

# Convoy Blasted **By RAF** Air Minister **Predicts**

LONDON, May 8 - (AP) The RAF's Canadian "demon squadron" and Dutch pilots plastered bomb hits on eight out of 12 ships in a heavily protected convoy off the Dutch coast during an overnight continuation of the British air offensive which, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair declared Friday, will lead directly to British invasion of the continent.

Invasion

The "demons," who in seven days have damaged 19 enemy supply ships and a destroyer, reported hitting seven ships in the convoy and Royal Netherlansd naval air service pilots got the eighth

An American with the Canadians, Pilot Officer G. L. Mosier of Waverly, NY, made one of the Service Act

Friday the German air force made a 20-second reprisal attack on a southeast coast town, hitting homb



This Soundphoto provides a view from the island fortress of Corregidor, guardian of Manila bay, look ing across the narrow strait that separates Corregidor from the Bataan peninsula. Smokestack and mast of a sunken ship are visible. Across this strait came an armada of steel barges carrying the Japanese landing troops while from the heights of Bataan 240 millimeter seige guns pounded the island, raking the beach defenses, wiping out entanglements, pillboxes and machine gun installations. Simultaneously, the defenders were heavily bombed from the air. Ammunition, food had dwindled and fatigue seized the 7000 Americans on Corregidor and adjacent island fortresses. Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright, who negotiated the surrender, was reported to have remained with his men to the end. The Japanese victory gives them control of the best harbor in the Orient and strengthens the communication lines they have thrust forward toward Australia and India. It is not known how many survived the terrific artillery bombardment of Corregidor. The historic siege lasted 28 days following the termination of General MacArthur's stand on Bataan. The above picture is an official marine corps photo, transmitted by Soundphoto from Washington, DC.



### Nears **British Tighten** Hold, Reinforce

Indian

Attack

Madagascar

LONDON, May 8-(AP)-The Britsh quickly sent reinforcements to Ceylon and strove to clean up any remaining Vichy French resistance on Madagascar today as the urgency of controlling the Indian ocean was stressed by reports that Japanese invasion forces already were aboard ship in Rangoon, ready to attack India.

Burma, scene of one of the most stubborn delaying actions of the war, was almost completely overrun by the Japanese for strategic considerations.

Military sources acknowledged that the Japanese probably had taken the west Burma port of Akyab, 300 air miles from Calcutta, but said they had no confirmation of a German broadcast assertion that the Japanese patrols may have entered India "purely for propaganda purposes," but the informants held to the belief that any Japanese invasion of the tempting treasure-house of India would come from the sea, with Akyab and its airfields as the base of Maj. Gen. R. G. Sturges, CB, and heavy preparatory air attacks

on the Ganges basin. British forces in the assault on Aligned with this view was the announcement that Maj. Gen. Madagascar, large and strategic Indian ocean island off the Lewis H. Brereton's United States

# At Madagascar Win 1st Round In South Pacific

### At Least 11 Nip Warships **Declared Sunk; Losses** Not Yet Fully Tallied

By C. YATES McDANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 9-(Saturday)-(AP)-Allied naval and air forces fighting with "marked skill, courage, and tenacity" have repulsed a Japanese invasion fleet off northeastern Australia in one of history's most fateful struggles, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

With 11 or more of its warships sunk and six or more damaged-and presumably thousands of its finest warriors at the bottom of the Coral sea-the battered Japanese enemy was reported limping northward with United States and British imperial units in hot pursuit on the sixth day of the epic engagement. "Our attacks will continue," the

## **Navy Cautions On Jap Claims Avoids Claiming US**

Rear Adm. E. N. Syfret, CB, led Yet Fully Known

Details of American losses "are

contained in the navy's communi-

que No. 78, issued today, over-

lapped in several instances fig-

ures given out yesterday on the

preliminary phases of the battle

since today's report constituted

The sinkings announced yester-

day were one light cruiser, two

destroyers, four gunboats; and the

accumulated totals.

with these words: Victory; Losses Not "Our naval forces then attacked in interceptions. They were handled with marked skill, fought with admirable courage and tenacity. WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP) and the enemv has ed by Japan. Sturges (top) and The navy warned Friday night pulsed." against giving credence to Japa-The latest communique made nese claims on the battle off Auno claims of additional casualties other than those already stralia and announced that the engagement had cost the enemy reported Friday both here and 11 ships, including nine warships. in Washington. A commanique issued on infor-Presumably a complete summary of the battle losses on mation received up to 6:30 p.m.before allied headquarters in Auboth sides will be forthcoming stralia reported the battle was shortly. over-also said that in addition to Of the two Japanese aircraft ships sunk, six other Japanese carriers reported hit, one was craft, including four warships, had sunk and the other damaged. And been damaged. a government spokesman said The navy announcement avoidthere was no confirmation of a report that the second subsequented claiming a victory but indicated that American losses might be ly had been sunk.

and killing a number of children. Streets were sprayed with cannon and machine-gun fire.

