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Army Calls

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French Defense Of Madagascar Base Overcome

British Begin to Negotiate Terms of Surrender; Annet May Organize Guerrillas

LONDON, May 7—(AP)—British troops and warships took possession Thursday of Madagascar's great harbor of Diego Suarez after two days of brisk fighting and began negotiating the terms of a surrender by which they hoped to obtain the peaceful capitulation of all that Vichy French island.

This tough, quick occupation—accomplished in less than 48 hours after the establishment of the first British bridgehead at a loss of around 1000 of the British force—was announced in commons by Prime Minister Churchill, who appealed gravely to the French people thus to consider the episode:

"... A recognizable fact in the liberation of their country, including Alsace-Lorraine, from the German yoke."

He told of the surrender of the French military and naval commanders, but there was no immediate indication here as to whether the Vichy-controlled governor-general of the island, Armand Annet, had himself joined in capitulating or whether he intended to try to organize some sort of guerrilla resistance in the interior.

At all events, it was regarded most likely here that in view of the spirited though brief defense the great bulk of effective French troops had already been accounted for.

What the Vichy government would now do raised the most intense interest, but late in the day there had been no sign of action from that capital.

Vichy claimed that as of 1:30 p. m. French time (4:30 a. m. PWT) the French forces still were holding out, but it was subsequently learned that communication from Madagascar to France had been out since morning and it appeared that the Laval government thus could hardly have accurate information directly from there.

Seven Spices Restricted

WPB Order Does Not Affect Deliveries Of Black Pepper

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP) The war production board Thursday imposed restrictions on deliveries of seven important spices which will have the effect of cutting retail sales by 50 per cent.

The orders, effective Friday and made necessary because "the availability of future supplies is uncertain," affect white pepper, allspice (pimento), cinnamon (cassia), cloves, ginger, nutmeg and mace.

Deliveries of black pepper are permitted at the same rate as a year ago, and WPB said there was two years' supply of black pepper in this country. The order will stretch out present supplies of the other spices, which are the principal imported (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

WU Trustees Investigate 'CO' Plaintiff

Student Paper Points Out Enlistments, Recruit Program

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7—(AP) Willamette university's board of trustees will investigate a complaint by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, Salem, that Dr. Carl Sumner Knopf, president of the Salem institution, had protested signing a draft registration card.

C. L. Starr, acting president of the college board, said here Thursday night that a special committee of trustees would be named, at Dr. Knopf's request, to investigate the Legion's assertions, that he refused to sign his card at the recent registration until he had written "conscientious objector" on the margin.

The Willamette board's committee was expected Thursday night to carry out its assignment promptly, discussion among local trustees, who suggested the procedure, indicated. Dr. Knopf left Salem Thursday morning for Berkeley, Calif., to deliver a scheduled commencement address at the Pacific School of Religion today.

Student interest in the incident was expressed Thursday afternoon in a petition placed in circulation by Westly McWain, Salem junior. After receiving approximately 50 signatures, the petition was withdrawn and a reworded one intended to avoid possible misconstrual of the original was substituted. McWain said Thursday night the new petition, which he said carried 110 signatures and would be continued in circulation, read:

"We, the undersigned students of Willamette university, while we do not condemn conscientious objectors, are not (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Broken Gates Release Flood

Lower Sections of Vale Region Are Threatened

VALE, Ore., May 7—(AP)—Flood waters from broken spillway gates in the Beulah irrigation dam 60 miles west of here swirled over the highway at Juntura late Thursday and began creeping up slowly on low-lying portions of the town of 167 population.

Earlier fears of a devastating flood were somewhat quieted when Robert Hill, reclamation bureau engineer, said he believed the gaps could be closed. He left with work crews but they were not expected to reach the dam until 8 or 9 p. m. (PWT) and meanwhile 2500 second feet of water poured through the gates.

C. C. Ketchum, superintendent of the Vale irrigation project, said the crest was moving down the Malheur river at only two to three miles an hour and that there should be no loss of life and little livestock loss even though the gates should give way completely. It is expected, however, that there will be considerable damage on farms lying near the river.

Wednesday's Weather Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Thursday, 1.5 ft. Max. temp. Wednesday, 75, min. 43.

Allies, Japs in Big Naval Fight

British Lose Cruiser in Arctic

Japs In India, China

Artillery Drives Chiang's Forces Back Rapidly

TOKYO—(From Japanese Broadcasts)—May 8—(Friday) (AP)—Japanese forces occupied Bhamo, head of the Irrawaddy river navigation in Burma, last Sunday, an official announcement said Friday.

(Bhamo is the Burma terminus of a northerly by-pass road linking up with the Burma road in China above Lashio.

(It is 40 miles west of the Burma-China frontier and 180 miles airline northeast of Mandalay.)

