

Japanese Invaders Set Back

Allies Hand Heavy Loss To Road

KANDY, Ceylon, April 17 (AP)—Japanese invasion forces that cut the important allied supply road between Kohima and Dimapur in eastern India last week have been thrown from important positions and dealt "very heavy" losses by counter-attacking British and Indian troops, an allied communique announced today.

(A dispatch to the Indian observer in New Delhi reported that allied tanks and infantry had cleared Japanese road blocks four miles north of Kohima in heavy fighting. It estimated that allied forces in the Kohima area had a 5-to-1 superiority over the Japanese in artillery.)

Kohima is 60 miles north of the principal allied base at Imphal.

Since the middle of last week the allied defenders of Kohima have been on the offensive, trying to wipe out road blocks established by the Japanese at points where the highway passes through the 5000-foot Naga hills north and northwest of Kohima.

Today's communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's new headquarters here also listed other blows struck at the invaders at several points where they are attempting to thrust onto the rich Imphal plain, which is ringed with allied strongpoints.

Northeast of Imphal, the bulletin said, allied troops improved their positions in the hills surrounding the fertile plain. To the southeast of the big base it reported that "mopping-up continues near a feature captured yesterday in high ridges near the Palelamm road." Tamu is approximately 40 miles from Imphal, but fighting has been reported within 24 miles of Imphal in that direction.

Allied offensive patrols were reported active on the Tiddim road running south from Imphal and in the area of Bishenpur, some 18 miles to the southwest of the allied base.

(A Berlin broadcast of a Japanese broadcast said more than 10,000 British troops, supported by air units, had launched a fierce counterattack a mile and a half (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Sedition Trial Gets Started In Washington

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Trial of 30 persons charged with conspiracy to incite disaffection within the armed forces moved toward selection of a jury today as Federal District Court Justice Edward E. Eicher repeatedly denied motions of more than a score of defense attorneys which would have delayed proceedings.

The blanket indictment returned last January 5 against two women—Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago and Miss Lois De Lafayette Washburn of Chicago—and 28 men, charges they conspired with German officials and Nazi party leaders with the intent of interfering with the loyalty, morale and discipline of US armed forces.

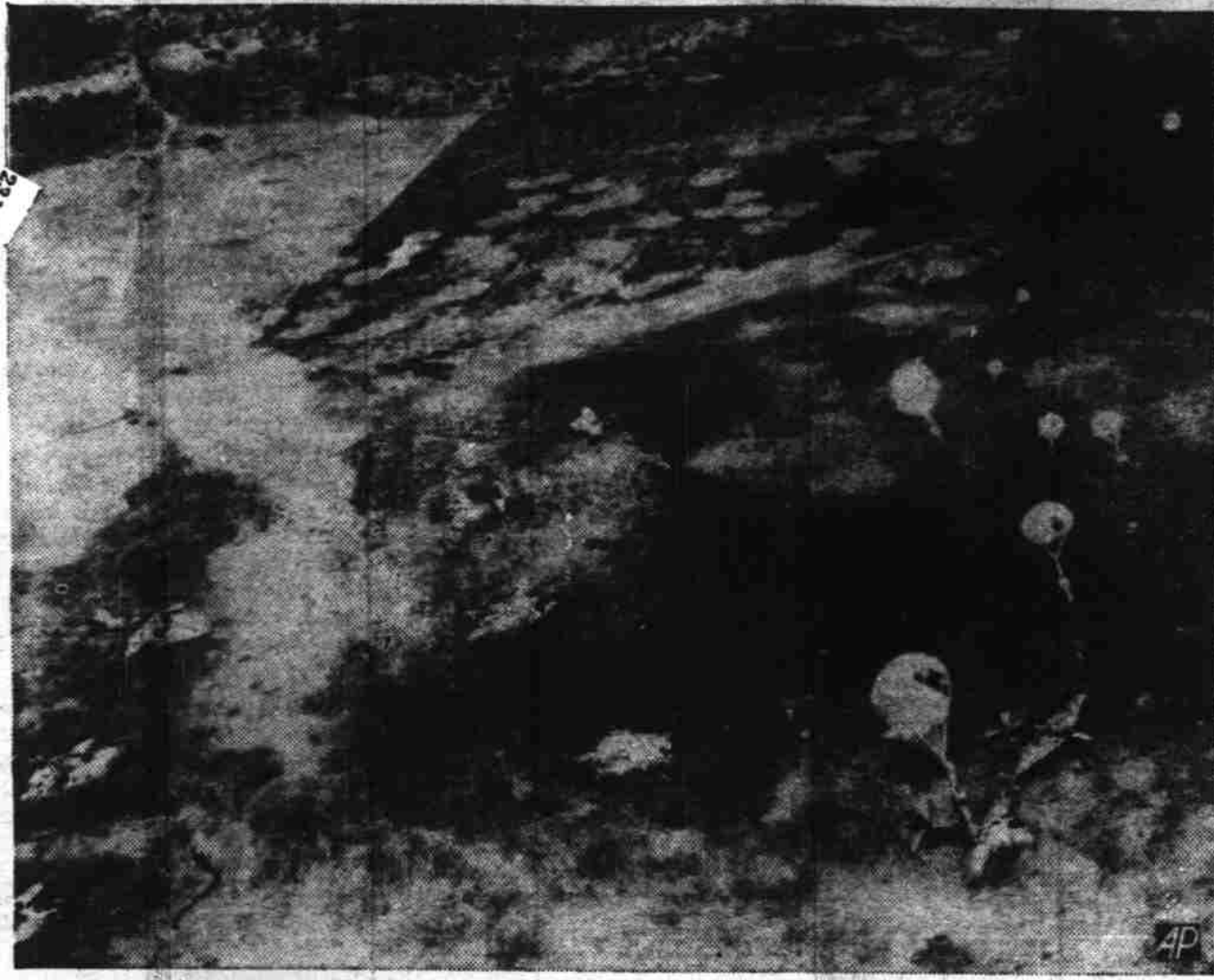
In addition to the two women, the list of defendants includes Gerard Wilhelm Kunze of New York, said by the justice department to be leader of the German-American Bund after 1939, and George Sylvester Viereck of New York, under sentence of from one to five years for violating the foreign agents registration act.

