

# Germans Fear Raids Start Of Invasion

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quent." The spokesmen were quoted as saying "we have no illusions any more about sleeping undisturbed."

LONDON, March 30.—(AP)—Extensive preparations for the promised allied invasion of Europe were taking shape Tuesday in an offensive amphibious assault on the coast of France.

Herbert Morrison, home secretary and minister of home security, announced in commons that authorities had taken an option on the coastal strip in anticipation of the possible "use of this country as a base for offensive operations" and said that beginning Thursday it would become a restricted area.

Although the allies have massed the best-trained and best-equipped military force ever assembled on this side of the English channel, the time and place of the invasion remains the most closely guarded military secret in Britain.

The opinion in some well-informed quarters of the United States that a successful end to the Tunisian campaign would be the signal for an immediate assault on Hitler's European fortress itself is a matter of dispute here.

At home, Prime Minister Churchill's declaration that he and President Roosevelt had drafted complete plans for the nine months ending next Armistice day encouraged the belief here that the invasion of Europe will be undertaken this summer.

Americans must not presume that large US field forces are waiting in Britain to spring on the continent. Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of American troops in the European theatre of operations, and other generals have indicated that the principal United States effort here will be concentrated in the air.

Canadian troops long have been eager for battle and the British obviously are at a high peak in both training and numbers. The RAF is gradually enforcing its superiority upon the harassed and depleted Luftwaffe.

Ground and air cooperation demonstrably has reached a high level in the western desert and in Tunisia. News of great strides in glider and parachute training and equipment is leaking out gradually.

New weapons such as tank-busting planes and tractor-mounted guns are coming into use. The all-out air offensive is being hailed as the prelude to invasion.

But despite the report of A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, Tuesday of a 2,000,000-ton gain in shipping tonnage, the U-boat still has not been subdued and Churchill placed that first among the British-American objectives—even before invasion.

Russians blunt Nazi offense. On the important Smolensk front west of Moscow, now bogged in a heavy struggle, the Russian drive nevertheless pushed slowly but steadily ahead with the capture of another "strongly-fortified populated place" in the long-prepared defense semi-circle guarding the Nazi base.

The Russians did not mention the Kuban area of the Caucasus, where the German high command said the red army had renewed heavy assaults, nor the northeastern fronts south of Lake Ladoga, where the Nazis said the Soviet armies also were on the offensive in force.

State Bike Ration 1086 in March. SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—(AP)—There will be 14,131 new bicycles for rationing in five western states in April, the OPA regional office announced Tuesday.

The national quota is 88,200, against 87,100 in March. Bicycles are rationed to persons doing work essential to the war effort and to students who need them for transportation to school.

Coast Warnings Up. SEATTLE, March 30.—(AP)—The US weather bureau reported the hoisting of storm warnings at 10 a. m. Tuesday along the Washington coast and at the mouth of the Columbia river.

2nd Bomber Missing. EPHRATA, Wash., March 30.—(AP)—A widepread aerial search for a missing army bomber plane was being conducted Tuesday out of the Ephrata air base, which Monday dispatched another four-engine plane that crashed, killing its crew of 11.

Portland Plane Sought. OREGON CITY, March 30.—(AP)—A twin-engine army pursuit plane from the Portland air base, missing since last Friday, was sought Tuesday in this area.

# Gilmore Finds US Equipment Well-Tested in Russian War

MOSCOW, March 30.—(AP)—United States transport equipment is receiving its greatest test of the war as the whole Soviet-German front, a mass of mud and slush, challenges man's machinery.

Last year some American trucks and jeeps took part in the spring fighting under severe conditions, but American-made trucks in use then were few compared to the number here now.

Russian generals have said United States trucks bore the main burden in the offensive southwest of Stalingrad, on the Don and in the drives in the Ukraine. It is reasonable to assume they still are playing the same role.

I live not far from a road which connects with the front and day after day I see long trains of trucks with familiar American names going to and returning from the front.

A group of 20 stopped near the house and the drivers were awaiting arrival of a commander for further orders when I asked, "how are your trucks behaving in this mud?"

"Very good," said one fellow enthusiastically. "They go everywhere, so far."

I told the driver I was an American newsman. "Then you tell your people many thanks for these trucks. Tell them they may be foreigners but they quickly are making themselves at home in our mud," he said.

Approximately 50,000 heavy trucks and about 20,000 jeeps are being used in Russia.