Wing Commander A. C. Brown, of Winnipeg, the Demons' commander, told the story of the convoy attack by the squadron of US-made Hudson bombers. He come more convinced than ever said the twelve ships, heavily escorted by Flak ships and moving versal service act, first proposed north in line-ahead formation, in 1926, must be enacted by conwere spotted near the former gress, W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Gil-Dutch naval base of Den Helder, at the northwestern tip of Holland. mander, declared at a veterans'

"It was just getting dark but they spotted us as we went in." he said. "They put up a wicked barrage. I attacked first, choosing what appeared to be the largest ship.

"I dived to the deck and unloaded my bombs. Four landed smack on the ship's deck. As we flew clear there was a terrific flash.'

The rear gunner then reported that a huge column of water rose over the ship's stern and Brown said: "I think I must have blown the stern right off." The other planes came in and

"each took a ship - all fair sized fellows," said Brown. "In quick succession these were four bright orange flashes along the line of the convoy. Each flash meant a direct hit."

Still other ships were hit in this and in a second attack several hours later.

Because of the darkness the fliers claimed none of the ships as sunk, but a Beaufighter on patrol this morning sighted two serjously damaged vessels, one beached and the other still on fire with her deck almost awash. under tow of two tugs.

All the Canadians returned safely but two other planes were lost.

The air minister, speaking at Birmingham Friday, promised the German air force "a terrible mmer" and said "we must give it no rest; we must hammer it out of shape. When that will be - how long it will take - I cannot tell, but then will come the invasion.

"The time has come when we are beginning to hit back hard but on a scale which still only foreshadows the force of the Anglo-American bombing effort to

Salem Men Make **U** of O Honoraries

EUGENE, Ore., May 8-(/P)-Bud Vendenynde, Salem, was among the nine University of Oregon students tapped for Friars, senior men's honorary, Friday. Max Brown, Salem, was one of six named to Druids, junior men's honorary.

**Our Senators** 

#### Legion Spokesman **Foresees Universal Conscription Here**

The American Legion has be-"since Pearl Harbor" that its uni-**Pen Parolee** bert. Ariz., the national vice-com-

meeting at Legion hall here Friday night. "The military knows damn well that it's our life or theirs in this war and that the enemy countries are 100 per cent mobilized," Saw-

yer said. "We don't believe we can fight this war with only 10 to 15 per cent of our force mobilized." The Legion proposes universal conscription of manpower and vealth for the furtherance of the war despite the fact "that we are the ones who are going to be

drawing the wages and making the profits," Sawyer argued. "We got fed up when we came home from the last war and saw the new millionaires riding around in fine cars and expensive clothes while we couldn't even get a job." Sawyer vigorously attacked work stoppages, slowdowns, high

union fees charged as dues" and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

**Tompkins** Is Named State **Grange Head** 

PORTLAND, May 8-(AP)-The Oregon state grange election committee announced Friday night who is apparently staging a rethe selection of Morton Tompkins, Dayton, state overseer, to succeed Ray W. Gill as master.

of the Oregon Grange Wholesale, clared. the race for the mastership

10 years. Grange headquarters said sible call to armed service was

to his new duties.

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Other election results, all which must be ratified by the 69th annual state convention at Mil-

waukie the week of June 15: Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, de- Germany Gets feated Charles Wicklander, La feated Charles Wicklander, La Grande, 3131 to 2701 to succeed RAF Bombs rompkins as overseer. Blanche

Pickering, Warrenton, was elected lecturer over L'Rena Slack, Kerby, 3294 to 2489. Secretary Bertha Beck, Portland, was re-elected 5039 to 1041 over Anna also bombed Warnemuende, DNB Hadley, Silverton, announced today.

Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill, and

NEW YORK, May 8-(P)-Vice-President Wallace, predicting of Japanese fighters in setting big the axis would strike a "last desperate blow" this summer, said turga Friday night that this might include a Japanese attack on Alaska and the northwest United States coast with a simultaneous Ger- had been concentrating much man uprising in Latin America.

