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## US Air Strikes Burma

### Bombers Hit Jap Advance Relentlessly

By PRESTON GROVER

**NEW DELHI, India, May 6-(AP)**—The United States air forces in India were embarked Wednesday night on a mounting and relentless campaign of attrition against the Japanese conquerors of Burma.

Striking straight for the sea-head of the invading armies which have raged through the length of the Kipling country to enter Free China's back door and to threaten India, five flights of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's bombers in 24 hours had destroyed at least 40 enemy planes and damaged 25 on the Mingaladon airfield north of Rangoon.

The last of these planes, roaring toward the target across the Bay of Bengal in this morning's dawn, could see the flames of Mingaladon 70 miles away and, once over the field, the pilots dumped their 250-pound bombs in the center of a sea of fire so bright that they could not distinguish buildings, runways or gasoline stores.

They had shot down five out of one group of 27 planes which attacked this morning. Annet's message was quoted as saying, and the troops were said to have put a number of light British tanks out of action. Previously the French had claimed to have shot down seven other planes.

Vichy French dispatches indicated that the defenders were fighting the last phase of their action, and that Diego Suarez must soon fall, but the British war office and admiralty were characteristically restrained in reporting late in the day that the struggle was rising in violence.

"The advance of our forces in northern Madagascar," the admiralty and war office said in a joint late afternoon communique, "is being resisted with determination, and casualties today have been heavier.

"Operations continue with the support of our naval aircraft." The small port of Antsirana on the same harbor as Diego Suarez was believed here to be already within range of British artillery fire.

An appeal by Pierre Laval's cabinet for axis aid against the British was forecast by Free French sources here after a day of furious activities by the government in Vichy.

Many diplomats predicted that Laval might declare war on Britain, but others considered this less likely—since it would inevitably mean war with the United States—than a decision by Laval to assign the French fleet to Germany in reprisal for the Madagascar attack.

Both Laval and Admiral Jean Darlan, French defense chief, are reported to have doubted in the past whether the French fleet would fight for the Germans, but (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

### "Bob" Hendricks: 1863—



Fifty eight years of newspaper work in Salem were recognized at a birthday dinner here Wednesday night in honor of R. J. "Bob" Hendricks, publisher of The Statesman from 1884 to 1928. Active daily at arduous writing tasks connected with his historical studies, he returned immediately after the banquet to his office in the Statesman building, in which he is pictured above reading one of his recent books.

## R. J. Hendricks Honored At Banquet for 58 Years Salem Newspaper Work

"I want to live a long time yet; I'm better able to carry on hard work than I was when I was coming on 21 years old."

With those words Robert Jackson Hendricks, "Bob" to thousands of friends, former editor and publisher of The Oregon Statesman, expressed his views on life at the age of 79, in speaking at a testimonial birthday dinner given in his honor at the First Congregational church Wednesday night.

True to his statement, he returned to the office which he retains adjoining The Statesman editorial room to "read some proofs" and draft a historical talk he is to deliver to a Wheatland women's club today.

Fifty-eight years ago, Mr. Hendricks, a youth of 21, with \$900 in earnings as a printer and proceeds of sale of a piece of property he had bought as a student at University of Oregon in his pocket, came to Salem to buy an interest in The Statesman.

First speaker at the dinner was Sumner F. Craig, also 79, who was a typesetter (stickman, the job was called) on The Statesman when Mr. Hendricks and a partner took over the paper in 1884. His father, D. W. Craig, a former publisher of the paper, was shop foreman.

"Things began to happen the first day he was here," Craig recalled, of Mr. Hendricks.

Among the 81 men at the dinner, 16 at one time were employed by Mr. Hendricks. They included: Ralph Curtis, present assistant publisher of The Statesman; Stephen A. Stone, city editor, The Capital Journal; Ronald Glover, attorney; Lester B. Davis, retired newspaperman; Col. Carle Ab-

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## New College Head Accepts

**LOS ANGELES, May 6-(AP)**—Dr. Morgan S. Odell, professor of religion at Occidental college since 1931, announced Wednesday he had accepted the presidency of Albany college at Portland, Ore. He will go to Portland in June on a year's leave of absence from Occidental.