CHUNGKING, China, May 7. —(AP)—The Japanese armies which have raced into China proper on the Burma Road brought up artillery Thursday in a savage attempt to break the Chinese defense lines, amid ominous indications of general offensive against the Free China of Chungking and Kai-Shek.

Driving so hard and so fast that the defenders were unable to conduct planned demolitions along the great supply road, the Japanese out of Burma were known to have forged ahead at least as far as Chefang, 25 miles behind the fallen border town of Wanting.

Heavily supported by their mobile artillery as well as from the air, they were attacking time after time and, although the high command said the Chinese were holding their lines for the time being and inflicting heavy casualties. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Copper, Brass Use Curtailed

Production Except for Essential Use to Stop June 15

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP) Production of all but essential civilian consumer articles using copper, brass or bronze will be stopped June 15, under war production board orders issued Thursday.

In a sweeping revision of previous copper restrictions, emphasizing increased military demands for the metal, WPB barred copper in more than 100 additional items effective May 31, and directed that its use be stopped June 15 in all other items not specifically named—except those for which the government is allocating supplies.

Beginning August 1, the order applies even to the army, navy and maritime commission. Items ranging from neon advertising signs to Christmas tree bulbs, pins, bird cages and fountain pens, are blanketed under the revised order, and WPB officials predicted that manufacture of most of the articles would be stopped entirely because of the shortages of metal substitutes.

'Alert at Dawn' Not Posed



Thousands of gun posts now ring important sections of the Pacific coast where aircraft plants, oil storage tanks and wells and other vital defense related areas occur. Dawn breaking sends such a crew as this on the alert for daybreak marauders of the sky. The picture is routine—is no portrait.

900 Axis Nationals Embark for Lisbon On Swedish Liner

Ship Carrying Diplomats, Families, To Return With Americans Now in Europe; Second Trip Scheduled

JERSEY CITY, May 7—(AP)—More than 900 axis officials and nationals sailed for Lisbon Thursday aboard the Swedish liner Drottningholm to be exchanged for American officials and nationals homeward bound from Germany, Italy, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

It was the first group to leave this country under exchange arrangements which eventually should bring home all American diplomats and consular officials and many other American nationals awaiting exchange in Europe and the Orient.

Six special trains carrying the 948 persons assigned to the Drottningholm arrived Thursday morning and were taken by bus from the Pennsylvania railroad station to the American export liner pier where they boarded the liner immediately.

The departing group included the former German charge d'affairs, Italian ambassador, Hungarian and Bulgarian ministers to the United States, with their families and other officials and nationals; also a number of axis diplomats and nationals from other American republics which (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Scrap Date Set

PORTLAND, May 7—(AP)—Oregon's automobile graveyard operators were told by war production board officials Thursday to have all scrap in dealers' hands by May 15.

tempting to sneak up behind Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright's men. Result: "We let 50 Japanese drown after one boat sank because they opened fire first and wounded one of our officers."

"We took two prisoners, a Japanese captain and a private. The captain was on his knees, his hands in the air, crying: 'Me surrender! Me surrender!'"

Bulkeley did the reporting at a press conference with Lieut. Robert Kelley, New York City, Ensign Anthony B. Akers, Beverly Hills, Calif., and Ensign George E. Cox, Watertown, N.Y., standing around him.

The four, youthful appearing and tanned and hardened by their strenuous work in the Philippines,

Convoys Attacked By Nazis

Blow Returned In Sinking of Destroyer

By The Associated Press

LONDON, May 7—The 10,000-ton British cruiser Edinburgh was lost last week in German submarine, surface and air attacks on two British convoys plying the vital Arctic supply route to Russia, the admiralty announced Thursday night, but despite the severity of the assaults, spread over several days, the British accomplished their mission with relatively small loss among the other naval and merchant vessels.

One attacking German destroyer was sunk and another was hit and severely damaged, and at least three Nazi bombers were destroyed.

The Edinburgh was crippled by enemy torpedoes and had to be abandoned in tow and sunk by the British themselves while she was homeward bound with a convoy which already had delivered its goods. One convoyed vessel also was sunk.

The second convoy attacked was a large string of ships carrying "important war supplies" to the bitterly-contested Russian front. Although it was attacked by repeated waves of dive bombers and torpedo-carrying planes which sank three ships, the British nevertheless succeeded in delivering 90 per cent of their cargo, the admiralty stated.

Assuming all of the convoy ships were of approximately the same size, this would indicate that the convoy originally was composed of about 30 ships.

Casualties apparently were relatively small, although it was not specifically so stated. Casualties aboard the Edinburgh were not mentioned.

Thursday night the German radio was heard to announce that "the German navy will soon strike a deadly blow against the soviet lifeline on the Arctic front," but there was no further indication of exactly what was planned.

