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Jap Wewak Base Railed

MacArthur Promised Planes

3 Ships Bombed Hard

Enemy Convoy Tries To Supply Troops In New Guinea
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, April 16—(AP)—A strong Japanese attempt to supply and man their base at Wewak, on the north coast of New Guinea, is under attack by General Douglas MacArthur's bombers.

Today's communique disclosed that an enemy convoy of six merchant vessels and three warships was sighted approaching Wewak and was bombed in most-high attack. Three of the merchantmen were hit heavily.

An 8,000 ton ship was observed sinking at the stern, another list-

ed rapidly, leaving an oil slick and a 5,000-ton ship was forced ashore and beached.

Wewak is some 450 miles northwest of the allied base of Port Moresby. Indications have accumulated recently that the Japanese, after losing heavily in attempts to supply their Huon gulf bases of Lae and Salamaua directly by ship, have turned to Wewak, unloading the supplies there for overland transportation by way of Madang.

Other allied heavy bombers attacked the airfield at Rabaul, New Britain, some 500 miles northeast of Port Moresby.

Rabaul is a big airplane and shipping base of the Japanese. A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur said yesterday that the enemy has a concentration of 250,000 tons of shipping in the region.

The Rabaul raiders caused large explosions and fires on the Lakunai airfield at Rabaul.

General MacArthur's spokesman disclosed today that the United States air and ground forces have sustained a total of 4,319 casualties—dead, missing in action or wounded—in the New Guinea campaign through March 31.

Of this figure, 2,175 were listed as killed or missing in action "under conditions presuming death."

The airforce casualties represent a large proportion of these totals since the airmen were the first to see action in the New Guinea theater and waged a fight for many months before American infantry engaged the enemy.

The warships escorting the merchantmen near Wewak were a light cruiser, destroyer and gunboat.

The attack on New Britain's northern base of Rabaul was complemented by an attack on an airfield at Gasmata on the southern side.

At Lae, direct hits were scored among grounded aircraft at the airbase.

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Russ Troops Kill 600 Nazis

LONDON, April 16.—(AP)—Russian troops killed 600 Germans and damaged or burned 13 tanks in a resumption of furious fighting in the western Caucasus above the enemy bridgehead at Novorossiisk, Moscow announced early today.

The midnight communique recorded by the Soviet Monitor said the Germans hurled 46 tanks and strong reinforcements against red army troops menacing their positions in the Kuban valley, presumably the Anastasevskaya sector 30 miles north of Novorossiisk, but declared all the Nazi counterattacks were smashed.

The Russians said the German counterattacks had followed their own "artistic operations" in this area where the Germans still retain a small foothold in the Caucasus.



ROY RICE

Roy Rice Gets County Post

Named to Succeed R. A. Girod, Called To SeaBee Duty

Roy Rice, Roberts farmer and real estate man and active grange leader, was Thursday night named county commissioner pro tempore to replace Ralph A. Girod, whose call to duty with a navy construction battalion is dated April 23.

Rice, candidate for the republican nomination for commissioner last year who lost to Commissioner Jim Smith, was named by Smith and County Judge Grant Murphy and takes office at noon April 23.

Choice of the Roberts man makes the county court a temporary geographic triangle, since Smith is from St. Paul and Murphy from Stayton.

Rice is president of the Marion county fair board, state and county grange deputy, former Pomona master here, member of the Masonic lodge and past president of Marion and Polk county community clubs. He came to Salem in 1923 from Toledo, operated a store at Roberts for 10 years but has recently devoted

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Marine's Statement Denied

ALBANY, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—The possibility that the knife slaying of Mrs. Richard F. James of Norfolk, Va., could have been a white man was injected Thursday in the lower 13 murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, Negro dining car cook charged with murder.

A negro porter, H. M. Hughes, testified that he heard Harold Wilson, a marine corps private and one of the state's chief witnesses, say that the man he saw dashing down the aisle of the death car after Mrs. James' screams awakened him was a white man.

Hughes' statements came during cross examination by LeRoy Lomax, Folkes' attorney.

Wilson, occupant of upper 13, heard Mrs. James scream, peered from his berth to see a man running toward the rear end of car 13. He testified Monday that he was unable to tell whether the man was white or black. He insisted that he had never told anyone that the man was white.

Hughes said that he and another porter, N. L. Shaw, heard Wilson say definitely that the man who fled from the car was white.

An attempt to introduce statements admitting the slaying, which Los Angeles police said Folkes made to them in that city, caused Circuit Judge LeWelling at 2 p. m. to dismiss the jury until Friday morning while arguments over admissibility were heard.

