

Britain, Vichy Lose Planes in Brief Clash

Bombers Slash Swathe 40 Miles Long in Japan, Doolittle Tells of Raid

Famous Flier Decorated for Leading Flight

Planes, 80 Crewmen All Arrived Safely; Location Not Told

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP) The intrepid American airmen who staged the historic raid on Japan April 18 unloaded bombs within plain sight of Emperor Hirohito's palace, cut a swathe of destruction 40 miles long and five to 20 miles wide, and departed without losing a single plane.

This was revealed Tuesday night by their leader, Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, "Jimmy" Doolittle, the famous speed record flier of the days of peace. President Roosevelt pinned a congressional medal of honor to his tunic at the White House and after that ceremony, numerous details of the attack were disclosed.

Doolittle told reporters that the American airmen, who flew so low they could see amazed expressions on faces below, refrained from dropping bombs on the imperial palace on express orders from him.

None of the planes was damaged enough to prevent its safe arrival at its destination, or takeoff point and did not discuss the Russian announcement shortly after the raid that an American plane had landed in Russian territory and been interned.

Direct hits left a nearly completed cruiser or battleship near Tokyo in flames. The Mitsubishi aircraft factory at Nagoya was strewn with incendiary bombs. Industrial concentrations, shipyards, docks, fuel stores, collections of fuel tanks, ammunition dumps at Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Kobe and Osaka, all felt the destructive effect of explosives made in America.

On Doolittle's behalf the war department issued a statement, and later, the slightly built, balding flier held a press conference. From the two, newsmen pieced together this story of the raid:

A squadron of B-25 medium bombers was specially equipped for the attack. Crews who had volunteered for a "hazardous, important and interesting" mission, without knowing Japan was the objective, manned them. They trained especially for the mission for weeks even before leaving the United States.

"They were the finest group of officers with which I ever had the good fortune to be associated, and that goes for the enlisted men, too," said Doolittle, who was unflinching in his praise for the courage, efficiency and accuracy.

When the time came, the planes swept in upon Japan at "house-top" height. This made them difficult targets for anti-aircraft guns, but exposed them to any machine gun fire that might lie along the line of flight.

Each plane had an assigned target for its stick of four bombs. Approaching the objectives, the planes climbed to 1500 feet, the minimum altitude at which they were safe from the effect of their own bombs. As soon as the bombs were released they dropped again to a level just above the tree tops.

Amazing little opposition was encountered. A few pursuit ships arose to meet them, but the pilots seemed inexperienced, by comparison with the Jap fliers in other theatres of war. The Americans had counted on the speed of their ships—faster than any but the newest Japanese pursuit planes—and upon evasive tactics for protection.

At his press conference Doolittle told how nine Jap planes attempted to attack him but were eluded without the firing of a single shot. Sometimes the Americans flew underneath Japanese barrage balloons, and some of the latter were destroyed by the Japanese artillery fire itself.

The bombing began at a point just north of Tokyo and spread southward for a distance of 40 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Wrong Name



"Jimmy" Doolittle, more formally Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, is a man whose exploits utterly belie his name. Awarded the congressional medal of honor Tuesday for leading the recent bombing raid on Tokyo, he began as a private in the signal corps in 1917. He was for many years an army and private test pilot and made several cross-country trips and speed records.

Nazis Didn't Know Where 'Base' Was

NEW YORK, May 19—(AP) The Germans don't know where Shangri-La is, either.

In briefly noting the exploits of Brig.-Gen. Jimmy Doolittle Tuesday night the German radio reported: "... Doolittle had carried out the air attack against Japan from the airbase Shangri-La, which was not otherwise described by Roosevelt ..."

PENDLETON, May 19—(AP) "We're proud beyond words," was the comment of Col. Frank W. Wright, Pendleton air base commander, when a check of the names of 79 officers and men on the Tokyo-bombing flight revealed that all had received their early training here.

Only Brig.-Gen. James H. Doolittle, flight commander, was not from the local base.

The men, whose names were released Tuesday, were here from last summer to early this spring.

Salem Men Elected by Credit Groups

SEATTLE, May 19—(AP)—R. T. Schantz of Spokane was elected president of the 10th district of the National Retail Credit association at its 22nd annual convention here Tuesday.

Spokane was chosen for the 1943 meeting. Other officers elected were: Thomas McCormick, Boise, vice-president; Thomas Downie, Vancouver, BC, secretary-treasurer; Joseph Dodd, Portland, national director.

