

Churchill To Speak Today

World-wide Broadcast To Start at 1 p. m.; Significance Seen

LONDON, Sunday, March 21—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill will speak to his nation and the world at 9 p. m. (1 p. m. PWT) tonight in an address expected to outline allied prospects in the coming year, and which may contain hints of the promised invasion of Europe.

His radio address, to be delivered at the beginning of the usual mid-evening news program that has millions of British listeners every night, will be beamed to the United States and all the Allied Nations.

Churchill is expected to speak for nearly an hour. The broadcast time allows 75 minutes for the speech and news comment following.

The prime minister's address, the first to be delivered by radio to the entire nation since he went back on the air November 29 after the North African invasion to warn Italy to get out of the war or be knocked out, is expected to chart for Britons their duties and prospects in a promised year of offensive war.

It comes when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is visiting the United States, and Churchill may take the opportunity to clarify Britain's relations with its allies in war and in the peace to follow.

Britons will listen to his speech for a hint that the invasion of Europe may be near.

The prime minister's address also will be the first directly to the nation since his return from the momentous conferences at Casablanca, Adana in Turkey, and Cairo which are believed to have set the pattern for the allied victory strategy during the nine months ending next Armistice day. Churchill reported to commons on February 11, but tentative plans for a radio address later were halted by his recent illness.

His speech will be beamed to all countries by short wave, and relayed to the United States.

Observers said Churchill's speech might possibly touch upon: An elaboration of the recent announcement of the intensified campaign to defeat the U-boats, on which Hitler is relying heavily for eventual victory.

A report on the progress of the Tunisian campaign, which has been widely assumed to be lagging behind schedule, and the completion of which is regarded as an essential preliminary to a continental invasion.

An appreciation for the combined RAF-United States bombing offensive which has subjected German industry to the heaviest blasting in the history of warfare, and is popularly presumed to be laying a carpet of destruction in preparation for invasion.

Some hint of allied offensive ability during the coming months—but with no mention of the time or place.

A reaffirmation of the good will among the allies, with possibly a general statement on Britain's attitude towards post-war planning.

Ruml Plan Would Rob Peter, Says Adamant House Group

WASHINGTON, March 20—(AP)—The House ways and means committee majority contended Saturday on behalf of its administration-backed tax collection plan that revenue raising must rest on "true and tried" methods and that the Ruml skip-a-year proposal would:

1. Be "like robbing Peter to pay a bonus to Paul."
2. Constitute "gross violation of the principle of ability to pay."
3. Impede the war effort by damaging the morale of the armed forces.
4. Stimulate "the forces making for inflation."
5. Shift a part of the tax burden from the few at the upper income brackets to the many at the middle and lower brackets.

It contended that about 60 taxpayers with million dollar incomes would each receive a benefit of at least \$254,000 so that "at one stroke, the Ruml plan would add to their wealth more than

Help Farmer



COLUMBUS, O., March 20—(AP)—Gov. John W. Bricker said Saturday he would recommend the Ohio legislature memorialize congress for immediate action on resolutions adopted by 11 mid-western governors outlining steps they believed the federal government should take if agriculture is to meet record food production demands in 1943.

Junior Class Wins Glee

Seniors Second in Traditional Event; Sophomores Third

Juniors of Willamette university sang their way to first place in the 35th annual Freshman Glee Saturday night with their novelty song, "That's What We Found at WU."

Second place honors of the annual interclass song competition went to seniors, with sophomores taking third and freshmen hanging their heads in humility for their fourth place.

Dr. W. Herman Clark awarded the banner to the junior class, whose song, written by Ray Short of Emmett, Ida., placed first for words, third for music and ranked first for presentation. Formation leaders Dix Moser of Tenino, Wash., and Hollis Huston of Burley, Idaho, took bows with pianists Barbara Dieffendorf of Portland and Earline Gleason of Salem for winning honors. The class had not won before. It placed third last year and fourth the year before.

"Bearcat Blues," written by Jean Jackson of Astoria and Betty (Turn to Page 2, Story C)

'City of Flint' Torpedoed

WASHINGTON, March 20—(AP)—An axis torpedo ended the colorful career of the renowned little freighter, City of Flint, last January in mid-Atlantic, the navy announced Saturday.

Seventeen men were lost of a crew of 65 aboard the vessel that once involved four governments in a heated controversy and whose capture by a German warship before the United States entered the war, was credited with helping to shape American neutrality legislation, since repeated.

Blast Rocks Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, March 20—(AP)—A thunderous explosion, apparently set off by the ignition of pent-up sewer gas, wrecked underground power lines and plunged much of downtown Indianapolis into darkness tonight.

