

Jap Pressure On Kohima Eases Down

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along the Chindwin, the "Chindits", operating from the Kaka region, already had virtually isolated Japanese forces opposing Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's advance from northern Burma by cutting a long stretch of the Mandalay - Myitkyina railway and halting traffic on the Irrawaddy river.

The "Chindits" can get in several weeks more of intensive operations before the monsoon begins, after which they could be withdrawn by air if necessary. The Japanese, on the other hand, could not pull out of India now without fighting their way through allied troops on all sides.

Dewey, FDR Stay in Lead

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Republican conventions in Connecticut and Maine today will select another 16 and 13 delegates, respectively. Wendell L. Willkie had potential support in both groups before he withdrew. They are expected to be unopposed. Dewey is said to have a good chance for the Connecticut delegation.

Further tabulation of the Illinois and Nebraska primary votes indicated General MacArthur and Lt. Commander Stassen will have more than nominal backing in the GOP convention opening in Chicago June 26.

Road Plans Up for Talk

Improvement of three sections of the Pacific highway, at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000, will be discussed at a conference in Portland today to be attended by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, and the regional production board.

The proposed improvements include the Salem-Jefferson, Harrisburg and Grave Creek-Wolf Creek sections.

Before construction operations can begin the state highway commission must receive approval of the war production board, Baldock said Wednesday.

The federal government would provide \$1,500,000 and the state \$1,000,000.

Emanuele Will Retire Soon

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He already had indicated he intended to do, opened the way for formation soon of a new war government by Marshal Pietro Badoglio with the participation of at least three and probably all of Italy's six political parties.

The monarch's decision was entirely of his own volition, a spokesman for the government said. The only part the allied governments had in the development was to assure the king that they had no objection to his taking the step, it was stated by allied representatives.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"Honesty is the best policy; but he who is honest because of that is not an honest man."

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So he flashed the roll as the door opened, asking "Did you lose this?" The answer was—"you guess!" The answer was "Yes."

Our office manager saw the small boy later in the day. He had carried the rest of his paper route and gone on to school, and when he came into The Statesman office he had not yet broken into his reward for finding and "returning" the money over which he had almost stumbled in the heavy morning rain. He still had in his pocket all of the 25 cents!

Air Ace Gets Highest Award

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP) The nation's highest decoration for heroism—the congressional medal of honor—has been awarded to Maj. Gregory Boyington, marine flying ace, who shot down 26 Japanese fighter planes before his plane crashed into jungles near Rabaul.

It was Boyington's first and only decoration.

Boyington, of Okanogan, Wash., was the second marine flyer in this war to tie the World War one record of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. First to tie the record of Maj. Joe Foss, Sioux Falls, a marine flyer also assigned to the south Pacific.

Boyington scored his last victory on January 3, over Rabaul shooting down a Japanese Zero and later that day his own plane crashed. He now is listed as missing in action.

Stettinus Jr. Widens Work

LONDON, April 12-(AP) Widening the scope of his mission, US Under Secretary of the State Edward R. Stettinus, jr., today conferred with Fyodor Gusev, Soviet ambassador to Britain—probably to discuss the position of the tottering axis satellites—and then established contact with diplomatic representatives of six exiled governments.

In his first contact with the Russians Stettinus undoubtedly extended the congratulations of the United States on the red army's swift surge toward the heart of Europe.

Details were not divulged but the diplomats probably talked of the possibility of Finland's accepting Russia's peace conditions and the chances of Rumania pressing her quest for a way out of the war.

Boxer Beau Jack 'Up' AUGUSTA, Ga., April 12-(AP) Former Lightweight Champion Beau Jack has been notified by his draft board to take his pre-induction physical examination at Fort Benning, Ga., April 17.

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CAPITOL

TODAY AND FRIDAY

Horrors! Chills! LON CHANEY in "Son of Dracula" — CO-THRILLER —

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US Bombers Hit Austria

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nuisance raiders were over many parts of Europe.