## U-Boats Make Men

**NEW YORK, May 6-(AP)**—Submarine warfare is producing a breed of men resourceful and courageous as frontier Indian fighters of bygone years, a young submarine officer said Wednesday on returning to the third naval district from far eastern waters for a new assignment.

"The sub men are men," he declared. "They're a breed all their own. True, they get 25 per cent more pay, but it's the life, not the pay, that gets them to volunteer."

Any faint hearts are quickly revived by the will to make good, he said, in describing a sailor who wrapped rags around his knees as his submarine put to sea after war was declared.

"What's the matter—got household's knee?" asked his skipper.

"Well, sir," replied the blue-jacket, "I may not be able to stop 'em from knocking—but sure as hell I'm not going to let the Japs hear them!"

The officer, whose name was withheld but who was described as a former wrestler and football player at Annapolis, said his first submarine patrol out of Ma-

## Jury Upholds Boys' School

### Finds Complaint About Institution Baseless; Two Are Indicted

Two indictments, one secret, and a special report quashing undisclosed complaints concerning the state training school for boys near Woodburn were filed by the Marion county grand jury Wednesday afternoon.

The investigating body returned a true bill charging Knute Edward Holten, former cashier for the state public utilities commissioner's department, with larceny of public money. His bail, already posted, was continued at \$3000 by Circuit Judge E. M. Page.

Holten was arrested early last month after auditors had reported a discrepancy in records. The indictment charges him with having embezzled \$2143.67 between December 26, 1939, and April 11, 1942. It lists as witnesses who appeared before the grand jury Ormond R. Bean, utilities commissioner; Franklin L. Davis, E. Erickson, Sephus Starr, chief of the state division of audits; Bernard Davis, Jessie Hoffman, and Capt. Walter Lansing of the state police.

"Not true" bills were also issued by the grand jury exonerating Aldred Walter Tozier and Amelia Tozier of charges of carrying unlicensed concealed weapons and of obliterating the identifying marks on a revolver, and the former also of charging of possessing a concealed weapon after having been convicted of a felony.

Neither District Attorney Miller E. Hayden nor grand jury members would disclose the nature of a complaint made regarding the boys' school, which the report said was received in March. The jury report read as follows:

"We, the undersigned members of the Marion county grand jury, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## No Exemption Change Seen

**WASHINGTON, May 6-(AP)**—Retention of the present exemptions on individual income taxes was forecast Wednesday night by members of the house ways and means committee as Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) said they might start voting tomorrow on the stiffer rates to produce \$3,200,000,000 in new revenue.

"If we do not decide to change the exemptions, it will then be only a question of rates," he remarked.

The members reported that there still appeared to be little enthusiasm for President Roosevelt's suggestion that individual incomes be limited to \$25,000 after payment of taxes.

# French Fight Desperately

## Gasoline Put at 6 Gallons

### Ration to Begin May 15 in East; Ickes Says Low

**WASHINGTON, May 6-(AP)**—Instructions covering eastern gasoline rationing provided Wednesday for an average allowance to "non-essential" motorists ranging somewhere between 2 and 6 gallons a week.

At the same time OPA emphasized that the limits might change before May 15 when rationing begins and that the final decision as to the size of the basic ration allowance would "depend entirely on the supply of gasoline that is available for rationing."

Unofficial OPA sources reported at the time the ration plan was first announced that the probable basic ration allowance would range between 2½ and 5 gallons, but Petroleum Coordinator Ickes promptly declared that any weekly ration as low as 2½ gallons was "wholly unjustified."

The official instructions issued by OPA to local rationing boards and registrars used the 2 to 6 range in a schedule enabling registrars to tell at a glance which type of ration card should be issued to each motorist, on the basis of his need for automobile transportation.

