

Yank Forces Close In On Airfields

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To the southeast of Wewak and Hansa bay, where Japanese garrisons were bypassed in the 500-mile vault up the New Guinea coast from below Madang to Hollandia, other bombs were dropped.

(That is in a sector where many of 80,000 isolated Japanese soldiers are believed to be. There have been reports that the Nipponese around Wewak were moving the some 80 miles northwest to strike at the Aitape invaders but MacArthur's reports have made no mention of this eventuality.)

Madang also was attacked. South Pacific planes kept pouring their bombs on the daily-raided Japanese base of Rabaul, New Britain, and also hit its supporting base of Kavieng, New Ireland.

From captured Tadij airfield at Aitape, fighter planes were flying northwest to support the Hollandia invaders.

The reconnaissance Liberators ranging 500 miles beyond Hollandia to hit Manokwari sank two small merchant vessels and air patrols shot down a Japanese flying boat.

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Butter Drops To 12 Points

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the request of the meat trade, which reported supplies sold too fast and inequitably while they were point-free.

Variety meats beef and veal hearts sweetbreads and tongue will be reduced 1 point per pound.

Types three and four bologna and frankfurters go down a point, and some sausage items including head cheese, souse and scrapple become point-free. Some ready-to-eat meats will be reduced 1 to 2 points, and dry beef in containers goes from 16 to 12 points a pound.

Nazi Forces Suffer Huge Loss to Reds

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self, and to achieve, in close collaboration with the allies, the defeat of the fascist armies and the capitulation of fascist Germany."

With soviet troops still regrouping and moving their bases forward for a resumption of their drives toward Berlin, the soviet high command announced for the fourth straight day that there were no essential changes on the long front.

But Berlin said Russian Crimean armies still were attacking savagely on the tiny axis peninsula foothold at Sevastopol, and also told of red army attacks in the southeastern corner of old Poland, in the Stanislawow area. Fighting also was reported near Kowel, in east-central Poland, 170 miles from Warsaw.

Manulsky's broadcast article as recorded here by the Soviet Monitor said the German loss of a half million men did not include the Crimean operations, where Moscow already has told of the capture of at least 40,000 Germans and Romanians.

Manulsky said that from the summer of 1943 to April 15, 1944, the red armies of the south had fought their way forward 500 to 688 miles, recaptured more than 65,000 localities, and liberated more than 310,000 square miles of territory, all but one-quarter of the invaded area.

A soviet midnight bulletin said the Russians had destroyed 42 axis planes during the day at Sevastopol, killed several hundred Germans southeast of Stanislawow and captured 160, and killed 200 more in breaking up a German tank and artillery attack on another unidentified sector.

Hitler Looks At Defenses

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ler on his inspection of the "Atlantic wall," according to a report received here through a reliable connection with the continental underground, including Admiral Karl Doenitz, supreme commander of the German navy, Gen. Guenther Korten, chief of staff of the German air force, and a Professor Tann, inventor of the anti-aircraft towers which feature the anti-invasion defenses.

The German strength ready to battle the allied invasion is estimated at between 54 and 60 divisions, with little change since a recent swift shift from the eastern front. Hitler apparently wanted to see the reinforced defenses for himself, since Marshal Erwin Rommel, in charge of them, had just completed his own personal tour.

The report of the Hitler tour reached here soon after a Berlin announcement that Hitler and Benito Mussolini had met Sunday and Monday at a "secret" meeting place and reaffirmed their joint aims.

School Board Slates Trip

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cepted. She is to become principal of Hayesville school it was stated. Leave of absence was granted Elsie Wagner whose husband is in an army hospital and needs her care and attention.

The preliminary budget meeting will be held May 16, it was decided, the citizens' meeting will be held May 23 and the hearing on June 16 followed by the election on June 19.

Allied Raids Enter 12th Straight Day

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warned that allied planes again were approaching, which meant the attacks were entering the 12th consecutive day.

Swiss dispatches said an American bomber had landed in that country late in the day after running out of fuel. Its crew was interned.

Nearly 500 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by 500 US Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts and RAF Mustangs hit German fighter bases at Nancy and Metz, 170 miles east of Paris near the German frontier, and Dijon, 160 miles southeast of Paris, and unspecified targets in southwestern Germany across the Vosges mountains.

One force of Liberators pounded the Pas-De-Calais channel fortifications nearest Britain, and Lightning fighter-bombers also attacked an enemy airfield in northern France. Then, late today, the US Ninth air force's hard-working Marauder and Havoc medium bombers escorted by RAF Spitfires again hit objectives in northern France.

Germany's fighters offered only slight opposition, a communiqué said. Ten of their planes were shot down in combat and an unspecified number of others destroyed on the ground. Returning crewmen told of blowing up the majority of hangars at the enemy bases attacked, and were amazed at the lack of fighter opposition.

From late Monday night to dusk today a total force of 3,000 British-based American and RAF warplanes in an unending stream dumped more than 4,000 tons of explosives and over 500,000 incendiaries on prime targets. In 11 days the allied teams in Britain and Italy have poured more than 50,000 tons of bombs into Hitler's fortress.

The British lost 29 planes during the night and the Mediterranean air force lost 14 and shot down 29 enemy fighters in attacks on Ploesti, Bucharest, targets near Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and objectives in northern Italy.

