statement that of all Japan's fees the Chinese soldiers are the tough-

The Americans now head Nichi Nichi's list.

Earlier the Chinese had been ranged ahead of the Russians (whom the Japanese fought on the Korean border in 1938 and on the Manchukuo border in 1939), British, Americans, Australians and Indians.

In more recent fighting between Japanese and United States troops, Nichi Nichi said, the Americans proved to be considerably tougher than the Chinese when fighting under comparable conditions.

### lied left flank where the Japanese pressure has been growing and a Chinese communique said War of Bombs that the main Chinese forces had withdrawn to prepared positions in the rear, inflicting heavy cas-

Warplants in Flames Deep in Germany in Daylight Attack

LONDON, April 18-(AP)-Thick fighters skimmed the channel unceasing offensive against Hitler-The heavy assault on Rangoon held Europe in which, by day and night in the last 24 hours, huge Capital Hails was delivered by Fortress-type planes, based in next-door India and lethal warplanes have left great nazi warplants aflame deep Tokyo Raids under the command of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, whose United

In daylight Saturday, Hurricane bombers sped across the Kent coast at sea level and disappeared in the haze toward Boulogne. Later, Spitfires flying almong wing to wing and barely 50 feet above the spray returned from a daylight raid sweeping up the coast to avoid the white cliffs along the chan-

The air ministry said the raiders encountered no opposition at that ultimately will crumble the all from German fighter planes, Mikado's empire. and that all the RAF planes re-

mission headed by Federal Security Administrator Paul V. Mc-33 British planes were shot down tion with this week's air raids on the raiders carried to the crowd-Nutt was established by President over Germany and occupied terri- Japanese bases in the Philippines ed industrial centers the type of Roosevelt Saturday and given alltory in the last 24 hours. embracing authority to mobilize the nation's manpower and wo-

scale of attacks which left extensive damage Friday at Augsburg and Hamburg. Nazi raiders again approached will be named later but it was

some southeast British towns where daylight alerts were made known that Chairman Donsounded, but htey were turned away in dogfights high above Other members will represent the the channel. In this atmosphere of offensive

war, navy, agriculture and labor departments, the selective service activity, newspapers jubilantly featured the United States bombing attacks on Tokyo and o her Japanese cities and on Rangoo.1.

### Yard Given directives to all federal agencies now dealing with a recruiting and training of manpower. It First Merit also authorized him to see "that adequate supplies" of agricul-PORTLAND, Ore., April 18-(AP)

Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, the nation's fastest builders of Liberty freighters, Saturday received notice that it has been awarded the US maritime commission's first flag of merit. A telegram from Rear Admiral

Howard L. Vickery, commission vice-president, said the award was for "the most outstanding accomp-All American-owned sea-going lishment during the first quarter of tankers and freighters Saturday 1942 in the production of Liberty were placed under direct control ships."

The yard has launched a total ships since September 27,

Friday's Weather Weather forecasts withheld

While the action brings to an and temperature data delayed by army request. River Satur-

## Tokyo Radio Avers-Populace Calm As Fire Bombs Drop

Carriers or Alaska Bases Advanced As Source of Raid; Imperial Family Said Unharmed in Jap Broadcast

TOKYO — (From Japanese Broadcasts) — April 18—(AP)—The great cities of Japan—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagoya-were bombed for the first time in history Saturday, imperial headquarters announced, by planes which bore the bright insignia of the United States air forces.

(Thus the very heart of the Japanese empire, its capital, two principal ports and the center of its aircraft production, were attacked in what may prove the most daring and spectacular air exploit of the war thus RAF Keeps Up far when the rest of the story is told.

(It came less than 24 hours after Secretary of War Stimson in Washington said the American army "getting pretty near to the stage of being ready for an offensive."

(Tokyo could not say whence the raiders came. Chungking said they did not come from China.

(But the official report that Tokyo was attacked formations of RAF bombers and first, half an hour after noon, and Kobe, 376 miles to waves Saturday to carry on the the west, two hours later, suggests an east-to-west sweep.

## Congress Cheered Also By Attainments of

War Production WASHINGTON, April 18 - (AP) ford that American planes had finally slashed at the great cities of Japan exhilirated and excited this capital Saturday and was hailed by members of congress as the harbinger of a vast offensive

It was balm for the wounds of turned safely after attacking rail- Pearl Harbor and Bataan to learn direct and punishing fashion to quickly controlled. The German radio reported that the Japanese people. In combinait cheered a country which, con-Squally weather reduced the trary to its traditions, had been fighting a defensive war.