No casualties were reported, although the blast shook hotels and other downtown establishments and shattered window panes over an area of several blocks.

Downtown theaters were thrown into darkness and many traffic signals ceased to operate.

Officials of the Indianapolis power and light company said that underground cables carrying direct current had caught fire and were burning over an area of a half-mile. The master transformer at an substation several blocks away caught fire and was destroyed.

Strike Ban Bill Ready Says Mott

Congressmen Warn Of Consequences Of Coal Tie-up

WASHINGTON, March 20—(AP)—A number of congressmen of both major parties are watching contract negotiation between John L. Lewis and bituminous coal mine operators, expressed the view Saturday night that any walkout by the miners would be followed swiftly by legislation to outlaw strikes for the duration.

In fact Rep. Mott (R-Ore.) reported that a bill for this purpose already has been prepared, to be introduced if developments warrant. He declined to outline its details or to identify the author.

"Congress is not disposed to let strikes interfere with the war effort," Mott told interviewers. "A coal strike would have a disastrous effect upon that effort, and definite action by congress will be taken if such a strike occurs."

House Minority Leader Martin asserted that "A strike at this time would intensify the demand for corrective legislation," while Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.) democratic whip and a ranking member of the house labor committee, asserted:

"It would inevitably stir congress into acting on labor legislation if there is actually a strike, unquestionably restrictive labor legislation will be considered."

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) likewise observed that "I think a coal strike would surely result in legislation dealing with the whole situation. As far as I'm concerned, I'd outlaw all strikes against the government in time of war—and by that I mean strikes against industry engaged in war production."

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Britons Buck Japs in Burma

NEW DELHI, March 20—(AP)—The British Indian army appeared Saturday night to have absorbed the force of a determined Japanese counterattack and was moving back against Donbaik, north of Akyab, in the wake of a punishing naval bombardment which had started numerous fires in the enemy jungle stronghold.

"Fighting continues in the Arakan district," a communique from Marshal Wavell said. "In the Mayu peninsula our forward troops have made progress toward Donbaik."

The coastal naval forces were challenged by Japanese shore guns but escaped without damage or casualty.

Donbaik lies about due west of Rathaung, 25 miles north of the shallow water port of Akyab, across the Mayu river. It is at the tip of the Mayu peninsula.

Kiska, Munda Struck Again

WASHINGTON, March 20—(AP)—Army bombers of the Japanese command, allowing the Japanese garrison on Kiska no peace, plastered the enemy base there with explosives twice on Thursday, the navy reported Saturday.

These raids, the 18th and 19th made on Kiska this month, were carried out by Liberator heavy and Mitchell medium bombers protected by Lightning fighter escorts. All the aircraft returned. Results were not observed.

The communique also reported that in the south Pacific a force of Wildcat fighters strafed Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island in the central Solomons Saturday (Solomon time) and all planes returned.

There was no mention of enemy resistance to the American aerial assaults in either the north or south Pacific.

Bolstered Nazis Fail To Gain

Red Armies Fight Hand to Hand in Lake Ilmen Area

LONDON, March 20—(AP)—Russian troops braced along the Donets river below Kharkov against ceaseless attacks killed 800 Germans and smashed 15 tanks, while in the north Moscow announced Saturday night that the red army had scored fresh gains in hand-to-hand fighting south of Lake Ilmen and captured additional localities in the push on smolensk.

German tanks loaded with tommy guns attempted to break into one populated place in the Chuguev sector, 22 miles southeast of Kharkov, but "struck our minefield and were blown up," said the midnight bulletin recorded by the soviet monitor.

Thus the Russians indicated that their southern lines were holding firm under repeated onslaughts by reinforced German troops, while the armies of the center, and northwest continued to gain despite deepening mud caused by a thaw.

The German radio claimed the capture of Chuguev, which is on the western or lower bank of the Donets, and also Svesk, 170 miles northwest of Kharkov, but this was not confirmed by the Russian communique.

A total of 3220 Germans were killed during Friday's operations, the noon and midnight communique disclosed.

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SEATTLE, March 20—(AP)—R. Dudley Pope, Seattle parachute inventor and civilian employe of the Sand Point naval air station, was killed Saturday when two chutes he was wearing failed to open during a 10,000-foot experimental jump.

The 13th naval district announced the death at Arlington, north of Seattle.

An experimental parachute of Pope's own design, which was to have opened at 2000 feet finally puffed out about 75 feet from the ground, onlookers said. A standard chute, carried for emergency, likewise failed to open.