Each basic, or "A," card will have seven units, covering the 47-day period between May 15 and July 1 when a permanent and more elaborate gasoline rationing program will be instituted.

**NEW ORLEANS, May 6-(AP)**—Harold L. Ickes, petroleum coordinator for war, Wednesday night said the nation's war needs made it necessary "to eliminate every non-essential use of petroleum products," and declared tankers to supply the east coast probably were out for the duration.

In an address before the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

## Senate Trims Agency Funds

### 12 Offices Curbed by Average of Million Dollars Each

**WASHINGTON, May 6-(AP)**—The senate trimmed \$12,314,513 from the funds of a dozen federal agencies and curbed the fiscal operations of the Tennessee Valley Authority Wednesday in passing the annual appropriation bill for the so-called "independent offices"—those not connected with regular departments.

The measure, totalling \$2,126,030,890, now returns to the house for action on the senate amendments.

One of these limits to \$50 a year the amount most of the agencies covered in the bill can spend for newspapers and periodicals. Some agencies have spent several thousand dollars a year for this purpose.

Another specifies that at least \$20,000,000 shall be earmarked for the construction of barges and towboats to haul oil, gasoline, fuel and other commodities over inland and coastal waterways.

Reductions made by the senate from the amounts voted by the house for other agencies included: National resources planning board \$68,845, office of government reports \$406,270, civil service commission \$907,307, federal communications commission \$312,460, federal trade commission \$252,224, federal works agency \$8,026,540, interstate commerce commission \$81,543, national archives \$101,800, national capital park and planning commission \$700,000 and securities commission \$530,000.

## Our Senators

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## Nazis Feeding Tinted Water, Propaganda

**SPOKANE, May 6-(AP)**—The Nazis drum propaganda into their prisoners in concentration camps for eight hours daily and the prisoners wash it down with colored water called "tea" or "soup," depending upon the time of day, Hans Habe of Hungary said Wednesday.

Habe, Hungarian newspaper man who witnessed the fall of France and spent about three months in a concentration camp, is describing modern war to soldiers at American military establishments.

He said the colored water was staple diet in the concentration camps, with black bread as a supper-time treat.

"I don't know how my friends subsist on what they are fed in those camps," he told reporters. "The Nazis believe that by weakening a person physically he will be weaker mentally, and thus be a good subject for propaganda."

## Youths Fined For Paddling

### Eight Suspended at High School After Pleading Guilty

Fines totaling \$375 were levied against eight Salem high school boys and the youths were suspended from school Wednesday in the first public outcropping in two years of the "secret society scandal" which has rocked the school periodically since the societies were banned in the late '20s.

The eight entered pleas of guilty to charges of assault and battery filed against them Wednesday morning in the West Salem court of Justice of the Peace Elmer Cook by Mrs. Jean Dalziel, mother of Donald Chapman, 15, prominent sophomore member of the high school basketball team.

Outgrowth of what the defendants declared was an initiation, supposedly of the Friars, and the mother maintained was tantamount to a kidnapping episode in which her son was forced to join a coterie of boys outside his home last Thursday night, the justice court case resulted in the levying of \$50 fines against Don Beecroft, Pete Schweigert, Dick Drinnon, Lyman Sundin, Bob Hinkle, Don Cutler and Frank Lukens, who allegedly told the justice of the peace they had participated in two initiations. Charles Burrus, who Cook was informed had taken part in only one, was fined \$25.

Suspension was the school's immediate answer to Mrs. Dalziel's charge, with Supt. Frank Bennett and Principal Fred Wolf declaring the eight would remain out of classes until the matter had been more thoroughly investigated.

Punishment inflicted by the initiation was so severe as to result in possible injuries in the bone area of one hip, Mrs. Dalziel declared a physician had stated. That it was so administered "because we cannot lose a member so easily" was explained (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

## Pledges Hit \$14,800 for Bus to Adair

Pledges underwriting the plans of the Salem chamber of commerce to arrange for mass transportation to and from Camp Adair had reached \$14,800 Wednesday afternoon, with many not yet recorded and many business men not yet solicited, Pres. Carl W. Hogg announced.