Mott Expected Home for Visit

Due home Sunday for a three-day visit with his family here, Congressman James W. Mott is stopping between inspection of coast fortifications and naval stations. Mrs. Mott is to meet him in Eugene on Sunday.

Mott is ranking minority member of the house naval affairs committee, now in the midst of its California coastal tour.

Stimson Assures Relief

Pacific Fliers to Get Reinforced Air Strength

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Planes enough to "counter" Japan's stepped-up air attack in the southwest Pacific will be forthcoming Secretary of War Stimson assured his weekly press conference Thursday.

"We will keep our American and Australian fliers supplied with sufficient planes not only to replace our losses but to build up our aircraft to counter the increasing enemy air strength," he said. "The needs of the southwest Pacific are being kept constantly in mind and there will be a constantly increasing flow of military supplies, particularly aircraft, to that theatre."

The war secretary spoke in direct answers to the rising clamor from Australian public officials and others for more help to beat off the Japanese attacks and retain the hard-won allied air initiative in the Australian-Solomons theatre. General MacArthur lent powerful support to that plea in his recent statement warning of the gravity of the situation, and his high ranking officers, Australian and American, have followed up.

President Manuel L. Quezon, refugee chief executive of the Philippines, added his voice to the concert during the day in a formal statement expressing serious concern over reported Japanese air concentrations "near Australia."

Dr. H. V. Ewart, Australian minister of external affairs, now in Washington on an official mission, renewed his plea for more and prompt air help in an address prepared for broadcast over CBS. He gave a hint, too, of the actual size of the southwest Pacific airforce that has scored smashing victories against tremendous odds.

"In the magnificent battle of the Bismarck sea the Japanese tried in vain to screen their ships with 150 zero fighters," Dr. Ewart said. "A fighter screen, mark you, of greater numerical strength than our entire bomber, fighter and reconnaissance force there assembled to smash the convey."

"The heaviest attack yet made on Rabaul has consisted of 37 aircraft. The greatest weight of bombs we have dropped in any one raid has been 80 tons—not very much compared with the 1,000 tons dropped with such regularity on German cities night after night."

Lawyer Seeks Dismissal

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Hearing of arguments on a Henry J. Kaiser motion to dismiss the "aid and assistance" portion of the national labor relations board complaint charging three Portland area Kaiser shipyards with unfair labor practices was completed late Thursday.

Trial Examiner Robert N. Denham recessed the hearing until 10 a. m. Saturday. He said he hoped to rule on the motion then. A two-day session of leading Pacific coast AFL chiefs will open here next Wednesday to make strategy for the remainder of the hearing.

OWI Warns of Shortages

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—The office of war information Thursday night said American civilians this year face various shortages—either occasionally severe or continuous—in a "serious food situation."

The OWI said this is the general prospect—governed by many factors not completely predictable—for the year on the home front. More food produced than in record-breaking 1942 but less of it for civilian consumption.

This is the picture: "Conservatively and roughly estimated, and assuming average weather, civilians will have about

Advance Through Gabes Gap



British soldiers march in single file alongside rumbling tanks and armored vehicles in the advance through Gabes gap in Tunisia after axis resistance there had been broken by the Eighth army. This official British picture was sent from Cairo via radio.

Trade Treaty Fight Flares

State Department Man Calls Gearhart Speech Pro-Nazi

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee hearing on reciprocal trade extension was thrown into an uproar Thursday when Francis B. Sayre, state department representative, referred to a statement by Representative Gearhart (R-Calif.) as "very much like a pro-German speech."

The flare-up came after the Californian accused the state department of "encircling Hitler by making trade treaties with surrounding countries," and he asked "Who can say this did not cause Hitler to strike the first blow?"

"Instead of promoting peace," Gearhart said, "this program has contributed to war. Don't come here saying they (trade pacts) will promote peace when they have brought us war."

Sayre, high commissioner of the Philippines at the time of the Japanese invasion, and now assistant to Secretary of State Hull, said, "That sounds very much like a pro-German speech."

Gearhart, a committee member, jumped to his feet and shouted, "Don't you or any other person dare say I am making a pro-German speech. I at the outset denounced Hitler as the most contemptible thing alive."

He said his forefathers fought in the armies of George Washington and that Captain Jacob Gearhart crossed the Delaware with Washington.