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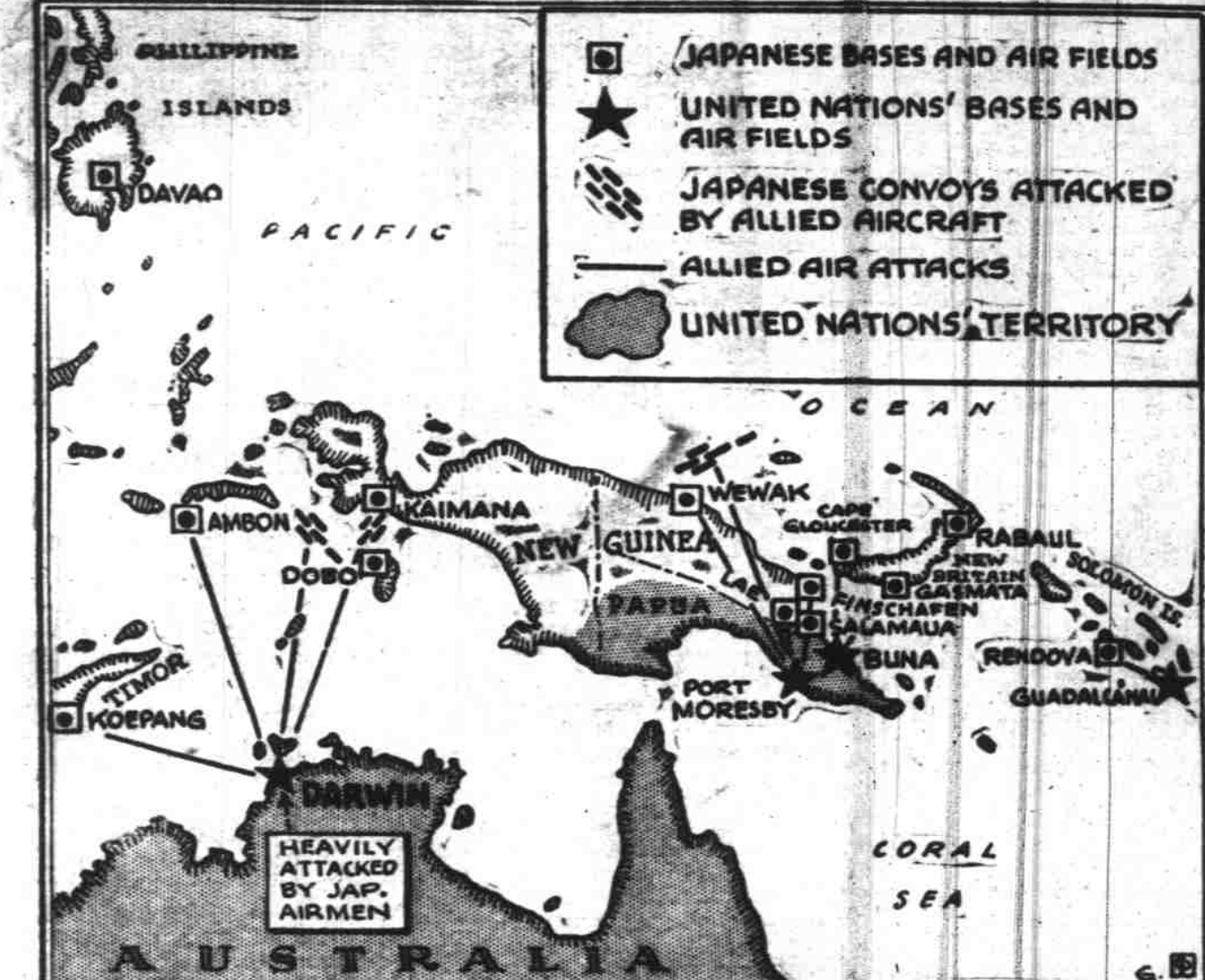
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Allied Bombers Hit Two More Jap Ships; Russ Hold in South, Advance in North

Where Allied Airmen Harass Jap Bases



Allied military commanders' increasing pressure from the air against Japanese island strongpoints is emphasized by this map showing recent attacks on Jap ships, United Nations bases and Nip bases in the area. They warn at the same time of Japanese moves to bring reinforcements. Allied raids Friday and Saturday struck at Ambon area, Finschafen, Rabaul.—International.

French Rebel Rumors Grow

Lack of Food and Arms Hamper Some; Others Reported Massing

IN THE FRENCH FRONTIER IN SWITZERLAND, March 20—(AP)—Lack of food, arms and adequate leadership have driven a number of French patriots down from the hills of the Haute Savoie region where they took refuge in an effort to escape the Nazi forced labor program, but reports persisted Saturday night that a substantial portion of them had succeeded in reaching organized insurgent bands which were said to be waiting an opportune moment to strike.