The vice-president said in an address prepared for a dinner of the Free World association

that this country must look for raided the port so often. "the worst kind of fifth column work in Latin America, much of In Berg Case it operating through the agency of governments with which the United States at present is at

Name of Corvallis peace. "When I say this," he added, "I **Baker Substituted** recognize that the peoples both of Latin-America and of the nations **For Willner Friday** supporting the agencies through

which the fifth columnists work Confession discredited by state are overwhelmingly on the side of police and district attorney and the democracies." finally repudiated by himself. He did not name the nations to Stanley John Willner, 20-year-old which he referred. transient from St. Paul, Minn., Hitler knows, Wallace went on, was moved out of the picture in that the United States is winning the battle of production and the

Salem's Berg-slugging case Fri-German leader, "like the prize day afternoon and the name of a fighter who realizes he is on the 28-year-old Corvallis bridegroom verge of being knocked out, is was substituted. gathering all of his remaining Hugh Young Davidson, parolee forces for one last desperate from the Oregon state penitenblow."

tiary, where he had been com-Then, predicting this blow mitted from Malheur county in would come in the critical sum-1939 on a forgery count, conmer months, he declared: fessed to Lt. R. G. Howard and

"We may be sure that Hitler Sgt. Farley Mogan of the state and Japan will cooperate to do police Friday night that he had the unexpected-perhaps an atbashed Martin Berg, state girls' tack by Japan against Alaska and school engineer, over the head our northwest coast at a time with a brick as he rode in Berg's when German transport planes car on the Pacific highway south will be shuttled across from Daof Salem last Sunday afternoon, kar to furnish leadership and the officers said. Monday, clad in new clothes allegedly purchased in Latin America." with Berg's 60 odd dollars, he was

married in Corvallis. Every detail of Davidson's story bore out evidence held by them and he was identified by Berg. covery from his severe treatment at Salem Deaconess hospital, po-

lice said. A gold watch Berg had

That young Willner had so which Gill declined to accept readily confessed theft of the car again. Gill has been master for and even the slugging of its driver in an attempt to escape pos-

Tompkins will resign as Bonne- indicated by his story told here ville power administration field Friday, officers believed. When he representative to devote full time learned that Berg might die and he, in turn, might be required to of pay the death penalty, his story,

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BERLIN-(From German Broad-

Rangoon again today for their third attack in four days. The bombers defied storms and waves

Informants said the Japanese more than a holding force at Rangoon and this was the reason Churchill's the United States bombers had

MOSCOW, May 8-(AP)-The red army and air force were reported in official dispatches Friday night to have wrecked a three-way German spring offensive aimed from Finland into soviet Karelia and to have driven large numbers of nazi bomb-

ing planes from forward bases near Russia's vital water and rail communications in the arctic.

German troops encharged with stabbing across the Karelian front-

**Are Declared** 

officer.

stiffening to a German uprising type of poison traceable to marine vegetation.

Wallace apparently referred to reports that the Vichy government might openly permit use of beaches as soon as possible. He French African territory by axis said he had received reports that forces. At one point in his re- a Tillamook county man and his marks, the vice president classi- cat became ill after eating clams dug in that area.

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Tompkins polled 4075 votes in a statewide grange election to 1821 for W. J. Wilcox, manager declared was stolen from him was told them he had put it, they de-New Flying Strip Ace

An inspiring new "comic" strip, "Hop Harrigan," has been obtained by The Statesman for the pleasure of its thousands of readers.

which will start Sunday in The "Hop Harrigan," Statesman and appear daily there-

after, was conceived and developed to instill into the youth of today not only a love of adventure but also a love of country. "Hop" was an orphan who had always delighted in mechanics-especially mechanics centering around an airplane. His father was an aviator before him and he was given the privilege of studying planes in action and even had an "old crate" of his own that he looked upon as a friend.

What "Hop Harrigan" says about planes is authenstrip has been prepared iAm k a

southeast coast of Africa, covethis royal marines conducted landing operations by tank-led commandos, while Syfret's naval forces covered landing operations by heavy bombardment."