District directors elected included: Walter Larson, Salem; Mrs. Mayme Crim, Seattle.

Mrs. Crim also was elected president of the Pacific Northwest Council of Credit Women's Breakfast clubs. The Associated Credit Bureaus of the Pacific northwest, meeting at the same time, elected officers including: W. D. McCune, Missoula, Mont., president; Francis W. Smith, Salem, national director of the collection service division of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America and trustee.

RAF Loses Six BERLIN (From German broadcasts), May 20—(AP)—Six bombers were reported brought down during the night as the RAF raided southwest Germany, DNB said Wednesday.

Japs Switch Drive Into East China

All-Out Effort Seen In Making Against Chinese Warring

CHUNKKING, May 19—(AP) Suddenly announcing to the world that the "future is very grave" and that help is urgently needed, a Chinese government spokesman declared Tuesday that many signs point to an early all-out attempt by Japan to knock China out of the war.

This indication of Chinese alarm was given as the military spotlight alternated swiftly from China's back door in Burma and Yunnan province to her eastern seaboard, where the Japanese were developing a new offensive in Chekiang province despite bitterest Chinese resistance.

With the British hanging on to only a small strip of Burmese territory along the Indian frontier, the Chinese battled fiercely against forces which seemed to be increasing their pressure from Burma along the southwestern China frontier, and the spokesman declared that area "will witness during the next few weeks fighting on an even larger scale than we have seen so far."

A battle of several days near the Thailand border, between the Salween and Mekong rivers, continued fiercely with heavy casualties on both sides as the Japanese tried to batter past Mong Hai and Mong Lin to Kengtung, and attempted to advance across the Salween at Kongkum and Taliao. To the north of the Burma road, 250 miles removed from these battlefields, the Chinese made further progress in clearing out the Japanese on the west side of the Salween, putting to rout a force at Lungkiangchiao near Tengyueh, 35 miles west of the river and 30 miles north of Lungling on the Burma road.

In Chekiang, the reinforced Japanese drive was developing southward along a portion of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway still in Chinese hands and also along a highway paralleling the coast.

The Chinese communique admitted the Japanese had captured Chuki, about 40 miles south of Hangchow and about 55 miles northeast of Kihwa, the Chekiang capital, after a battle in the streets. However, the Chinese declared they were counter-attacking fiercely southeast of Chuki and that they had driven the Japanese back some distance.

The Chinese were forced to withdraw from Shengshien to a new line southwest of there, but the Japanese sustained heavy losses in taking the town. It was said. Another Japanese column based at Shaoh-Sing, famous wine-making center, took Fengchiao, about 15 miles southwest of Shengshien. Southeast of Shengshien, which is 50 miles southeast of Hangchow, the Japanese occupied Sintang. A fierce battle was reported in progress 12 miles southwest of Sintang.

In Shuiquan, provisional capital of Kwantung province, 100 Chinese were drowned and several thousand more were made homeless when the North river overflowed its banks as a result of a heavy storm Sunday.

SW Pacific Quiet ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 20—(Wednesday) (AP)—Allied operations in the southwest Pacific were limited to reconnaissance Tuesday, General MacArthur's headquarters announced Wednesday.

Store Hours Later PORTLAND, May 19—(AP) Injuries suffered Monday as a car overturned on the Salem road south of Dayton, were fatal in a hospital here to Hershel Wiles, 23, Lafayette. A passenger, Max Dresselhaus, Dayton, was uninjured.

The Mail Goes Through—Censor's Hands



All incoming and outgoing foreign mail is closely scrutinized by the office of postal censorship in New York city, shown at work above. If any code messages are among the letters, these postal experts are sure to decipher them. Lieut. Col. Harry O. Compton, district postal censor, (left above), heads the office. One of the censors, (right above) is shown deciphering a code message found in a letter. General view of the office is shown below.

Survivors of Ships Landed

Axis Subs Busy Along Nova Scotia and Gulf Coasts

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, May 19—(AP)—Sixty survivors of two ships torpedoed and sunk in the western Atlantic by axis submarines arrived here Tuesday from another port where they first were landed.

Thirty eight survivors, including Canadians, were aboard one ship which went down with a loss of five men.

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, May 19—(AP)—More than 25 survivors of an allied ship torpedoed off the Nova Scotia coast have been brought here by a Royal Canadian navy vessel. They reported 13 of their shipmates were believed lost.