Georgia Clearing Tornado Wreckage

ATLANTA, April 17 (AP)—Dazed survivors worked under a blazing sun today to clear away wreckage of a Sunday tornado that killed 38 and injured more than 300 along a 100-mile strip in northeast Georgia and western South Carolina.

Search of the approximately 150 demolished homes revealed no serious casualties and many of the less seriously injured were able to leave hospitals. The Red Cross reported tonight 39 were still under hospital treatment in the two states.

Parachute Bombs Blast Japs at Hollandia



Parachute bombs, dropped by 5th air force bombers on the Jap airfield at Hollandia, New Guinea, spread havoc among enemy planes on the field, many of which have already been destroyed. (Associated Press photo from 5th US air force)

Britain Forbids Diplomats to Leave Country in Drastic New Security Move

By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18 (AP)—Moving drastically to protect the secrets of the coming invasion of Europe, Britain today flatly forbade neutral and allied diplomats to leave the country and subjected all their communications to censorship, excepting only the missions of Russia, the United States and the British commonwealths.

The unprecedented restrictions apply alike to neutrals and members of the United Nations, with the noted exceptions. A foreign office spokesman said such allies as China, Brazil and the others were affected the same as neutrals because they were not immediately concerned with the establishment of the western front.

The restrictions, which went into effect at midnight and continue until further notice, forbade diplomatic missions to:

1. Transmit or receive in this country any telegram not worded in plain language;
2. Dispatch or receive any diplomatic bag which has not been submitted to censorship;
3. Dispatch from this country couriers or diplomatic and consular representatives or any member of their official or military staffs, including air, military and naval attaches.

In all previous wars and in the present war until today, neutral and allied diplomats and couriers have been allowed to move freely and their dispatch pouches and telegrams have been exempt from censorship.

First results of the ban were postponement of the scheduled departure of a Brazilian diplomat and an announcement by Sweden that safe-conduct air travel by Swedes to Scotland was being stopped after one more trip.

The measure was the latest and strongest of a series that has included prohibition of visitors on England's east and south coasts, a complete stop on news of convoy arrivals, and virtually complete stoppage of travel to neighboring Elre.

Never before has Britain or any other nation taken such stringent (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Constellation, Huge New Passenger Plane, Crosses Continent in 7 Hours for 355 MPH Speed Average

By JAMES J. STREIB
Associated Press Aviation Editor
WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—A new giant of the air paths, the Lockheed Constellation, crossed this continent today in 8 hours 58 minutes, an average speed of around 355 miles an hour—a speed well beyond anything flown previously for a similar distance.

The big triple-ruddered four-motored ship with a shark's body contour flew east from Burbank, Calif., in the colors of Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., which sponsored its development, but is being turned over to the army immediately for use in war transport work.