Munich-bound RAF Lancasters feinted by crossing the French Alps into Italy to a point near Milan, then turning northeast into Germany where the nazi shrine city was turned into an inferno by thousands of incendiaries and block-busters. This meant a round-trip flight of nearly 2,000 miles, but the absence of outwitted German night fighters dispersed by the maneuver made it worth while.

Reconnaissance reports showed fires spreading over a large area of Munich an hour after the main raiding force had left, the air ministry said, and the Germans themselves said Munich had suffered its worst assault.

House Quickly Approves Huge New Navy Bill

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)

The senate gave quick and unanimous passage to history's largest naval appropriations bill today amid a chorus of predictions that the mightiest fleet the world ever has known will be maintained as an anti-aggression force after the present war ends.

Serving notice of united home front support behind the war effort, the senate passed the \$2,644,729,701 measure—previously passed unanimously by the house—on a formal roll call vote of 61 to 0.

The action was taken after Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the foreign relations committee, joining Sens. McKellar (D-Tenn), Overton (D-Ala), and Gerry (D-RI) in declaring there will be no scrapping of battleships such as occurred after the last war, asserted:

"Whether we join an international organization to promote postwar peace and security or not, we need to maintain a strong navy not only to preserve security at home but to suppress invasion and conquest by barbaric characters such as those who forced us into the present war."

Overton, chairman of the naval appropriations subcommittee, said that the United States will come out of the present war "the unconquerable master of the sea" and that its gigantic sea and naval air forces will be preserved "as a tremendous force for the maintenance of world peace and security."

ON the HOME FRONT

By HAZEL CHILDS

We rated—or at least we received—an invitation to the initial meeting of the Salem General Motors club yesterday and, with a dozen men, sat almost motionless through a humorless moving picture show!

Not quite without oddities, however, the film showed men and women at work in some of the world's most modern war plants and the women weren't wearing slacks but crisp looking uniforms like those favored by girls in restaurants. The men looked most efficient in long white-coat coats not unlike the kind your favorite grocer wears.

So startling was some of the information contained in the war production picture (things that a year ago we'd have not dared whisper) that we don't know whether to try to digest it into editorial form and try to sell it to the boss or turn it into a feature story and sell it back to General Motors.

Allies Drive Jap Invaders Back in India

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least 4900 Japanese had been killed in the Imphal area alone, not counting those killed by intense allied artillery bombardment.

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese infantry, advancing down the Mogaung valley of northern Burma behind a screen of light Stewart tanks, were reported to have reached the town of Imkahtawng, about 20 miles due north of Kamaing, killing close to 100 Japanese in a day's fighting.

Stilwell's hard-bitten tank commander, Col. Rothwell Brown of Washington, DC., described the work of his Chinese tank crews as "eminently satisfactory."

Taongi Atoll Gets Pasting

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composed of about 10 islets, the largest of which is Sibylla, described as a narrow, sandy stretch two and a half miles long.

It is believed here that at the beginning of the war Taongi may have served the Japanese as a seaplane and temporary patrol base and a point for operations against Wake. American navy search planes bombed Taongi twice previously.

In the Marshalls attacks the targets were gun positions, runways, fuel storage areas and buildings. Small craft were strafed and beached at one objective.

Both Ponape airfields were hit by the highly accurate Mitchell's, despite moderate anti-aircraft fire. Earlier in the day Nimitz had announced that Ujelang, westernmost atoll of the Marshall islands, and within 644 miles of Truk, had fallen to United States forces.

The shoe-shaped atoll, consisting of coral reefs and 25 islets enclosing a lagoon, put the Americans 100 miles closer to the enemy strongholds in the Carolines, including Truk, Ponape and Palau. Ujelang is southeast of Eniwetok, previously the nearest Marshalls base.

The successful invasion, achieved against weak Japanese opposition, cut to 11 the remaining Marshalls land groups in enemy hands. Only four of these are known to have been strongly fortified.

Mass. Gives FDR 4-1 Vote

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announced a preference for the president were elected. Only 90 democrats voted in Westfield, home town of Ely with a population of 18,000.

In the Pennsylvania primary, where the chief executive picked up 72 democratic delegates without opposition, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey ran far ahead of five others in a write-in race in the republican balloting, which was surprising because of the support Mr. Roosevelt was given.

The 70 republican delegates are unpledged, but Dewey supporters believe he can count on

US, England To Rule World

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Vacant Lots Available for Victory Gardeners

- Arrangements may be made for the use of vacant property for Victory Gardens without fee.
- COUNTY OWNED LOTS may be secured by consulting Fred Andrews, in charge of county owned property, room 245 in the County Court House.
- CITY OWNED LOTS may be secured by consulting Dale Campbell or Mrs. Ruth Koppang in the Assessment Division of the city treasurer's office, room 203 in the City Hall.
- PRIVATELY OWNED LOTS have been listed at the Garden Center in the Central Library. In most cases use of these lots is free. Visit the Garden Center or phone BEacon 7201 and ask for the Garden Center.

Gas for Gardeners

- The OPA has authorized a supplementary ration of gasoline sufficient for a maximum of 300 miles for Victory Gardeners who must travel some distance to their gardens. Other requirements for eligibility are that at least 1500 square feet be devoted to production of vegetables and that every effort be made to share rides with other gardeners. Application for this gasoline should be made to the individual's ration board.

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