> And cheering, too, was the pace which America's war production was attaining, emphasized during the day by a White House announcement that lendlease aid to Russia in March was two and one half times what it was in February. To this, Undersecrtary of War

Robert Patterson added an announcement that American production of tanks was now greater than that of the zxis. Elation over the raids on Japan

was mingled with intense speculation as to the kind and number of planes used and how they (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## 'Circumstances' **Stop Jap Games** -Bombs Not Rain

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 (A)-Sports note from Tokyo, after the visit from enemy

"Today's sports news from Tokyo universities—Owing to circumstances, the scheduled game between Waseda and Keio universities has been called off. It was to be held on the Meiji

grounds at 12 p.m. "Two rugby games have also been cancelled—owing to cir-

The CBS listening station in San Francisco heard the Tokyo radio broadcasting the above to ently were able to understand what "circumstances" the an-

(Such an operation could have been carried out by a naval task force built around one or more aircraft carriers approaching Japan from the northeast, where the heavy April fogs might hide their approach. Long-range bombers from the Aleutians, some 2500 miles from Tokyo, might conceivably have cooperated with car-

rier-borne craft. Flights from hidden bases in the Philippines or China also are possibilities). There were an undisclosed number of casualties, headquarters for the defense of east Japan announcing that "We express to the next of kin of persons killed our condolences."

This account, like other official accounts, said damage was light. Incendiary bombs fell in the Tokyo-Yokohama area, Nagoya way and other objectives in north- that the war had been carried in and Kobe but fires were reported

(This suggests, however, that war the Japanese fear most, fire bombs on cities which for the most part are built of wood). The high command announced that nine attacking planes were

shot down over the Tokyo-Yokohama district (suggesting the raiding force totaled several times that number) The greater part of the Japanese homeland was under air raid alarm for varying periods

during the afternoon, from the northern tip of Hokkaide to Shikoku and western Honshu, a sweep of some 1000 miles embracing three of the four main islands. Even the fourth, Shokoku, in the southwest, was given "precautionary warnings." Military communiques and of-

ficial broadcasts gave this picture: Tokyo: The capital, third city of the world, population, 7,000,-000; military, political, financial heart of the empire: "It has been confirmed thus far

that nine enemy planes were shot down when hostile aircraft attacked the Tokyo-Yokohama region this afternoon for the first time since the war began," read an announcement by eastern defense headquarters. "The enemy planes approached

from several directions about repulsed by air and ground delenses. It is revealed that damages inflicted by the air attack

Other announcements said the imperial family was unharmed (a customary assurance in the case of major disaster), that no damage was done in the imme-diate neighborhood of the imperial palace, enclosed by meats and huge stone walls in the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### Manpower, Morale and Mud LONDON, April 18-(AP)-The zero hour for Hitler's big 1942 gamble has been set back by a dearth of manpower, uneasy home morale, friction within the axis

responsible foreign informant with wide diplomatic connections said Saturday. "Hitler is late," said this informant. He gave this outline to support his conclusion:

Information both from Ger-

and the combined resistance of

Russian men and Russian mud, a

many and the rest of the continent shows that Hitler is feeling a real pinch in manpower. First of all, he had to use 40 to 50 divisions of his reserve force to stem the Russian winter countter-offensive. Second, Saturday's informant said, "we know from prisoners taken in Russia recently that the German replacements are mainly boys of 17 and 18 or elder-

ot satisfactory."

The German general staff has been calling more and more upon the occupying troops in France and the low countries for service in Russia, and has been seeking to replace these men by semi-casualties and others unfit for front-line fighting. Prisoners from these western garrisons already have been

taken in some quantity in Rus-At the same time the nazis, increasingly worried about allied continental invasion, are frantically seeking to reinforce coastal defenses on the west. Only today Belgian reports told of nazi minelaying in fields between the rivers Sambre and Meuse, at five or

On the German front, Satur- communique of the soviet inforday's informant said the most re- mation bureau, illustrating the liable contacts reported that Hitler steady drain on German manwere said to indicate that this re- pected to appeal to the people to and in the last few days 3160 Ger- States.

consideration a report from Propaganda Minister Goebbels to the effect that German morale, which rose with Japan's initial successes, is sinking again because of: 1. A cut in German rations,

contrary to promises.

2. Realization of the magnitude of the loss of German life in Rus-3. Taking of boys and elderly men from factories into the army, which is affecting business and industry seriously.

4. Severe British air raids against northern and western Germany, and uneasiness lest this be a "softening" process preceding allied invasion. A supplement to the midnight

Further forecasting offensive

He pointed out that the US

He made a speedy inspection

The first US troops of this war arrived in Ulster in mid-January; States pilots already have set fire

ent state of discipline and the evidence of strenuous training" Speaking to the same assembly

"It is going to be a tough business, for our enemies are tough

## **Enemy Siege**

WASHINGTON, April 18-(AP)

As a result of the effective

where in the islands, Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright advised that Ocean-Going was in enemy hands and was

Fierce fighting continued in the vicinity of the city which

CANBERRA, Australia, April 19 (Sunday)-(A)-Prime Minister ed "possession and use" of several John Curtin announced Sunday

### British troops stubbornly fought the invader in the burned out Yenangyuang oil fields, Chinese forces under United States Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell were in difficulty on the al-