Glaring at Sayre, he concluded: (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Finns Rebel At Nazi Task

STOCKHOLM, April 15.—(AP)—Increasing German pressure was reliably reported Thursday night to have forced the government of Finland to a crisis last weekend amid indications that a political shakeup, especially among pro-German officials, is pending in Helsinki.

The most important of the shifts to be made includes the removal or transfer of Secretary General Pakaslahti, who holds the position in the Finnish foreign office which is comparable to that of the American undersecretary of state. He has been known as strongly pro-German.

Workers Strike

UNIVERSAL, Pa., April 15.—(AP)—Workers of the Universal Atlas Cement company, a United States Steel corporation subsidiary, went on strike Thursday in protest against a war labor board order limiting them to a two cents an hour increase instead of the five and one-half cents recommended by a referee.

The result is constant change. "American civilians, therefore, must expect inconveniences from time to time and understanding of this fact is most important in comprehending the food situation."

Elmer Davis, OWI director, told a press conference yesterday the food report had been held up since January. He explained: "There were difference between two government (agriculture department) agencies over what were the facts."

Recently, he said, he had held it up so additional facts could be inserted.

Vacation Gas Out, OPA Says

PORTLAND, April 15.—(AP)—No extra gasoline for vacations this summer, the district OPA said Thursday.

"Mileage rationing regulations designed to conserve rubber make no specific provision for vacation or pleasure driving of any type," said Edmond W. Egan, district mileage rationing representative.

"Ninety miles is the only portion of the mileage allotment of A, B or C bookholders which is not intended for occupation driving, and even that is meant to be used for family necessity driving."

Kiska Bombed Ten Times In One Day

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Army bombers, escorted by swarms of fighter planes, plastered Japanese positions on Kiska island Tuesday in an unprecedented one-day series of ten raids.

The attacks, apparently carried out on a dawn-to-dusk schedule since no night actions were specified in a navy communique, exceeded by one the total number of raids against Japan's Aleutians outpost during the whole month of February. In that month of short days and bad weather, American planes struck at Kiska nine times, dropping 1,000 bombs.

Neither the number of bombs nor the total tonnage loosed in Tuesday's raids was given by the navy, but it seemed probably that the actions had broken all records for amounts of explosives dropped there. The communique said "Many hits were scored and fires were started in the runway and main camp area."

While the bombers were about their work of destruction, the fighter planes strafed beached enemy float type aircraft.

The largest previous number of attacks in a single day was on April 2 when army bombers made eight raids. The size of that raid caused conjecture here as to whether an amphibious attempt to take Kiska might be in the making. There still is not evidence one way or the other as to what the intentions of the American high command may be with regard to Kiska.

State Student Wins Oratory

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—(AP)—Harry Thurman of Oregon State college won first place in oratory Thursday in the finals of a three-day speaking contest of the Pacific forensic league. Robert Meyer of the University of Southern California won the extempore speaking finals.

Speeches were on the theme, "America's Role in Post-War World Reconstruction."

Quakes Shake Frisco Bay Area

OAKLAND, Calif., April 15.—(AP)—Sections of the San Francisco bay area, principally Alameda county, were shaken Thursday by a series of earthquakes, some of which were so severe they cracked plaster walls and knocked dishes off shelves.

Dr. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, placed the tremors' epicenter about 30 miles southeast of Berkeley, probably along the Hayward fault.

County Drive Hits \$700,000

Americans Urged to Buy War Bonds for Hitler's Birthday

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Purchases of war bonds in the first two days of the second war loan drive in Oregon totaled \$12,878,594, the state headquarters staff reported Thursday night.

War loan leaders urged Marion county citizens Thursday not to wait to be solicited during the current second bond drive as they reported that the county's sales outside of banks had reached the \$700,000 mark. The goal for this part of the county's "sock Hitler" war chest is \$2,500,000.

"If you are not solicited to buy war bonds, go to the nearest sales agency, bank or postoffice," asked J. J. Gard, second war loan chairman for the county. "The county gets credit for all bonds purchased within the county, regardless of the agency selling them."

Gard said his committee was pleased with the public response to date but warned that with but two weeks to go, the county had more than half its quota yet to be filled.

A spur of the moment bond sign-up conducted at the Salem Lions club luncheon Thursday noon brought pledges aggregating \$22,200, Secretary Harry W. Scott reported. Slightly less than one-half the club's membership was represented by pledges, because of low attendance, he said. The club plans further aid to the official bond "selling organization through its patriotic service committee headed by J. Fuhrer, with

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7 Oregon Men Held by Japs

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Nineteen northwest men and women were listed Thursday among civilian internees held by the Japanese in the Philippine islands. Emergency addresses listed and the relationship where it is of record are indicated with parentheses.

