

# Russians Capture 5 Towns in Steady Drive

## The Yanks Are There -- Ready to Fight

## Japs To Work Farms

### 400 Leave Portland For Farms

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20—(AP)—In its first such order of the war, the army Wednesday night authorized the release of 400 Japanese from a Pacific coast resettlement center to take jobs under a newly-created work corps for Japanese.

Lieut.-Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the fourth army, announced that 200 Japanese left Wednesday from Portland, Ore., to take jobs in Malheur county, Ore., and another 200 would follow them on Friday.

While the army did not specify the type of work the Japanese would do, it was recalled that Oregon's Gov. Charles A. Sprague had appealed to the army for Japanese to ease a critical labor shortage in the wheat harvest.

The war relocation authority announced the creation of a war relocation work corps in which all Japanese over 16 years of age may enlist.

Enlistment in the work corps is entirely voluntary, and all evacuees over 16 years of age who are employable, both men and women, may apply, the authority said. These obligations were listed:

- 1-The enlistee must agree to serve as a member of the corps until two weeks after the end of the war.
  - 2-He must swear loyalty to the United States and agree to perform faithfully all tasks assigned to him.
- The army also was concerned with the morale problem arising from keeping large numbers of Japanese evacuees in enforced idleness in the camps.
- The works corps voluntary enlistment policy and the opportunity offers to loyal Americans of Japanese descent offers a remedy for both farm labor shortage.
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## City Leaders Discuss War

GRANTS PASS, May 20—(AP)—Wartime problems and their effect on municipalities occupied the attention of the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Finance Officers' association as they opened their joint convention here Wednesday.

Mayor W. W. Chadwick and C. E. Guenther, manager of the city water department, are representing Salem at the Grants Pass meeting of the League of Oregon Cities. Mayor M. J. Butler of Independence made the trip south with them for the league session.

## Ration Plans Ready

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) announced Wednesday the OPA had notified him there would be no shortage of sale of gasoline during registration for rationing in Oregon next week.

McNary added that an Oregon motorist away from the state during next week's registration would be able to register any time in June at any rationing board in the state.

California motorists in Oregon, he said, would have to register

OTTAWA, May 20—(AP)—Municipalities Minister C. D. Howe announced in the house of commons Wednesday that no oils will be available for heating anywhere in Canada next winter.

The same as Oregon residents to get gas to return home. The senator said gasoline sales in the state would not be cur-



Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle (right) takes a look at some of the American troops arriving in a large convoy at a North Ireland port. Shipload after shipload of American troops equipped for offensive fighting—thousands of them with tanks and artillery—have arrived

in North Ireland to reinforce the already big United States force there. This picture was radioed from London to New York and speeded by airmail to The Statesman.

## Canning Sugar Is Liberalized

### One Pound for Each Four Quarts of Fruit Allowed

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Sugar allotments for home canning were liberalized Wednesday night.

Under a new regulation, home canners will be entitled to one pound of sugar for every four quarts of canned fruit, and an additional pound of sugar for each member of the family to make jams, jellies, preserves and fruit butters.

Previous regulations restricted each sugar ration cardholder to five pounds for home canning. If this amount has already been used in putting up early fruits and berries, it must be computed in any new canning allotment.

The liberalization was made, Price Administrator Leon Henderson said, to conserve fruit which might otherwise be wasted and to supplement commercially canned supplies, thereby reducing the burden on transportation facilities.

The much smaller allotment for jams and preserves was deliberately figured, OPA said, to encourage home canning instead of preserving, because the amount of sugar required per can of fruit is less in canning than in jam-making or preserving.

Henderson urged consumers to apply only for the minimum amount needed immediately.

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## Allied Bombers Hit Koepang; British To Plan Bigger Raids

### Two Japanese Planes Are Destroyed, Fires Started; RAF Shows Fire Bombs on Mannheim Industries

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 21—(Thursday) (AP)—Allied bombers destroyed two grounded Japanese planes, damaged the runway and started large fires Wednesday night in an attack on Koepang, Dutch Timor, and also attacked military objectives in Dili harbor in the Portuguese half of the occupied island.

A communique from General MacArthur's headquarters also said four of 12 Japanese fighter planes were damaged when intercepted by allied planes during a strafing attack on the Port Moresby, New Guinea, airbase.

LONDON, May 20—(AP)—Forty thousand incendiary bombs and "great loads" of the biggest explosives from hundreds of bombers were showered upon the German industrial center of Mannheim Tuesday night, the British said Wednesday, and even greater attacks employing up to 1000 RAF and American bombers planned for a night were promised for the aerial offensive against the Reich.

Air ministry quarters said the 40,000 fire bombs were dropped by one detachment of four-motored Stirlings, leaving hundreds of fires for the succeeding waves of Halifaxes, Lancasters, Manchester and Wellingtons with their "heaviest high explosive bombs" to shoot at.

Intelligence reports quoting the raiders said the destruction in the big chemical, armament and engine building center reminded them of Germany's ruined Baltic port of Rostock.