# State Draft Heads Meet

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Reports that a revision in draft classifications is impending were spurred Tuesday with the disclosure that state selective service directors will meet here next week.

The conference could serve for discussion of proposed revisions or for explanation of some already decided upon, but national headquarters said merely that the meeting would be the regular annual get-together for exchange of information and ideas.

Nevertheless, reports persisted that a revision would put childless married men and father into separate classifications and lift the ban against induction of the latter.

Instructions permitting the drafting of fathers with children are expected soon since several states have reported they must begin calling this group about July to meet quotas.

Changes may center around the 3-B classification, which now includes both childless men and fathers.

# Reasonable Sugar For Home Canning Assured by OPA

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Home food canners were assured a reasonable amount of sugar for canning this summer by Prentiss Brown, in a letter to Rep. Brown (D-Ohio) which was made public Tuesday.

The price administrator's assistants immediately interpreted the letter as meaning that not only would the home canners be able to get sugar but that they would not have to pay in ration coupons as well as with cash for what they get.

"The OPA is working on a program which will govern issuance of sugar for home canning," the letter said. "While details of this program are not ready for release at this time, I can assure you that reasonable amounts of sugar will be made available for the requirements of home canners of fruits and vegetables."

OPA technicians have suggested that from 8 to 12 canned goods points be taken from ration books for each pound of sugar sold, but Prentiss Brown's aides interpreted the letter as indicating the price chief had vetoed the suggestion.

# Explosion Kills Eight Army Men

CAMP SWIFT, Tex., March 30.—(AP)—One lieutenant and seven enlisted men of an engineering regiment were killed, an enlisted man was seriously injured, and four others less seriously injured in an explosion here Tuesday, Col. L. A. Kurtz, camp commander, announced.

Col. Kurtz said the explosion occurred during demolition exercises inside the reservation, about four miles from the main camp.

Names of the casualties will be announced after the next of kin have been notified. The details will be given when a board of officers completes its investigation, Col. Kurtz said.

# 2nd Bomber Missing

EPHRATA, Wash., March 30.—(AP)—A widepread aerial search for a missing army bomber plane was being conducted Tuesday out of the Ephrata air base, which Monday dispatched another four-engine plane that crashed, killing its crew of 11.

The bomber left the base Monday morning on a routine training flight and had not been heard from since it reported to the base by radio a short time later.

# Lone Bomber Turns Back 4 Destroyers

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vy bombs, causing great damage and starting many fires. Barges and boats in the harbor were also effectively machine-gunned. The enemy made no attempt at interception.

"It is believed that any attempt to deliver supplies failed." The Hun gun enemy bases of Lae and Salamaua were pounded by allied bombers while some 200 miles to the southeast at Oro bay enemy planes were active for the third straight day.

Three Japanese planes dropped 10 bombs "harmlessly in the bay." Above Finschhafen, an allied heavy bomber bombed and strafed barges and personnel along the coast in the vicinity of Madang.

Between Madang and Finschhafen, coastal trails were strafed. In a series of activities around the island of New Britain, an enemy coastal vessel was bombed to the bottom of Rottock bay.

Another coastal vessel was bombed off Ubili. Elsewhere on the island, the Cape Oxford coastal area was strafed and the airdrome at Gasmata took a thousand bombs which started fires.

Off New Britain in the Bismarck sea, a heavy allied bomber on reconnaissance "shadowing enemy shipping" was attacked on three different occasions by formations "up to nine enemy fighters."

"In a series of running dog-fights, our plane shot four enemy machines out of combat, finally completing its mission and returning safely to base."

# P-51 Becomes Bomber Too

INGLEWOOD, Calif., March 30.—(AP)—New death-dealing qualities have been instilled into the P-51 Mustang fighter, North American Aviation announced Tuesday, and it is now being produced as a ground attack plane and dive bomber as well.

J. H. Kindelberger, North American president, said the new plane, known as the A-36, retains the familiar lines of the Mustang fighter, and is the fastest dive-bomber in the world.

The A-36, he said, has a flying speed of more than 400 miles an hour, can dive on a target at a terrific rate, blast enemy installations or troops with bombs, then soar into the sky and battle it out on even terms with the best of the fighters.

The ship is powered with a 12-cylinder Allison engine, and engineers said that less than 200 pounds in dive-bombing equipment was added to the normal gross weight of the fighter version.