The names are, from Oregon: Long, Frank Eugene (wife, Mrs. Margaret C. Long, 519 SE 27th avenue, Portland).

Lord, Montague (sister, Miss Elizabeth Lord, 545 Mission street, Salem).

Lyman, George Glenn (Allen Bryan, 6211 SE 29th avenue, Portland).

Meadows, Hyman; Martin Meadows (brother, Morris R. Meadows, 219 Fitzpatrick building, Portland).

Rankin, A. O.; Mrs. E. R. Rankin, R. M. Rankin (mother of Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. J. J. Rae, 8938 SW 28th avenue, Portland).

Bellstrom, Leonard. Olof, machinist's mate, first class, (Mrs. Gale Duerst, mother, 5333 SE Rhine street, Portland).

Cyr, Clifford Charles, torpedo-man, first class, (Mrs. Evetta Broadman Cyr, wife, 6106 North Denver street, Portland).

Allies Tighten Pincers Trap On Rommel

French Moroccans, British Tommies Storm 2 Heights; Nazi Unit Annihilated

LONDON, April 16.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from north Africa today quoted French headquarters as saying that French troops, pushing against Field Marshal Rommel's defenses south of Pont du Fahs, had captured more than 1000 prisoners and killed nearly as many more axis troops in the latest fighting on that front.

By DANIEL DeLUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 16.—(AP)—British and French troops in hand-to-hand fighting have seized two valuable stretches of high ground and 600 more prisoners along the axis Tunisian siege line to boost the allied toll of enemy captives to more than 30,000 in less than four weeks, the high command announced Thursday.

Allied airmen also punched additional holes in the enemy's sky armor Wednesday, destroying 21 planes at a cost of eight allied aircraft, and raining tons of explosives on the still strong Tunisian-Sicilian network of fields.

This powerful sky offensive has destroyed 459 planes in combat since the March offensive March 20, compared with 152 allied aircraft missing. Officers also estimate that 150 or more German and Italian planes have been destroyed around during a systematic pounding of axis air terminals.

British First army infantry stormed and captured Djebel Ang, a mountain top eight miles above Medjez-El-Bab and 30 miles west of Tunis Wednesday, routing strongly-entrenched German and Austrian Alpine troops of whom 200 surrendered.

These enemy troops were dug in, as are other axis troops holding the mountain approaches to Tunis and Bizerte, for a fierce siege warfare. Their removal from Medjez-El-Bab and Mateur would facilitate a direct highway drive on Tunis by Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's First army.

On the southwestern rim of the axis lines French Moroccan goumiers seized Djebel Sefsof, a hill line seven miles above the village of Kararhoun. A French communique said 400 enemy troops, mostly Italians, were captured, while a German infantry company which chose to fight it out was annihilated.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth army is probing axis strongpoints between Sefsof and the coast.

General Montgomery apparently still was bringing up his heavy artillery and reinforcements for a powerful effort to turn the enemy's coastal flank.

German Sub Destroyed By Bomber

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—A German submarine was depth-charged and destroyed in the Caribbean Sea several months ago when it was caught cruising on the surface by an army heavy bomber on patrol the navy reported Thursday.

One crew member from the submarine survived the attack and was picked up by a United States destroyer, the navy said. This was the first time that an official release had disclosed the capture of a German U-boat crewman in American waters.

The army bomber, piloted by Captain Howard Burhans, Jr., of Philadelphia, sighted the sub at eight miles. The U-boat still was on the surface when the plane released its depth charges. Immediately after the depth charges exploded, air and oil bubbles blossomed over the surface of the sea and 37 minutes later the men in the bomber spotted a large volume of oil and air breaking through the water. The oil slick spread out in a large circular area, and it apparently was on this evidence that the navy classified the submarine as destroyed.

Members of the plane's crew then sighted a survivor of the attack swimming about in the oil. They dropped a life raft and vest to him.

OPA Guards Small Firms

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—OPA announced Thursday that it had incorporated in its meat rationing rules a prohibition against independent "middle men."

Thursday's amendment was described by OPA as "emphasizing the principle of fair sharing" and requiring that a "large meat establishment operating its own branch houses give the smaller middle man the same consideration in the matter of customary supplies that it gives to its own business."

If every man, woman and child in the United States pays a little \$100 the aggregate will be about \$12,000,000,000 or the amount the Treasury must raise in its Second War Loan.