Hogg said the major effort of the underwriting drive would be fulfilled by the end of the week. The committee expects, however, to continue its activities until every interested citizen has had an opportunity to sign a pledge.

Approximately 200 Camp Adair workmen already have notified the chamber that they would patronize a low-cost bus service. Business Extension Manager Clay C. Cochran reported.

"Between 450 and 500 Adair workmen are expected to settle here in about two weeks," Cochran said. "One contractor is now transporting his men to and from Salem and others are asking about our bus program."

## Isle's Fall Releases Japanese

### Move Started to Clear Yankees; 7000 Captured

By RICHARD L. TURNER

**WASHINGTON, May 6-(AP)**—The fall of Corregidor, its defenses demolished, its food and ammunition gone, released Japanese forces Wednesday to mop up scattered areas of resistance in the Philippines and added a strong and valuable new sea base to their tenuous southward supply line.

Already, Japanese troops in steel barges of the type used in landing on Corregidor were reported pushing up the Pulangi river in Mindanao. In addition the enemy was debarking reinforcements near Octabato on the same island. Independent, raiding detachments of Americans and Filipinos have been reported highly active on that island.

So long as Corregidor stood, its big guns and its accurate gunners kept the Japanese from making any free use of Manila bay, or Manila's shattered port facilities. It is considered one of the most useful harbors in the western Pacific, and geographically is ideally situated from the enemy point of view.

But Corregidor fell, after a battering, four-week siege, which exhausted the supplies and the human physical endurance of its dogged and heroic garrison. With it, the enemy also won the smaller rocky island fortresses—Fort Hughes, Fort Drum and Fort Frank—which lie nearby.

To the Japanese also went some 7000 prisoners of war, including the navy announced late Wednesday, 3845 officers and men of the navy and marine corps. This detachment was thrown together from the naval and marine personnel (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

## Registration Closes Today

### Half Marion County's Residents Not Yet On Sugar Lists

Today is the "last chance." Families or individuals who will have failed to register by tonight for sugar rationing will have no further opportunity to register now to purchase sugar legally until May 21. At that time registration will be opened again but only at the rationing office in the Ladd & Bush building. Registration now is being carried on in the grade school buildings.

A warning that retailers who failed to register during the "registration of the trade" period April 28 and 29, are not eligible to sell sugar until they mend the oversight, was issued from the rationing office. Sale of sugar by an unregistered retailer is a violation of the regulations and subject to severe penalties.

Groceries with excess inventories cannot accept further deliveries until they have turned over to the rationing board purchase certificates of weight value equal to the excess amount.

Incomplete returns from over Marion county Wednesday showed a registration of 19,039 since Tuesday night's reports, with issuance of 13,987 books. Total of registrations for the first three days was thus brought to 47,539, with 33,417 books issued. More than half the county's residents were yet unregistered.

Registration hours at elementary school buildings in Salem are from 4 to 9 p.m.

## 1707 Japanese Enter

**PORTLAND, May 6-(AP)**—The first phase of Japanese evacuation from the Portland area ended Tuesday night, bringing the total number admitted to the assembly center to 1707.

## Toll Raised to 7

**PENDLETON, May 6-(AP)**—Death toll of a four-engined army bomber's crash near here Sunday increased to seven Tuesday night as Sgt. John H. Starr, Littleton, Mass., succumbed to injuries.

## Leads Fight



**CHIANG KAI-SHEK**  
Personal command of Chinese forces on the Burma front has been assumed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The Associated Press said Thursday in quoting a Calcutta dispatch to the London Daily Mail.

## RAF Again Raids Nazis

### US Planes to Fight Under Separate Command

**LONDON, Thursday, May 7-(AP)**—Royal Air Force bombers attacked enemy territory for the fourth successive night Wednesday night. It was stated authoritatively Thursday, but Britain escaped retaliatory attacks from the German air force.