Use of steel for small arms ammunition long has been attempted but no manufacturer succeeded in producing a steel cartridge that would meet war department tests until the Evansville plant delivered.

# Jane Huston Wins Contest

MONMOUTH, March 30.—(AP)—Winners in the regions two and three oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion and held at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth were Jane Huston, unopposed, of Salem high school, region three, and Roy Dancer, McMinnville, region two.

Miss Huston took as her topic, "Keeping Faith," based on the 19th amendment to the constitution, relating to women's suffrage, while Dancer chose "The Constitution and the Fifth Freedom."

Runners-up were Virginia Mincant, of St. Helens and Richard Smurk of Beaverton. Judges were Ivan Milhous, E. A. Stebbins and Mrs. E. F. Barrows of the OCE faculty.

# Price to Farmers Climbs in March

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The general level of prices received by farmers advanced four points between mid-February and mid-March to reach 182 per cent of the 1909-14 average and the same level that prevailed in mid-January, the agriculture department reported Tuesday.

The price level had declined four points between mid-January and mid-February.

The department said prices of all groups of farm products moved upward during the month ended March 15. Fruit prices led the upturn with a 16 point increase.

Grain rose five points but was still only about 89 per cent of parity. Increases in prices received for all meat animals raised the index for this group four points over mid-February and 38 points higher than a year ago.

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# ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

This recipe for rationing (shoe leather or gasoline) came to me by remote control from an elderly hunter in the Lebanon area.

Now, hunters, unlike fishermen are given to telling the truth when they are not talking about bear hunts. They are, without doubt, the greatest kitchen romancers known to civilization.

Seated before a crackling fire, they speak with authority on things culinary. And standing over an outdoor fire they don't do such a bad job with the flap-jacks, the venison liver and the salt pork.

The huntsman who told the story is, as I have mentioned, getting along in years. Stalking his game some three miles away from the highway, the hunter heard himself being stalked.

Now, I'm an admirer of the state police; I like the way their game wardens handle business, but I'm not at all without sympathy with the thing this particular hunter did.

First, he pretended he did not hear the man behind him. Second, he shot his deer—a fine young creature, but too heavy for the hunter's back.

Third, he looked surprised and was unable to find his hunting license when the warden asked to see it.

Fourth, when told to "Pack it out," he said to the warden "You want it? You pack it out." However, with the venison lashed to a pole, he did help the warden carry it out to the highway, where conveniently —

Fifth, the hunter found his license as they approached his car and nicely —

Sixth, he thanked the warden. I do hope that the warden got at least a steak. After all, the hunter believes in enforcing the law, else why would he have carried the license?

# Scouters Set Two Meetings

Scoutmasters and assistants of 18 Cherry City district troops and ships, comprising the Scoutmasters' Round Table, will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Rotary cabin at Leslie junior high school to complete plans for the council Camporee May 14, 15 and 16.

Leighton also announced that Thursday night at 8 o'clock troop committeemen of the Cherry City district will meet in the chamber of Commerce rooms to complete organization of the district.

Election of men to fill district positions will also be held Thursday night. Six positions are open, namely: advancement, camping, finance, health and safety, organization extension and leadership training.

# Toastmasters Elect Gille President

Albert H. Gille, administrative assistant to the state forester, was elected president Tuesday night at the Marion hotel. Other new officers chosen were D. J. McLellan, state reclamation engineer, vice president; Marvin Clatterbuck, superintendent of the state school for the deaf, secretary; Denver Young, chief criminal deputy sheriff, sergeant-at-arms, and Stephen C. C. Merger, retiring president, deputy governor.

The new officers will be installed next Tuesday night.

# Mrs. Topping Sues

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Gloria Baker Topping, society's former glamor girl, filed suit for divorce Tuesday against Lt. Henry J. Topping, jr., of the navy air force. Topping, heir to a large tin-plate fortune, was charged with mental cruelty.

# Idaho Rations Liquor

BOISE, Idaho, March 30.—(AP)—Liquor was ordered rationed in Idaho Tuesday, but the restrictions were too liberal to cause any immediate alcoholic drought.

Leland Rawson, superintendent of the state package agency system, said beginning April 5 individual purchases per week will be limited to a quart each of whiskey, gin, rum and liquor. Wine was not rationed.

