

Russians, Poles Sever Relations In Death Tiff

Molotov Delivers Official Message to Government In Exile at London

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, April 26-(AP)—Soviet Russia has broken off diplomatic relations with the Polish government in exile, accusing it of cooperating with Germany in charging that the Soviet Union was responsible for the deaths of 10,000 Polish officers, it was announced officially Monday.

OPA Clamps Cafe Prices

Ceilings Effective May 1; Coffee Is Partly Excluded

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26-(AP)—Effective May 1, restaurants in the three Pacific coast states may not charge prices, either for meals or beverages, in excess of those charged in the week April 4-10, the office of price administration announced Monday.

The ceiling also applies to cover charges and those for entertainment or other specific items. Reductions in quality or quantity of servings must be accompanied by an appropriate cut in price.

Food and drink may be sold below the ceiling price if desired. By May 15, menus must include ceiling prices.

Purchase of other items or meals cannot be required as a condition of sale, with the exception that restaurants so desiring may refuse to sell cups of coffee unless meals are purchased, too. Regional OPA Administrator Frank Marsh said the ceilings were necessitated because "many of the persons newly-arrived in the area are without permanent homes and are dependent upon restaurants and similar establishments for their food requirements. The importance of restaurant facilities at reasonable prices to the entire population also is substantial."

McNair Saved By Helmet, Report Says

By the Associated Press ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 26.—Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, who was wounded last Friday at the Tunisian front, had to take a three-hour jeep ride to a hospital with a shell splinter lodged only a quarter of an inch from his brain, it was disclosed Monday.

The commanding general of all US ground forces was watching American troops advance in the northern sector against German forces defending the approaches to Mateur when an axis shell exploded near his forward observation post.

Senate Okehs Panama Deal

WASHINGTON, April 26-(AP)—The senate approved and sent to the White House Monday legislation ceding to Panama extensive United States holdings in that country—an action President Roosevelt described as desirable to remove conditions "which do not make for confidence and friendship."

The measure, which Senator Nye (R-ND) protested should have been in treaty form, turns over to the republic water and sewage systems and real estate holdings in the cities of Colon and Panama, and liquidates a \$2,700,000 debt representing Panama's share in construction of the Chorrera-Rio Hato highway.

An identical resolution was passed by the senate at the last session of congress but for lack of a quorum was not acted upon by the house until it approved the new measure April 13.

The senate completed legislative action by a 37 to 19 vote after shouting down a motion by Nye to delay action for two weeks until absent senators could be present.

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ROBERT E. LEE FOLKES

Negro Enters Penitentiary

Folkes Quoted Saying, 'I Have It Coming, Am Not Afraid'

SALEM, Ore., April 26-(AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, stolid 20-year-old negro, entered "dead man's row" at the Oregon penitentiary Monday an hour after he was sentenced to give his life in the state's gas chamber May 28 for the "low-rent" murder of Mrs. Martha Virginia James.

"I have it coming and am not afraid to die," Folkes told Lt. Ray G. Howard of the state police force while enroute from Albany to the penitentiary.

The prisoner sat in the rear seat of an automobile driven by Sheriff Herbert Shelton of Linn county and was handcuffed to Howard and Curtis Chambers, also a state police operative. A police car followed the sheriff's automobile.

The jury last week convicted him of entering the berth of the 21-year-old Norfolk, Va., bride of a navy ensign before daybreak last January 23 and slaying her throat when she resisted.

The conviction for first degree murder without recommendation for leniency made Judge Lewelling's sentence mandatory under Oregon law.

Judge Lewelling asked Folkes if he had any reason for desiring the sentence delayed.

"I have not," the negro said. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Federal Fund Aids Oregon Schools

WASHINGTON, April 26-(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) learned Monday that the federal works agency made these allotments to Oregon school districts to aid in meeting administration and maintenance costs increased by reason of the war:

District 1, Milwaukie, Clackamas county, \$29,610; district 6, Orient, Multnomah and Clackamas counties, \$2,230; district 7, Multnomah county, \$9,100.

Coal Mine Walkouts Continue

WLB Asks Officials To Halt Stoppages; Lewis Keeps Silent

WASHINGTON, April 26-(AP)—The War Labor Board asked high officials of the United Mine Workers Monday night to halt work stoppages in bituminous mines, but additional walkouts occurred.