The day's main blow, however, was dealt by the Liberators and Fortresses from Italy, officially described as out "in great strength."

The raiders chose Wiener-Neustadt, 27 miles south of Vienna, as their principal target, and also struck at Fischamend market and Bad Voslau, three and 15 miles southeast of Vienna. Good results were reported. The Germans said without confirmation that allied bombers also attacked Zagreb, capital of the puppet state of Croatia.

There were violent air battles as German fighters rose to defend the Wiener-Neustadt Messerschmitt plant group, one of the most important remaining in Europe. A city of 38,000 with engineering works, iron foundries and a textile mill besides the plane works, Wiener-Neustadt was previously bombed by the Americans August 13, October 1 and November 2, the first two raids being from Britain.

About 250 of the medium American Marauders from Britain today hit the airfields of Courtrai and Coxyde, Belgium, the railway junction of Saint Ghislain, five miles west of Mons, and various other coastal military installations in France and Belgium. One plane failed to return.

Yank Bombers Hit Hansa Bay

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plastered with 30 tons of bombs.

A lone Japanese plane bombed American positions at Sador on the north coast of New Guinea but destroyed only a few tents. One man was wounded.

The new raid on the enemy's Hansa supply base was carried out at midday while the target still smoked from the previous day's sea and air pounding in which destroyers boldly moved in to pour steel ashore in coordination with the 227-ton aerial bombing.

Hansa bay is midway between

Red Armies Go 46 Miles

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booty included 187 tanks and self-propelled guns, declared the soviet night communique, recorded by the soviet monitor.

The whirlwind campaign to free the Crimea, which the Germans and Rumanians have held since the end of 1941, consisted of a thrust from the east after an amphibious landing at Kerch, and two drives from the north.

Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin, in charge of both northern drives, freed more than 150 towns today in his rapid strides toward the big central Crimean city of Simferopol, including the large railway towns of Kurman Memeichi, Bityuk Onlar and Karacha Kandil. The last is less than 15 miles north of Simferopol and 46 air-line miles northeast of Sevastopol, the greatest of Crimean prizes.

Bus Overturns; Two Killed

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state police the vehicle skidded on a sharp turn and overturned, sliding over a 15-foot embankment. The top collapsed, pinning five of the passengers under seats. Wrecking crews and bulldozers were sent to extricate the passengers. Traffic was tied up for over two hours, state police said.

A partial list of the injured was: James P. Sullivan, about 75, Chicago; Mrs. Jennie Moss, Grants Pass, Ore.; Steve Domlanovich, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Mrs. L. G. Clark and her small son, Jerry Lee, Grants Pass; Mrs. Marshall Pruitt and her 2-year-old daughter, Granger, Wash.; Mrs. V. E. Ray and her 8-month-old daughter Shirley, Corvallis, Ore., and Mrs. Charles McKee, Rogue River, Ore.

All but Mrs. McKee were treated in Grants Pass, and she was in the Roseburg hospital suffering from severe burns.

Others on the bus were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dolberg, Piedmont, Calif.; Steve Skoka, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Phil Payne, Toledo, Ore., and three soldiers from Camp White, Ore., Cpl. Harold Phillips, Pfc. Jerel Johnson and Pvt. Parker Williamson.

Witnesses said the three soldiers kicked out windows and helped drag wounded from the bus, and Mrs. Pruitt used her coat to help the bus driver beat out flames that threatened those still in the vehicle.

Congress Set For Navy Bill

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navy's boss warned, are "tremendously greater" than those already overcome.

The committee also learned during its extensive hearings that the

Hazel Greeners Win

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HAZEL GREEN — Hazel Green school chalked up a 29-11 softball victory over a combined Porter-Mountain View nine at Porter Friday.

Tigers Win

LOUISVILLE, April 12-(AP)—The Detroit Tigers got seven-hit pitching today from Eldon "Chief" Hogsett, Joe Orrell and Walter "Boom Boom" Beck while defeating the Louisville Colonels of the American association, 5 to 1, in an exhibition game at Parkway field.

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