Compared with the Constellation's time for non-stop flight—the previous fastest cross-country trip of 7 hours 23 minutes flown by Howard R. Hughes on January 19, 1937, Hughes flew from Burbank to Newark, N.J., on a 2445-mile route at an average speed of 327 miles an hour. In contrast with his lone trip,

however, the Constellation carried 17 persons, and there was room in its cabin for 40 more passengers with luxury accommodations. As a troop transport it could carry 100 soldiers with full equipment.

The fastest transport crossing previously flown was 10 hours 22 minutes by Leland S. Andrews and H. E. Sneed in a two-engine Vultee from Los Angeles to Washington on February 20, 1935. At an average speed of 221.6 miles an hour.

Hughes, an outstanding figure in aviation as well as a motion picture producer, shared the controls of the Constellation with Jack Frye, president of the TWA. They flew between 15,000 and 19,000 feet, with some help from tailwinds. Despite the record, it was understood that the plane was slightly behind schedule.

Army officers declined to permit publication of any official figures on the flight, but did permit Frye and Hughes to say that the flight was a record.

Hollandia Gets New Pounding

Bombers Leave Jap Fuel Dumps Blazing Fiercely

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Tuesday, April 18 (AP)—One of the heaviest bombing raids yet centered on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, was staged Sunday by bombers and fighters of the fifth army air force left great columns of smoke rising from Japanese fuel and supply dumps.

All details of the raid were not available today and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique did not mention the number of tons of explosives which shattered this frequently-blasted shipping and air base. First reports said the tonnage was more than 200, but headquarters officers expected a much larger figure when final reports were received.

None of the allied raiders met aerial interference, and only light anti-aircraft fire was reported over the base, which a few weeks ago, at the beginning of heavy aerial strikes against it, was hotly defended by the Japanese air force.

Nine storage dumps, barracks, jetties and a small coastal vessel were left aflame in the Sunday raid.

Australian imperial force headquarters reported that Australian troops who captured Bogadjim, on the northeastern New Guinea coast, April 13 have advanced two miles up the coast toward Madang without encountering any Japanese. There was evidence that the enemy was evacuating the Bogadjim-Madang area.

Madang, 18 miles northwest of Bogadjim, was an important (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

New, Deadlier B-25 Rolling From Plants

INGLEWOOD, Calif., April 17 (AP)—North American Aviation announced today it has started production on two new versions of the B-25 Mitchell bomber, one of which is described as the world's most heavily-armed airplane.

A new and deadlier Mitchell being turned out at the company's Inglewood plant bristles with 14 .50 caliber machine guns and a 75-millimeter cannon, a company announcement said. This compares with three machine guns on the Mitchell piloted by Gen. James Doolittle and his men in the raid on Tokyo, supplemented by two painted broomsticks for bluffing purposes only.

The other heavily-armed Mitchell model is being turned out in North American's Kansas plant, and is equipped with 12 .50 caliber machine guns. Both planes will carry their normal bomb loads in addition to the extra armament, and the speed and range have not been affected by the new installations, company engineers said.

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Stimson Tells Army Position On Drafting

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said tonight the army's requisitions for men have been consistent with the job it has to do, in replying to "implied criticism" of selective service uncertainties.

Stimson, commenting in a statement on the army's changing manpower requirements, said that the method of calling men into the service is such that a complicated estimate of needed manpower, based on only one certain figure, must stand up after a time lag of seven months.

Yet despite this lag, he said, the average error between estimates and actual strength of the army was only 2 per cent.

"While a variation of 100,000 between estimated and subsequent actual strength appears very large in a newspaper headline, it is less than 2 per cent of the total strength of the army," he said.

"Under the circumstances, 2 per cent is not an unreasonable margin for error in estimates."

Camp White Gets German Prisoners

CAMP WHITE, Ore., April 17 (AP)—The initial contingent of German prisoners of war arrived here to occupy one of the west coast's first prison camps, Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, post commander, announced.

Some prisoners may be hired out as agricultural workers, but most will be employed on the post. Col. Arthur J. Ericsson, former Ft. Lewis personnel director, is in charge of the prison camp area.

Russian Troops Fast Closing in On Sevastopol

Thousands of Nazis Caught In 85-Mile Crimea Death Trap; Planes Hit Rumania

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18 (AP)—Russian troops plunged to within a mile of Sevastopol's bay on the north yesterday, seized two junctions on roads leading into the city from the southeast, and hurled thousands of German and Rumanian troops into a narrowing 85-square-mile death trap around the stricken Crimean stronghold, Moscow announced last night.