At least 14,500 were reported idle Monday, 9,500 in Pennsylvania, 4,000 in Alabama and 1,000 in Kentucky.

The board telegraphed appeals to John L. Lewis, UMW president, and other officers of the union, asking that walkouts at Pennsylvania mines be halted and planned similar action with respect to mines in other areas.

At New York, where wage negotiations had been conducted, a source close to UMW officials who requested his name not be used, said he would "not be surprised if sporadic strikes in the industry which started last week began to spread without any word from Lewis," adding that Lewis had not forbidden such action.

WU Schedules Open House

Home Economics and Science Exhibits Set to Attract

An invitation to attend Williamette university's open house commencing at 8 o'clock tonight, is issued through the press to every resident of the Salem area, President G. Herbert Smith, of the pioneer institution around which Oregon's capital city was built, declared Monday.

Printed programs telling what may be seen there will be presented to all calling at the university library, and museum, library, laboratories and other features of the campus will be open to the public.

Especially planned demonstrations in the various sciences and home economics and exhibits in various other fields of learning promise a wide variety of attractions, while several features of entertainment for visitors have been scheduled.

The open house, arranged to precede the July 1 entrance of the navy into the university scene, gives Salem residents an opportunity to inspect new Collins hall, the comparatively new library, changes in old Science hall, now the music building, and other improvements in the physical plant believed to have been instrumental in securing for the institution recognition as a basic training center for navy men.

RAF Resumes Bomber Raids On Continent

LONDON, Tuesday, April 27-(AP)—The RAF resumed the aerial offensive against continental targets by bombing Germany Monday night, the British announced today.

The announcement did not disclose the specific objective nor the weight of the attack, which followed up a series of daylight assaults by British bombers on railway targets in both Germany and France.

The last RAF night raid on Germany was carried out Saturday night, when targets in the western part of the reich were attacked. That raid was the first British night aerial activity since the massive assault on Stettin, Rostock and Berlin the previous Tuesday night.

In the daylight raids Monday speedy mosquito bombers struck at a railway center in northwest Germany, another in the Rhineland and a third in France, near the Loire river. All the planes returned.

Reds Repulse Nazi Attacks

LONDON, Tuesday, April 27-(AP)—Russian troops flung back a numerically superior German attack force, annihilating about 800 of the enemy, in a resurgence of activity Monday on the northwestern front south of Leningrad, Moscow announced today.

The Nazi thrust carried Soviet forward elements back into a populated place, but an immediate counterattack threw back the German forces before they had time to consolidate their new position, said the midnight war communiqué, recorded here by the Soviet monitor. About a battalion of German infantry was wiped out.

In the important Sevsk area northwest of Kursk, Russian units also repelled attacks of enemy infantry, killing 80 German officers and men. In the Kuban valley, where German forces have tried to extend their bridgehead around Novorossiisk, activity was limited to exchanges of gun fire.

Steady Push by Allied Armies Forces Axis' Tunis Lines Back

US Sappers Clear Enemy Mine Field



American forces Monday night were still steadily hacking their way deeper into the axis defense lines around Tunis, the way being cleared in many places by sappers (like those shown above) who pull the fangs of enemy mine fields to open a road for allied armor.—IN Photo.

Strategic Heights Seized

French Troops Drive To Within 3 Miles Of Pont Du Fahs

By WILLIAM B. KING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 26-(AP)—Steadily hacking down axis defenses in hard fighting, allied forces have seized important heights on each of the three main sectors of the Tunisian front, and in the central area posed critical threats of smashing through to the Tunisian plain for a surge that would crumple all the enemy's mountain lines.

French troops drove to within three miles of Pont Du Fahs on the southern front, and on the central sector east of Goubellat, 30 miles from Tunis, First Army armor was reported clashing in a finish fight against all the tanks that the German command could muster, with heavy losses already inflicted on the enemy.

German troops fell back Sunday before the American attack to the north, with advanced elements of the Second Army corps coming within three miles east of Sidi n'Sir, and only some 10 miles southwest of Mateur, rail and highway junction between Tunis and Bizerte.