Schools Expel 7 Students

'Society Initiation' Brings Action by School Board

Seven Salem high school upperclassmen, who with an eighth youth from last year's graduating class Wednesday pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery in what was termed a "secret society initiation," were ordered expelled Thursday at a special meeting of Salem school directors.

Others involved in the episode (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Japanese Claim Brilliant Action Against Fleet

TOKYO—(From Japanese Broadcasts)—May 8—(Friday)—(AP)—The press section of the navy office reported Friday the Japanese navy had scored "brilliant achievements in the Coral sea east of Australia on an Anglo-American combined fleet." It gave no details immediately but said they would be announced during the day.

Reds Try to Break Siege

Strike Hard Around Leningrad; RAF Renews Raids

MOSCOW, May 7—(AP)—The red army, making what appeared to be the strongest attack in many weeks to break the long siege of Leningrad, was reported Thursday night to have driven a wedge between two German armies, encircled one Nazi detachment in an important sector and wiped out several centers of resistance in the bogs west of Russia's second city.

Thus, said soviet dispatches, the Germans not only were forestalled in their attempts to get spring attacks under way with fresh reserves, but had been forced to retreat from a number of winter vantage points.

A road which had united the northern and southern sections of the besieging force was cut, the Russians said, by the capture of a junction point which the Germans had held all winter. (It appeared this might be Krasnogvardeisk, 20 miles south of Leningrad).

The nazis were using many aircraft in an effort to turn the tide of the land fighting at Leningrad. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Japs Demand All Surrender

Report Is Unofficial; 11,574 Listed as Forts in April

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—An unofficial and unconfirmed report that the Japanese required surrender of the small units of American-Filipino forces still fighting on various islands of the archipelago as a condition for ending their attacks on the Manila bay forts was announced Thursday by the war department.

In a communique worded carefully to make clear the completely unofficial nature of the report, the department said a broadcast from a Japanese-controlled radio station in Manila said that Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright had acceded reluctantly to this condition to avoid further sacrifice, and had issued appropriate orders to his field commanders.

A communique earlier Thursday estimated that approximately 11,500 men were surrendered to the Japanese in the Manila bay forts, bringing to more than 50,000 the number of American-Filipino troops now presumed to be prisoners in the Philippines. The figure was only approximate. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Trade Barrier Bans Promised

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP) Under thinly veiled threats of federal intervention, representatives of the state governments closed a three-day meeting here Thursday with informal promises to remove voluntarily any local barriers to the war effort.

In the three days of speeches, they had been told that highway regulations which interfere with the loading and movement of war material trucks, sanitary ordinances which waste scarce metals, dairy regulations which hamper milk deliveries for the army, and similar hindrances must be eliminated for the duration of the war. Not a single resolution was adopted.

Enemy Lose 11 Vessels

Three Planes Lost by US In Solomons

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 8 (Friday)—(AP)—A great naval and air battle is now underway in the southwest Pacific area, a spokesman at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced Friday.

The spokesman indicated the battle was a continuation of the action announced Thursday in a Washington communique, which reported that heavy damage had been inflicted on Japanese naval units off the Solomon islands Monday.

His statement followed swiftly the disclosure that allied bombers Thursday had attacked Japanese shipping in the Louisiade islands, off the southeastern tip of New Guinea, sinking one transport.

The spokesman did not give any additional information on this action or the naval battle he said was still underway, and did not indicate whether they were directly linked.

(The presence of Japanese transports, however, in the Louisiade's might mean the beginning of the long expected assault upon Port Moresby, vital allied outpost some 300 miles to the west on the southern shore of New Guinea. It might even mean a thrust directly at the eastern coast of Australia itself.)

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—An American naval force, intercepting a Japanese squadron apparently striking at the flank of the life line to Australia, sank eight enemy vessels, damaged four and destroyed six planes at a total United States cost of only three planes, the navy announced Thursday.

The furious sea battle, authoritatively regarded here as possibly the first in which strictly American forces have engaged the Japs in a general naval encounter, occurred last Monday in the vicinity of the Solomon islands, lying northeast of Australia and northwest of the supply route bastions of New Caledonia and the New Hebrides islands.

The naval communique reporting the results of the battle also disclosed that US submarines operating in the western Pacific had sunk three more Japanese ships. Thus, the enemy's total ship losses announced Thursday were 11 sunk, including seven warships, and four damaged, as follows:

In the Solomons: Sunk—One light cruiser, two destroyers, four gun boats and one supply vessel.

Damaged—One 9000-ton seaplane tender, one light cruiser, one cargo vessel and one transport.

In US submarine operations: Sunk—One medium sized cargo ship, one medium sized tanker, and one small cargo ship.

The sinkings raised the unofficially tabulated total of Japanese ship losses due to United Nations operations to 250. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)



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