Objectives of the British night bombers were not identified immediately; in the three preceding nights they had smashed at Hamburg, Pilsen, Stuttgart and Nantes.

**LONDON, May 6-(AP)**—The south German industrial city of Stuttgart was pounded by the RAF again Tuesday night for the second night in succession despite continuing cloudy weather which made observation difficult.

The air ministry said other unspecified targets in southern Germany, the docks at Nantes and airdromes in the low countries and northern France also were attacked.

Four British planes failed to return. Southeast English coastal points were attacked by four German planes at dusk and by two at dawn Wednesday. Two or more persons were listed as killed and some damage was done. (The Germans said they effectively raided industrial and rail installations at the Dover strait town of Folkestone.)

Wednesday the RAF again swept northern France and bombed a power station at Caen. While the RAF thus continued (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Tuesday's Weather

Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Wednesday, 1.5 ft. Max. temp. Tuesday, 73, Min. 56.

## Fighting for Mom

**SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 6-(AP)**—Mother won by landslide when soldiers at Fort MacArthur took a vote to find out for whom they were most willing to fight.

After her it was a close race between Father and Col. W. W. Hicks, commanding officer at the fort. The colonel had an edge.

Ranked in the first ten women were the boys' sisters, wives, sweethearts and Mrs. Roosevelt. In the first ten men were President Roosevelt, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Winston Churchill.

## British In Edge Suarez

### Island Claims Raid Craft Are Downed

By DREW MIDDLETON

**LONDON, May 6-(AP)**—Attacked strongly from the rear by a British landing force which had penetrated the outskirts of Diego Suarez naval base and beaten from the air by overwhelming power, the defenders of Madagascar indicated Wednesday night that their situation was desperate and that they might soon take to the island's hills to wage guerrilla warfare.

Vichy broadcasts said Governor General Armand Annet had telegraphed his government that his position was critical, and that 23 British ships, large and small, were in Courrier bay at his back ready to land fresh troops against his tagged defenders.

The broadcast described the French troops as putting up desperate resistance and exacting heavy casualties, with their few available aircraft doing their utmost to drive away planes from a British carrier.

In Vichy, where the Petain-Laval cabinet offered "homage to the troops and their leaders who despite great numerical inferiority opposed heroic resistance to the Anglo-Saxon forces," it was announced that squadrons of British planes were steadily bombing the surviving light French naval forces of Diego Suarez.

At least two French ships, the 1379-ton submarine Beveziers and the 7110-ton auxiliary cruiser Bougainville, already had gone down under British naval gunfire. Vichy claimed that seven British planes had been shot down Tuesday.

**LONDON, May 7-(Thursday)-(AP)**—The Daily Express quoted the French radio Thursday as saying that the 7000-ton French cruisers Marseillaise and Lamotte-Picquet, were missing since the British attack on Madagascar, and said that Vichy had expressed its fears that "they may either have joined the British or are trying to rejoin the French fleet in Indo-China."

**ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 6-(AP)**—The Istanbul newspaper Yeni Sabah, commenting on the British landing at Madagascar, said Wednesday "this doesn't constitute an act of war against Vichy, but is a necessary measure of defense on the part of the democracies."

## Ten Women

1. Mother  
2. Wife (or sweetheart)  
3. Daughter  
4. Sister  
5. Mrs. Roosevelt  
6. Mrs. MacArthur  
7. Queen Elizabeth  
8. Queen Wilhelmina  
9. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek  
10. Ann Sheridan.

Corp. Albert De Julius of battery A, whose home is in Astoria, Pa., started the poll after he and some of his campmates got into a lively discussion over the matter the other night.

"For whom do American soldiers stand ready to fight?" was the way the question read.

"Number one on almost every ballot," said the corporal, "was 'mother.' And for the men, it was close between Colonel Hicks and Father. We rated the colonel first, though, because it's through his tireless effort that we possess the military knowledge so necessary to our defense."

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