The French striking at Pont Du Fahs have advanced 12 1/2 miles in 36 hours of fighting, the French communiqué said, and east of the Kebir dam have captured the strong position of Djebel Chirich.

Allied infantry seized the fortified hill of Sidi Marrou, six miles east of Bou Arada, and repelled enemy counterattacks.

A military spokesman declared there was "general improvement in all our positions all along the line" Sunday despite "very hard fighting against very hard opposition."

The axis forces—which headquarters announced Monday had lost 66,000 men killed, wounded and captured between Jan. 1 and April 15—were clinging desperately to their mountain positions, and beginning to show signs of exhaustion in the face of the incessant allied land and air attack maintained for four days.

The allied advance was eating into their defenses at the rate of two to three miles a day, and allied spokesmen said the axis loss of strategic hills overlooking the plain along which the Pont Du Fahs-Tunis road runs could have been avoided if they had reserves to throw into the battle.

If German lines give way at any point, they said, letting allied armor onto that plain, Von Arnim would have to withdraw all his forces to new positions before Tunis—if he could.

(The Algiers radio said in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press that 64 German tanks had been knocked out in the last 72 hours.)

On the southern end of their western mountain line the Germans were yielding many of their strongholds with little resistance. Headquarters announced that the French 19th army corps had won five mountains after only brief (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Bond Poster Model Held for Draft Violation

NEW YORK, April 26-(AP)—The model for the shirt-sleeved warrior on the "I was at Bataan" treasury department poster which urged the public to buy war bonds, was under arrest by the federal bureau of investigation Monday as a draft law violator.

The man, Maynard Barython Johnson, 25-year-old cashier and short-order cook at the bawery YMCA, was accused of failing to answer a selective service questionnaire sent to him by his Spokane, Wash., draft board, and failing to report for a physical examination.

By The Associated Press Here's what the \$18.75 you pay for a \$25 war bond will buy: 12 hand grenades, or 72 films for aerial photographs, or 125 mildew-proof sandbags.

When you buy a \$25 war bond for \$18.75, \$18 goes immediately into guns, planes and equipment, the treasury says.

County Goal Seen Tonight

Bond sales forces are dedicating themselves today to a charge destined to take Marion county over the top in the second war loan by dusk tonight, 76 hours ahead of the deadline, according to Chairman Jesse Gard.

With \$75,000 in war bonds investment yet to be secured Monday night, Gard predicted that Marion county bond buyers would be far ahead of their \$2,500,000 minimum quota before another payday.

Banks, to which had been assigned an equal quota, were well beyond their goal last week.

Oregon Pulp & Paper company (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

US Bombers Strafe Japs In New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, April 27-(AP)—Allied ground troops who hold ridgetop positions overlooking the Japanese-occupied village and airstrip of Mubo, New Guinea, were given a fresh burst of aerial support Monday by a formation of Boston attack planes.

The raiders twice bombed and strafed the area, which is on the approaches to the vital Japanese Huon gulf bases of Lee and Salamaua. Mubo is only 15 miles below Salamaua.

The Bostons centered their attack upon a hill a mile and quarter northeast of Mubo where a small force of Japanese is entrenched.

Due to extremely stormy weather, lasting for several days, air activity throughout the sector northeast of Australia was on a small scale and in the northwest was limited to reconnaissance.

Smuts to Visit US

CAPETOWN, South Africa, April 26-(AP)—Premier Jan Christiaan Smuts is expected to visit the United States after the South African general election in August, it was announced Monday.

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Swedes Riot Against Nazis

LONDON, Tuesday, April 27-(AP)—Riots broke out in two Swedish towns when local nazis groups attempted to hold meetings, and several persons were injured, the Swedish radio reported today in a broadcast heard by the ministry of information.

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When the Japanese moved into Attu and Kiska he did so because the Nipponese general

staff envisioned Attu as a supply base and Kiska as a submarine and seaplane base. Methodically, expecting attacks the Japanese backed up his position with guns.

However, if one base falls the other will be menaced.

Reasons why it may cost blood when and if American forces want to shoot down the Japanese flag are:

First, our national policy which apparently is that we must deal with Germany and then Japan. This has made our Pacific front essentially a holding front.