All the survivors except one were reported in good condition.

Liquor Prices' Boost Removed

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—Federal price freezing, pegging liquor prices at their March level, wiped out an April 1 advance in Oregon liquor stores, the state liquor commission said Tuesday.

Increases of five cents a pint and ten cents a quart on high-proof liquors, wine and cordials were made April 1 due to freight rate increases.

Accident Is Fatal To Lafayette Man

MEMPHISVILLE, May 19—(AP) Injuries suffered Monday as a car overturned on the Salem road south of Dayton, were fatal in a hospital here to Hershel Wiles, 23, Lafayette. A passenger, Max Dresselhaus, Dayton, was uninjured.

TransAtlantic Plane Route Begun Again

A MARITIME CANADIAN AIRPORT, May 19—(AP)—With 49 passengers and a crew of 13 aboard, Pan American Airways' big flying boat, Pacific Clipper, left this port Tuesday on route to the British Isles on the first scheduled flight over the northern route since service via this route was discontinued in 1939 due to the outbreak of war.

The Clipper reached here from Port Washington, N.Y. Monday and took on Canadian mail. Aboard the plane were military officials of many nations and a Pan American Airways crew in addition to the one in charge of the flight.

At this port 741 pounds of Canadian mail consigned to British Isles were placed aboard the plane.

The flight marked inauguration of a new schedule calling for two round trips weekly between Britain and the United States. The maritime port will be an intermediate stop to take on and discharge Canadian passengers and mail.

Empress Asia Liner Sunk

Most of Troops Saved When Ship Bombed At Singapore

MONTEREAL, May 19—(AP)—The Empress of Asia, 16,909-ton Canadian Pacific liner whose safety record as a troopship had given her the reputation of one of the luckiest transports afloat, was destroyed by Japanese dive bombers near Singapore on February 5, an official announcement disclosed Tuesday.

Applications Okeh Now for Canning

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP) Housewives may make immediate application for their five-pounds-per person canning sugar allotment, Henry J. Franks, Multnomah county sugar rationer, said Tuesday.

Group Okehs Steeper Taxes

Boost in Normal Rate And Surtaxes Gets Committee Stamp

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—An increase in the normal income tax rate for individuals from 4 per cent to 6 per cent was approved by the house ways and means committee Tuesday along with the steeply-increased surtaxes, the two designed to yield \$2,750,000,000 in new revenue.

Members said that the surtaxes had been accepted pending last-minute revisions but Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) announced only that the committee had voted on the normal tax rate and had agreed on the goal.

It was reported that the lowest surtax rate would be either 11 or 12 per cent on the first \$2000 of net income, compared with the present 6 per cent in the same bracket, with the highest rate either 80 or 85 per cent. The committee spent many hours studying work sheets containing several sets of rates and estimated yields and probably will vote finally tomorrow.

Members also reported that they probably would decide Wednesday on Secretary Morgenthau's request for discretionary authority to order up to 10 per cent of a person's taxable income withheld from each pay envelope as a credit against the regular March 15 tax bill.

Mexico Labor Boycotts Axis

MEXICO CITY, May 19—(AP)—Mexican labor unions, already busy preparing a great anti-axis demonstration to receive the 21 survivors of the torpedoed Mexican tanker Potrero Del Llano, announced Tuesday they had decided to boycott all German, Japanese and Italian nationals and establishments. Many of these already are on the United States blacklist.

The boycott will include a unique feature by which union waiters will refuse to serve axis nationals in restaurants and theatre employees will refuse axis nationals entrance to shows.

Hawaii Work Offered

SEATTLE, May 19—(AP)—Offering the attraction of a vacation adventure, an official of the 11th US civil service district Tuesday appealed for classified laborers for government work at Pearl Harbor. He directed the appeal particularly to students 18 years of age or more.

Tiff off Algiers; Russians Press Kharkov Effort

Nazis Take Offense South Of Greater Action; FDR And Attlee Make Comment

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE Associated Press War Editor

An unhalted Russian advance on the front before Kharkov—an advance that appeared to be threatening major German lateral communications—was reported early Wednesday by the soviet command, but it was acknowledged that the nazis had themselves taken the offensive about 80 miles southeast of that key Ukrainian city.