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WAACs Forget Housekeeping, Lose Passes

FORT JACKSON, SC, March 20—(AP)—The WAACs at Fort Jackson did not set off the reservation Saturday. Not that they had anything against nearby Columbia. They just couldn't go to town, literally or figuratively.

They were restricted.

The Fort Jackson WAACs, 100 per cent of that sex which down through the ages has been housekeepers of the world, were restricted because their barracks did not pass inspection.

Boston Oxygen Plant Explodes

BOSTON, March 20—(AP)—Earth-rocking explosions, believed to have been set off by a tiny spark and a furnace-hot fire left the two-story oxygen and acetylene gas manufacturing plant of the Air Reduction Sales company in ruins Saturday night, with the loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Terrific blasts sent oxygen tanks shooting 30 feet into the air, with one puncturing a house more than 200 yards away. All available ambulances, extra police and firemen were rushed to the Dorchester area, where the plant was situated. It was engaged in war production.

Most of the workers were outside the plant for the lunch hour when the first explosion occurred.

Liberty Gun Crew Downs Eight Planes, Hits and Explodes 'Fish,' Chases Sub

WASHINGTON, March 20—(AP)—The navy gun crew aboard the Liberty ship William Moultrie shot down eight German planes, damaged 12 others, drove away a submarine and scored a direct hit on a torpedo, causing it to explode, during a recent voyage to an allied port, the navy reported Saturday.

The Moultrie, due to the gallant fighting, made the trip unharmed. She was one of a convoy which was under almost uninterrupted attack from the air and from under the sea for a week.

Ensign Jeremiah T. Mahoney, 25, New York City, was awarded the silver star medal for his leadership of the crew and all 24 members of his outfit received letters of commendation from the navy department.

"A brilliant victory over enemy bombers and submarines, scored by skillful and courageous navy armed guard crews, has enabled another American merchant vessel to carry a valuable cargo of military supplies to an allied nation," the navy account said.

Rains Calm Tunisia Front

Patton's Divisions Consolidating Hold On Gafsa, Guetar

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 20—(AP)—A calm brought on by heavy rains in the north and center and dust storms in the south settled over the Tunisian front Saturday while Lt. Gen. Patton's American divisions consolidated their holds on Gafsa and El Guetar, 60 miles from the German life line skirting the east coast.

But the end of the rainy season was at hand in north Africa, and the opposing armies utilized the lull as best they could to wheel up supplies and shells for what may be the decisive battle of the whole campaign.

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The communique said a Lancaster bomber also dropped explosives on a railway target at Leer, in northwest Germany, during a dawn reconnaissance flight.

All the aircraft returned safely, the air ministry said.

Awarded Cluster

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 21—(AP)—The oak leaf cluster, in lieu of a second distinguished flying cross, was awarded Saturday to 15 officers and men for extraordinary achievement in flying more than 200 hours on operational missions.

Those decorated included: First Lieutenant Ritchie Goch, Blackfoot, Ida.; and Tech. Sgt. Stanley Jackola, Portland, Ore.

Far-Flung Missions Effected

Cargo Ships Hurt; Fires Set in Port; Naval Base Struck

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, March 21—(AP)—Allied bombers, continuing their incessant attacks on Japanese positions above Australia, scored hits on two ships off northwest New Guinea Saturday, and attacked a third vessel which was moving under a small naval escort toward Rabaul, New Britain.

These successes were announced in the noon communique, while other reports indicated there might have been a second submarine in Lae harbor Friday when allied bombers destroyed one U-boat there. There was no report, however, that this second submarine was struck. The submarine that was sunk was of large size, with barges clustered about it to take its cargo ashore.

In Saturday's actions, a B-25 Mitchell bomber scored a direct hit on a 10,000-ton merchantman about 25 miles east of Cape Vandenbosch in Dutch New Guinea, and followed it up with a vicious strafing attack.

A Liberator on reconnaissance found a small group of vessels moving off the Gazelle peninsula toward Rabaul, picked out a 6,000-ton ship and attacked it, but the results were not observed.

Madang, facing Astrolabe bay on the north coast of New Guinea, above Lae, was visited by a heavy bomber which attacked Japanese installations on nearby Beliao island.

Below there at Finschafen, New Guinea, on the Huon peninsula 60 miles from Lae, fires were started among buildings by heavy bombers.

After dusk Saturday, heavy allied bombers roared over the town of Ambon on the island north of Darwin, Australia, dropping 500-pound bombs and incendiaries but clouds prevented observation of results.

Ambon was a big Dutch naval base seized by the Japanese.

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