**Broadcast** Noon Today

LONDON, May 8-(AP)-Prime Minister Winston Churchill will broadcast to the empire and to the inconsiderable in comparison with United States at 9 p. m. (12 noon those of Japan. PWT) Sunday and he is expected not fully known at present," a to dwell particularly on Britain's relations with Vichy. communique said, adding that "no

credence should be given to claims Whatever he says, he will speak that have been or may be put out at a crucial moment-with the by Tokyo.' Burma campaign turned to dis-Naval authorities commenting aster, India threatened, Australia bracing for a rugged defense or a on the communique said it was a possible sharp attack and the Ger- logical inference that we have had mans and Russians poised for some losses in view of the tremendous blows dealt the enemy. spring campaigns. It was the night of May 10 last year that the But what they were could not be stated at this time. nazis chose for one of their great-The sunk and damaged figures

**Sprague Term** Vital to War rick D. Stricker, Oregon health Effort-McKay PORTLAND, May 8 - "Because

vessels reported yesterday to have Gov. Charles A. Sprague has been been damaged were one light the mainspring of Oregon's war cruiser, one seaplane tender, one effort. I do not believe this is transport and one cargo vessel. any time to take the clock to It also appeared that the navy's pieces and see if it can be put report issued here paralleled in ogether in better shape," State all categories except one a report Senator Douglas McKay of Saissued several hours earlier by lem told a radio audience here allied headquarters in Australia. Allied headquarters had announc-

terest supersedes all others," said while the navy announced two McKay. "I believe the reelection transports or cargo vessels. of Gov. Sprague is vitally and inseparably intertwined for the suc-**Zealanders** to cessful prosecution of the war ef-

"Charles A. Sprague has never **Stay on Fronts** been a politician. Four years ago when those who had been honored by the party in the past re-fused to risk their political fu-WELLINGTON, NZ, May 8-(AP) Despite the imminent threat of ture in a campaign for governor, Japanese invasion, New Zealand he consented to leave his own has decided not to recall its troops business and take up the race. woh are fighting on land, sea and Now we are asked to shove aside in the air in the distant parts of this man because another wants the world. The war cabinet realizes the military and moral advantages of his job. Why change?"

#### **War Production** In US Tops All **Records**, Claim

ST. LOUIS, May 8-(AP)-Rear Admiral H. P. Blandy, chief of they can. the naval bureau of ordnance, said Friday fighting equipment being

The headquarters communique said the action represented a "continued effort of the Japanese to extend their aggressive conquests towards the south and southeast."

allied communique said in report-

ing that the battle had ceased

The repulse of the Japanese oc-

curred after allied air units dis-

covered the enemy fleet streaming

southward six or more days ago,

and the communique concluded

"temporarily."

It was pointed out that the Japanese had been building up their forces, with emphasis on naval transport elements, for a coordinated attack of the combined forces. This attack, the communique said, was "initiated several days ago."

The text of the communique:

"The great naval and air battle off the northeast coast of Australia has temporarily ceased. This action represents the continued effort of the Japanese to extend their aggressive conquests toward the south and southeast. First efforts were aimed at expanding his air bases, but our air force has consistently and effectively attacked his fields during the past six weeks, dislocating his plans through the destruction of in-

stallations and aircraft. "Our reconnaissance has revealed the gradual upbuilding of naval transport elements for the coordination attack of combined forces which was initiated several

days ago. Our naval forces then attacked in interceptions. ed only one supply vessel sunk "They were handled with marked skill, fought with admirable courage and tenacity and the enemy has been repulsed. Our at-

tacks will continue." The attitude at General MacArthur's headquarter was that it was too early to say whether the result of the huge naval-air engagement was conclusive, and it was not yet clear whether the Japanese could reform and reinforce their units for another southward thrust. Because of the lack of news on the exact losses on either side and their original strength, observers were unable to assess the total battle results.

But the tone at the allied high having New Zealand's battle-testcommand headquarters appeared ed troops fighting in defense of to be that the allies had won their native soil. But it has taken the broad view that the allied the first grim round and at least had temporarily thwarted Japanations' immediate problem is to use their limited shipping to nese aims.

transport additional forces to the actual fighting fronts as fast as It siso was pointed out that the eneral practice with the US navy epartment when American ships are sunk is to make the announcement officially from Washington d of here.



est attacks on London.

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Poisonous

PORTLAND, May 8-(AP)-Clams from Oregon beaches were proclaimed poisonous Friday by an order announced by Dr. Frede-

The order came after examination of clams from the Clatsop beaches proved they contained a Dr. Stricker said he will exam

ine clams from other Oregon

tonight.

"These are times the war in-

fort here in Oregon.