A bulletin also said that Russian long-range airmen had joined the devastating allied aerial offensive against Rumania with a mass attack Sunday night on the Danube river port and defense hub of Galati.

Belgrade, Sofia Hit

Planes Pound Rail Facilities To Support Reds

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 17 (AP)—Strong forces of American Fortresses and Liberators bombed Belgrade and Sofia today, hitting rail facilities, aircraft component factories and an airfield on the third straight day of the Balkan air assault on the Balkans ahead of the Russian army's advance.

The American attack was made in a series of swift jabs.

Fortresses led off, pouring bombs into the rail yards at Belgrade in the first air attack on the Yugoslav capital itself since the Germans dive bombed the then defenseless city at the opening of their conquest of the Balkans three years ago this month.

Next a major force of Liberators dumped its bomb loads on the rail yards at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. These yards, like those at Belgrade, are a vital point on the Zagreb-Bucharest railroad which is the Germans' main artery to the southern Russian front from Austria and Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile, a smaller force of Liberators pounced again on the Zemun air field near Belgrade which was heavily bombed yesterday. The airfield was described officially as "an important stopover point for transport aircraft flying supplies to the Russo-German front from northern Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece."

The day's fourth major air operation (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Miller Keeps Campaign Hot For Gen. Mac.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's disavowal that he is seeking the presidency caused no discouragement today among those republicans who would draft him as their nominee.

Rep. A. Miller (R-Neb.), whose correspondence with MacArthur started the whole thing, told a reporter he thought the general's remarks constituted "A very fine statement that clarifies the atmosphere."

"I still think the general is available and can be drafted," he said. That was the same conclusion reached by other MacArthur enthusiasts.

Miller said he "Never felt that General MacArthur was attacking the new deal, although he agreed with some of my thoughts" when the general wrote the congressman. MacArthur's statement repudiated any idea that his letters were intended as criticism of the administration. He also declared he never intended that the correspondence should become public.

MacArthur's statement reached (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Spring Snow Storm Hits Cascade Area

BEND, April 17 (AP)—Weekend storms dropped a foot of snow in Santiam pass and 10 inches in Willamette pass, state highway department maintenance crews reported today.

The spring snow was general in the central Oregon Cascades and reached into the timbered foothills just west of Bend. Light snow fell over the Deschutes plateau.

Council Elects James A. Byers As New Member

James A. Byers, sole candidate for alderman from the sixth ward, didn't have to wait for election to become a member of the city council. He was appointed last night to the post to which he is expected to be elected next month. Byers succeeds Elmer O. Berg, who ceased to be a member of the council when in the making over of ward boundaries the strip of territory along Center street which includes his home was moved into the second ward.

Election of Byers was unanimous, as was all other action taken by the council at the colorful session which followed a brief organization meeting of the city budget committee.

"Citizen members" of the committee, which elected Aldermen David O'Hara and Kenneth Perry as chairman and secretary, respectively, are Dan J. Fry, Ralph Kinzer, George Rhoten, Charles McElhinny, A. J. Crose, George Hull, Mrs. Hazel Marshall, R. W. Land, W. D. Evans, J. Loyal Henderson, R. L. Elfstrom, Fred H. Paulus, Leo N. Childs, Elmer O. Berg and Ralph Cooley.

Kinzer, Crose and Elfstrom were appointed during the council session to fill vacancies left by the failure of Alderman Ross Goodman, who is ill, to appoint a member and by the lack of any appointing aldermen in the places left recently by James H. Nicholson and Berg.

Alleging that there have been improper sanitary conditions and liquor law violations in the operation under its current management, the council committee on licenses denied its approval to any (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Paper Attacks Empire Abuse

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18 (AP)—The Daily Sketch in a featured article on its editorial page, said today that "anti-British empire propaganda" in America was "worth several divisions to the Japanese" and "might ultimately tip the scales in India if the allies' military position in the orient should ever be gravely in jeopardy."

"The flood of abuse against the British empire that pours out incessantly from certain quarters in the USA falls very agreeably on Japanese ears," the article said. "And they are not letting it pass unexploited."

"They are telling the peoples of Asia, and more particularly the peoples of Hindustan, that the Americans, who are allies of the British, indict the British for the very 'crimes' which they—the Japanese—accuse them of. And unfortunately the Japanese propaganda is . . . the unqualified truth."

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You Must Register

to vote at the Primaries May 19th.

Registration Books Close April 18th