Second, to straggle the Japanese at Kiska and Attu means that beach landings must be made. Attu and Kiska beaches are few and they are heavily covered with light and heavy

guns. The rest of the islands' beaches are cruel, rocky, man-killing. And opposed beach landings always cost blood—lots of it.

Third, the army has had little experience in opposed beach landings. And opposed beach landings require a perfect coordination of land, sea and air forces.

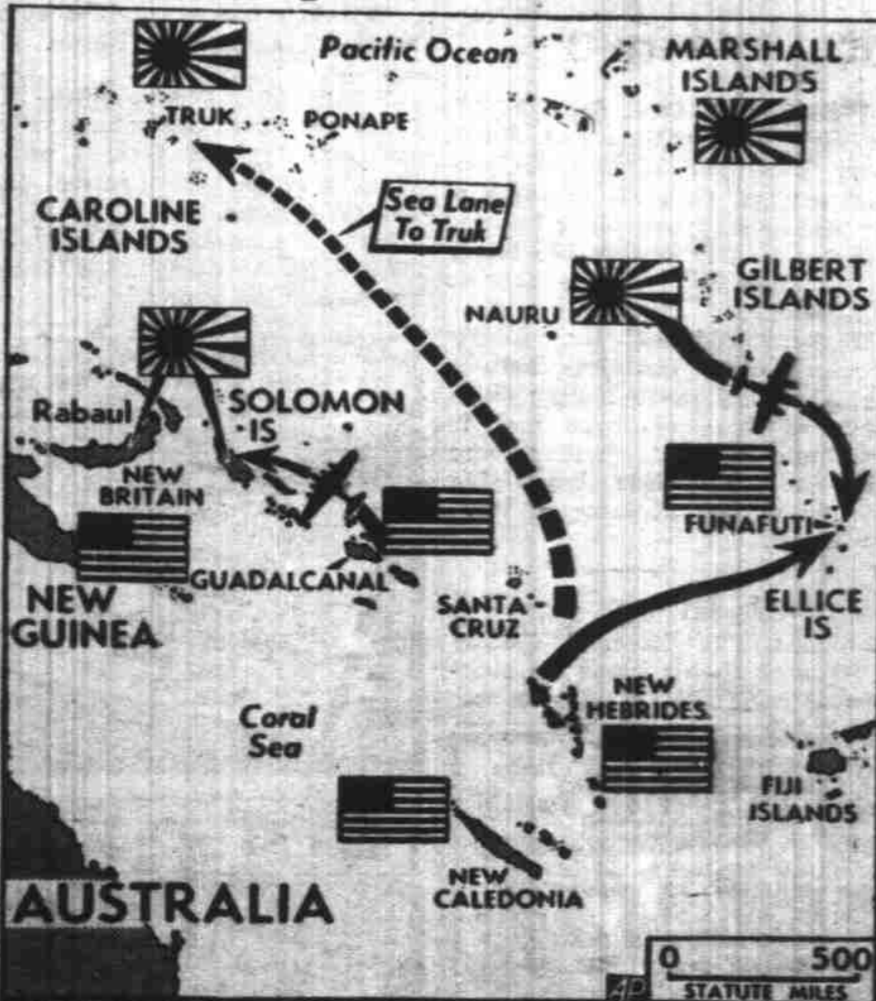
Fourth, the weather, if it follows the Aleutian pattern, will not favor us. It may well prevent accurate surface and air "softening." April to date is an example. We are set to dump at least 30 tons of bombs daily. So far this month we have had one such day.

Fifth, the Japanese are ready. It would be difficult to take them by surprise. It is doubtful if we can catch them away from their guns as they were at

Guadalcanal August 7. (At Tulagi, Guvato and Tanambogo where the enemy had a little advance warning the landings suffered their heaviest casualties.)

Some men who know Attu and Kiska by photo and by AA fire are taking bets that if and when American forces make a beachhead of these islands there will be land fighting for six months later—the same time it took on Guadalcanal.

US Occupies Ellice Islands



US occupation of islands in the Ellice group in the south Pacific was disclosed in a navy communique telling of an enemy air raid on Funafuti, largest of the nine islands. Flags mark major island bases. Broken arrow is corridor of open sea between US bases in New Hebrides region and main Jap base at Truk.—Associated Press Telegram.

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