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# US War Train Gets Supplies To Teheran

TEHERAN, Iran, March 30.—(AP)—The first all-American train carrying US war supplies to Russia has steamed into Teheran after a 650-mile journey from a Persian gulf port, where it was landed by Americans from American ships lying at American-built docks.

The train was operated to Teheran by American crews, and from here on to Russia will be under Soviet control.

Maj. Gen. Donald D. Connolly, commanding the Persian gulf service command, and Maj. Gen. A. N. Korolov, chief of Soviet transportation in Persia, greeted the train when it arrived.

Connolly expressed pleasure at handing the train over to the Russians, saying "it constitutes an all-American enterprise starting with the manufacture of supplies and continuing through sea and rail transportation to Teheran."

Loaded with thousands of tons of materials for the red army, the train pulled into Teheran yards Monday.

In the cab of the lead locomotive were Engineer Sgt. Howard Blair of Breckenridge, Minn., formerly a Great Northern fireman, and Cpl. Chester Clark of Muscatine, Iowa, formerly employed on the Muscatine line.

Receiving the train, General Korolov declared that "I'm glad to say the impact of the United States supplies is now being felt on the war front."

# Norway Nazis Hunt 'Antis'

STOCKHOLM, March 30.—(AP)—German police and soldiers have been dispatched into the rugged mountain districts of central and southern Norway, apparently to seek out saboteurs and other anti-Nazi groups now in hiding there, reliable reports from Norway said Tuesday night.

Traveling in three special trains, between 3000 and 4000 of the German occupation troops left Oslo on March 23 for the upland regions in Telemark and Buskerud provinces, these sources reported.

One train headed for Rjukan, where saboteurs recently were reported to have blasted the Norsk hydroelectric plant and where "a partial siege" was reported in effect.

A plausible reason for an increase in dissatisfaction throughout Norway is given in the underground Norwegian newspaper "Fri Fagbevegelse" (free trade unions).

This paper revealed that between 15 and 25 per cent of Norwegian labor now stays at home "because of illness," much of which is induced by undernourishment.

# Air Ace Foss To Take Rest

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Capt. Joseph J. Foss, marine corps fighter pilot who destroyed 26 Japanese planes in three months of fighting in the Solomon islands, is coming home for a rest.

The navy said that Foss would arrive in Washington on April 15. Foss, whose bag of enemy planes duplicates Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's first World War record, lives near Sioux Falls, S.D.

The marine ace whom a navy statement described as "one of America's greatest heroes of the current war" arrived on Guadalcanal October 9 in a Grumman Wildcat fighter and four days later shot down his first enemy plane.

In the succeeding three months he destroyed 25 others—five of them in one day, October 25.

# Ann Sheridan Burns!

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# New Maximum Veal Prices Announced

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—(AP)—New maximum veal prices to be paid by western packers and wholesalers, effective April 3, were announced Tuesday by the office of price administration regional office here. (See full story on page 10 today.)

Until a new retail price order is issued, the OPA said, butchers may not charge customers more than the present March 1942 ceiling prices.

# Big Post-War Army Favored

PORTLAND, March 30.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook urged Tuesday that the United States maintain a post-war army large enough to "keep us from falling victim to a booby trap."

The commander of Camp Adair's Timber Wolf division told a Kiwanis club luncheon: "We put up a peace to end war at the conclusion of our last battle and it tripped us up through appeasement, into another war. We must be prepared. That's the message I want to bring to any group that wants to retain the four freedoms."

On making American soldiers, he said, "First, we must remove all ideas of working on a profit basis for there's no place on the battlefield for the man who works for himself; and second, we must remove his ideas of an eight-hour, five-day week and put him on a 24-hour, seven-day week."

# Guayule Lands Freed for Food

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The government announced Tuesday it was curtailing its guayule rubber emergency program to leave the great possible acreage free for food crops.

The decision was announced jointly by Rubber Director William M. Jeffers and Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard. Most of the high grade, irrigated land leased but not already planted to guayule will be turned back to the owners at once, if possible, or subleased for food production, the officials said. The land is mostly in California.

# Madame Entertains

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek received the president's youngest son, Naval Lieutenant John Roosevelt, and his wife, the former Sally Clark of Boston, at tea in her hotel suite late Tuesday before leaving by train for Los Angeles after a five-day visit here. Lt. Roosevelt is stationed at the nearby Oakland naval base.

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