It was the 54th raid on Mannheim, a city of 283,000, and the first against Germany since the weather forced a lull in Britain's air offensive 11 days ago.

Lifting the curtain on the plans for this offensive, authoritative quarters said they were building up to the point where 1000 bombers would be sent against Germany.

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## Installation Begun Of Traffic Lights

Installation of semi-actuating light traffic signals at the intersection of Capitol and Center streets was commenced Wednesday by employees of the state highway department. The signals are a joint project of city and state, each paying half, as they mark an intersection of one of the city's principally traveled streets and the Pacific highway north.

## Goering Tells Germans Why

### Russian Fight Called 'Hardest,' Marshal Gives Medals

BERLIN—(From German Broadcasts)—May 20—(AP)—Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering told German war workers Wednesday night that "this war is the hardest Germany has had to fight," and that during the terrible winter campaign in Russia "the Fuehrer suffered deeply for his troops, but he knew he must not yield."

Awarding medals to a group of armament workers, miners, and farmers for distinguished service, Goering explained the reason for the nearly year-old offensive against Russia thus:

"Russia's entry into Rumania and Finland showed that she intended to put Germany between two pincers and pounce upon her while she was still engaged in a life and death struggle in the west. The Fuehrer decided that it was necessary to strike first."

(The BBC version as heard by CBS said that Goering prefaced his ceremonial speech by saying: "Nobody must think that the ceremony meant that they could sit back and celebrate," and that he concluded by asking the Almighty's blessing on Hitler because it was unthinkable that providence had raised this man from such obscure beginnings only to push Germany back into the abyss.)

Tuesday's Weather  
Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. Max. temp. Tuesday, 74, Min., 55.

## Yunnan's Front Is Drenched

### Hope Rain Will Aid Defense of One of Fronts

CHUNGKING, May 20—(AP)—A heavy downpour, perhaps the beginning of the months-long summer rainy season, drenched the southwestern Burma-Yunnan battlefields Wednesday as China hastily strengthened defenses along the Indo-China border to the south and fought to stem the Japanese offensive on the eastern coast in Chekiang.

The Chinese looked to the rain as an ally which might fill the roads with landslides, wash out bridges, ravage Japanese camps with malaria and hold up for months the invaders' advance through the mountainous, sparsely populated southwestern zone.

No military action was reported at all Wednesday from that area, where at last accounts the Chinese had thrown back the Japanese along the Burma road at the Salween in Yunnan and fought a series of bitter battles 250 miles to the south along the Thailand frontier.

But the Chinese press said Japanese forces in Burma had been raised to six or seven divisions—close to 150,000 men and about 50,000 higher than previous estimates.

In Chekiang, the Japanese, who had gathered a surprising force from the garrisons of Hangchow, Nanking and Shanghai for a new offensive, continued to sweep southward.

With planes bombing a path ahead, the Japanese had reached the Tung river, some distance beyond Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, and in a parallel drive about 40 miles to the east of the line had taken Chenghsien and Changchiao. The latter point is about 70 miles southeast of Hangchow.

The Chinese were putting up strong resistance. Japanese planes also bombed various points in Kiangsi and Kwangsi provinces, concentrating particularly on Wweilin, capital of the latter.

(The British in India announced that RAF action in Burma was increasing "in scale and frequency.")

## 1st Delinquent Notices out

First of several hundred notices to delinquent personal property tax payers in Marion county will be mailed today, T. J. Brabec, deputy in charge of Sheriff A. C. Burke's tax department, announced Wednesday.

The notices are being sent under terms of a 1941 law intended to stop the leak in tax collections that for years has left many personal property levies merely a book entry at the courthouse.

The notices will advise the delinquents that if they do not pay up promptly, the tax department will issue warrants. Under the new law personal property taxes may be made a lien on any property.

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## Sightseeing Busses Banned

### Rubber Saving Rule Imposed on Most Charter Tours

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—To save the rubber used in rubber-tying, the government Wednesday banned the use of busses for sightseeing tours and imposed rigid restrictions on the chartering of special busses.

The regulations, effective June 1, permit busses to be chartered only for the use of troops, workers, school children and teachers and religious worshippers or for evacuating a danger area.

The chartering of busses for picnics or other recreational purposes was forbidden. Golfers and other sportsmen in the east have been chartering busses lately in view of the gasoline rationing.

The order was issued by Joseph B. Eastman's office of defense transportation. Eastman estimated that sightseeing and charter busses traveled 21,000,000 miles last year and used about 126,000 pounds of crude rubber. The order is intended to preserve the tires on these busses, Eastman explained, "so that they will be available for operations essential to the war production program."

## Attack on Nazi Planned

LONDON, May 20—(AP)—Britain intends to make "a carefully planned attack" against the Nazi-held continent, the government assured the house of commons Wednesday, but until such an attack can be prepared it regards the continued bombing of Germany as its best contribution to the common war effort.