This development, which the soviet noted only with the bare observation that in the vicinity of the Donets valley towns of Izyum and Barvenkova the invader had seized the initiative, indicated that the German command was striking with considerable power in an effort to relieve the situation above.

While this struggle was going forward in the greatest current battlefield, another engagement of a far different kind—one that was chiefly important in a symptomatic sense—was reported to challenge the world's interest.

The Vichy French government announced that small British naval and air forces had clashed off Algiers with the net result that a British seaplane was destroyed and a French plane missing in action.

This was Vichy's account of the incident. The British plane was forced down over Algiers bay by French pursuers and two French torpedo boats put out, ostensibly to save the British crew. At that point—the Vichy—a British destroyer opened fire on the French boats, which presumably were unhurt but then turned their fire on the British seaplane, sinking it.

In the Kharkov arena of Russia, the soviet command's early morning communique reported continuing enemy counter-attacks, although saying that all had been beaten off, and all in all it appeared that a crisis for this first spring soviet offensive was now approaching.

How near the soviet forces were to the city itself still was not known, but British information indicated an irregular battle line that had been extended to a length of 120 miles and there were some signs that the soviet Marshal Timoshenko was as intent upon attrition as he was upon the relief of the city.

In the fighting in the Crimea some 400 miles to the south, the situation was in utter dispute.

The Russian war bulletin reported battles continuing about the city of Kerch on the peninsula of that name—which is across a narrow strait from the Caucasus—but the Germans claimed that they had reached the Kerch strait "in all its extent" and had destroyed three soviet armies.

They likewise claimed 149,256 Russian prisoners; the destruction of 16 Russian ships, a minesweeper, 23 small coastal vessels and 323 planes.

All this would of course imply an enormous victory and for a variety of reasons, including the assertion that three separate soviet armies had been involved in the restricted area of the Kerch fighting, did not look very plausible.

As to the Kharkov front, soviet dispatches emphasized the grinding down of German mechanized power as a major aim, reporting that more than 400 German tanks had been destroyed while the nazis were claiming 477 Russian machines knocked out. Such an aim was suggested moreover by the fact that all Russian accounts pictured the major action as against highways in the German network across the Ukraine.

From Moscow it was reported that Timoshenko's main force was approaching one such highway, while his Cossacks were cutting at the German flanks and occupying a town described as large but not otherwise identified, and dispatches to London stated that it actually had got a footing there.

The German commander, Von Boek, was said to be employing his paratroopers for defensive rather than offensive purposes—dropping them in an effort to relieve small detachments of encircled ground troops—and to be (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Total Gasoline Ration Looms

Roosevelt and WPB Indicate Action to Save Tires, Fuel

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—A nationwide gasoline rationing by July 1 to slow down automobile wheels estimated to be wearing out irreplaceable rubber at the rate of 250,000 pounds a day arose Tuesday as a distinct possibility.

President Roosevelt indicated at his press conference that country-wide rationing was being considered and immediately after he had spoken, word came from war production board sources that the board had directed Joseph B. Eastman's office of defense transportation, in consultation with Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickes and Price Administrator Leon Henderson, to draft plans for such a step.

If the plan is definitely adopted, July 1 would be the logical date for its inauguration since that is the time the stop-gap rationing system now in effect in the 17 eastern states is scheduled to be replaced by a permanent program to last probably for the war's duration. The war production board was (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Gilbert Again Health Head

Commissioner Describes Health Problem in Portland Area

Tinkham Gilbert was reelected president of the Marion county public health association at the annual dinner meeting here Tuesday night.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Levi Miller, Hubbard, first vice-president; Mrs. A. DeJardin, Gervais, second vice-president Mrs. Elsie Whiteaker, Turner, secretary; and Dr. A. Terrence King, Salem, treasurer. Members of the nominating committee were Dr. David B. Hill, T. M. Hicks and Mrs. Glenn Stealey.

Fred Peterson, city commissioner of Portland, in addressing the group pointed out that throughout Oregon "our health problems are everybody else's and what's good for Marion county is good for Multnomah county." Today there are 40,000 more people in the city of Portland than a year ago and by January, 1943, it is anticipated there will be 101,000 workers. The influx of this many people to Portland may (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Gasoline Ration Signup Extended

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—Oregon motorists have an additional day to register for gasoline rationing, Richard G. Montgomery, Oregon OPA administrator, said Tuesday.

In addition to May 28 and 29, set originally, registration will be permitted May 30. The same extension has been made in Washington.