Speaking in the absence of Prime Minister Churchill, Sir Stafford Cripps, lord privy seal and government leader in the house, said that bombing Germany is the best way of assisting Russia "until such time as we are able to make a carefully planned attack upon the continent of Europe, which we intend to do."

Concluding a two-day war de-

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## Our Senators

Lost

13-12

(SPOKANE TONIGHT)

## Nazis Stop Phone Calls To Swedes

STOCKHOLM, May 21 (Thursday) —(AP)— Telephone communication between Sweden and Germany was cut off by Berlin Wednesday night without explanation.

It was the second recent disruption of telephone calls between the two countries. The service was cut for nine hours May 9-10 and at that time Berlin hinted mysteriously that "good news is appearing in due time."

International telephone disruptions are favorite devices when Germany is playing a war of nerves on a neutral. The nazis periodically stopped telephoning between the reich and Russia for a month before they lunged at the reds last June 22.

## Growers Told Aid Probable

### Government May Act To Prevent Losses From Price Freezes

Berry growers and packers may anticipate early federal government action to spare them from losses occasioned by price freezing orders, if they proceed with harvesting and processing of the ripening crops, Edmond F. Maher, regional price representative for the office of price administration, told a grower-packer committee here Wednesday.

The group, named following a protest meeting Monday night involving the price order, discussed a to-the-grower price for strawberries but withheld announcement of the figure.

Maher, predicting a program similar to one now being formulated to aid vegetable growers would be worked out soon, said he hoped to have definite information to report to the berry men within 48 hours.

Prices fixed by the OPA on preserves and other processed berries, it was agreed at Wednesday.

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## Martinique Ships to Be Immobilized

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)— A satisfactory agreement for immobilizing merchant, as well as naval vessels under the French flag at Martinique has been largely worked out, chairman Connolly (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee, told reporters Wednesday.

Connolly said negotiations were carried on entirely with Admiral Georges Robert at Martinique and that the Vichy government had not participated. The chairman did not elaborate immediately on details, saying that "in the main," the agreement had been worked out.

At the same time Secretary Hull, at a press conference, said that the warships at Martinique which are being demobilized have already been effectively immobilized by the removal of fuel oil.

Only enough oil was left in their tanks, Hull said, to operate their electric lighting systems and other minor installations, and they therefore are incapable of putting out to sea.

## Mrs. James T. Matthews Passes

Mrs. James T. Matthews, 76, known to many generations of Willamette university students almost solely through the stories of her girlhood and courtship in earlier days of that institution, died Wednesday night at a Salem hospital four hours after she had been removed there from her home. Wednesday afternoon, although she had been feeling ill for several days, she worked among the flowers at her home, 1393 South 12th street.

For many years Mrs. Matthews had lived quietly. Seldom seen in public, she was, nevertheless, recognized as a part of campus life, as that "Rebecca," the sweet young woman who married the man now the "grand old man" of the pioneer university. Stories of the childhood they had shared in the Willapa bay country, their courtship on the Willamette campus, later incidents of home life woven into the addresses of Dr. James T. Matthews have be-



MRS. J. T. MATTHEWS  
came a part of Willamette's tradition. Born in California, Rebecca

## Check Nazis' Drive

### Soviet Denies Claim Kerch All Taken

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The Russian offensive against Kharkov and its Ukrainian hinterland Thursday was still slowly and ponderously rolling forward and there were accumulating indications that Marshal Timoshenko had caught Hitler seriously off balance in this first great test of the spring campaign.

Fresh German reserves have been thrown against the soviet but five villages have been recaptured by the red army, and an attempted German counter-offensive 80 miles south of Kharkov in the Barvenkovskiyum sector has been checked, the dispatch said.

Never in nine days had the nazi command been able to beat the red armies down to halt. Berlin has tried to focus all attention not on the Kharkov front but 400 miles to the south down in the Crimea.

This was attempted by the German high command's repetition of its previous extraordinary claims that not one but three Soviet armies had been "annihilated" on the narrow Kerch peninsula in the Crimea and by its apparently studied announcement that Col. Gen. Baron Von Richthofen, one of the most pitiless and implacable of all German air officers, was now on that front.

This was in turn accompanied by the circulation of reports through Europe that Von Richthofen might try to hurl a parachute force of 100,000 men—this again a seemingly fantastic figure—across the Kerch strait into the Caucasus.

The view that Hitler had lunged in, the Crimea more for propaganda than for strategic reasons was put forward with considerable plausibility by the Russian Major General Nikolai Shuraviev, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Pass Overstayed; Sergeant Ready With Doghouse

FORT DEVENS, Mass., May 20—(AP)—First Sgt. Jack Young received a wire Wednesday from one of his men, a private who was overstaying a three-day pass.

"No alibi except weather and good time. Prepare doghouse. Arrive Friday" — so ran the honest private's message.

And with equal frankness Top Sergeant Young answered by telegram—collected: "Doghouse prepared. See you Friday, son."