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Difficulties over importation of Mexican farm laborers is causing concern to farmers in Oregon and in other parts of the country.

First to be alarmed were the pea-growers of northeast Oregon whose crop matures early and must be handled at the moment it is ripe.

Explanation given was the lack of transportation. It was figured out just how many workers could be transported in a month with the facilities at hand, and it was seen that the number would not nearly meet the demand.

There is considerable sentiment in Mexico against allowing the Mexicans to come north to work.

Japs Threaten Another Rail Line in China

CHUNGKING, May 12-(AP) Japanese invaders sweeping into northwestern Honan from Shansi province have cut the east-west Lunghai railway 48 miles west of Loyang, severing a main retreat line for several hundred thousand Chinese troops.

A simultaneous drive from the south drew the nose tighter about the ancient city. A Chinese army spokesman said Japanese striking from that direction were only five miles from Loyang.

He estimated the Japanese, with the troops from Shansi, now had more than 100,000 men in the field in an ambitious attempt to destroy the Chinese army in Honan as a fighting force.

Chinese airmen carried out extensive attacks over the Honan front during the day with "brilliant results," a supplementary Chinese communique tonight said.

Another Japanese drive menaced the important town of Sengshien 45 miles to the southwest, as the Japanese, determined to safeguard their newly-won hold on the north-south Peiping-Hankow railway, attempted to sweep the defenders from the great Honan plains and into the hills.

Navy Search Planes Revisit Kusaie, Murilo

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 12-(AP) Navy search planes revisited Kusaie and Murilo islands in the Carolines May 10, bombing landing strips, while other American aircraft mauled the daily targets of Ponape in the Carolines and enemy-held atolls in the Marshall Islands.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz headquarters reported the actions today and also disclosed that navy carrier squadrons destroyed 1229 Japanese planes in the last eight months while losing only 164 of their own.

The strikes at Kusaie, easternmost of the Carolines, and at Murilo, in the Hall Islands just north of Truk, were single plane affairs. Kusaie was bombed April 13 and Murilo April 21.

Mitchell medium bombers of the Seventh army air force turned their heavy fire power on Ponape. There were no details.

Anti-aircraft batteries, underground shelters and building fires were the targets of army, navy and marine aircraft that swept over the Marshalls.

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Weather Maximum temperature Friday 62 degrees; minimum 46; precipitation .03 in.; river 4 ft. Partly cloudy with scattered showers in west portion Saturday; clearing Sunday. Slightly warmer Sunday.

Allies Advance 2 to 3 Miles in Italy

Yankees Road 5 Oil Plants, Hit Down 150 Nazis

Great Fleet of RAF Bombers Out Last Night; US Loses 52 Planes in Huge Sky Battles

LONDON, Saturday, May 12-(AP)-Another great fleet of British bombers struck into German-occupied territory last night on the heels of yesterday's smashing attack on five big Nazi synthetic oil plants, a blow in which the Yanks shot down 150 enemy planes at a cost of 42 bombers and 10 fighters, it was today.

The first RAF announcement of the night attack gave no indication of the targets.

All German radio stations left the air shortly after midnight, indicating the reich itself may have got part of the night attacks.

A total of more than 3000 allied planes based in Britain hammered Nazi targets by daylight.

The main blow was delivered in the Leipzig area, where the Germans had concentrated four important refineries furnishing a lifeline for Hitler's armies on the western and southern fronts and in addition two formations of Fortresses thundered across the border into Czechoslovakia for the first time in the war and blasted another German-operated oil plant at Brux.

It was on this stab that the most savage fighting of the day apparently occurred.

As many as 250 Nazi fighters (Turn to Page 2-Story A)

Fighter Aces Compare Notes

WASHINGTON, May 12-(AP) Two fighter aces, both bronzed and fit, got together today and compared notes.

At the war department, Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, American ace of the World war, met for the first time Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., the first army pilot of this war to break Rickenbacker's record.

Rickenbacker's score was 26—he shot down 21 German planes and 5 enemy observation balloons. Bong has 27 confirmed victories over Japanese planes in the Pacific.

They compared speed — Rickenbacker's best was 130 miles an hour in a Spad, Bong's around 400 in a P-38 Lightning—firepower, effective firing range and tactics in the two wars.

It was an impromptu meeting. And the case of Scotch whisky and Rickenbacker offered the first army pilot to break his record was written off. Bong is a teetotaler.

Rail Centers Hit From Air



Figures on the map indicate railway centers in France and Belgium attacked most frequently during the allied air offensive since April 15. Numbers show how many times each objective had been struck. Only those targets which had been attacked at least three times are included. (AP Wirephoto map)

Brought in 17 Japanese



Herschel Wilson (above) of Hawthorne, Calif., brought in 17 Japanese soldiers as his prisoners in New Guinea, marching them down the road ahead of his jeep, which he drove with one hand while he held his rifle in the other. (AP Wirephoto)

3 Allies Serve Axis Satellites Ultimatum Quit War or Suffer

WASHINGTON, May 12-(AP)-Allied radios pounded the peoples of axis satellites tonight with a pre-invasion ultimatum to turn against Germany now or abandon all hope of saving themselves from "disastrous consequences."

Issued jointly by the United States, Great Britain and Russia, the ultimatum was directed alike to Finland, with which the United States is not at war; to Bulgaria, with which Russia is not at war, and to Hungary and Romania.

The United States government thereby apparently served notice on the people of Finland that it has reached the end of its policy of setting them apart from the other German collaborators. And Russia apparently intended the same kind of warning to the people of Bulgaria.

"These nations must decide now," the ultimatum said, "whether they intend to persist in their present hopeless and calamitous policy of opposing the inevitable allied victory, while there is yet time for them to contribute to that allied victory."

The implication was clear that if they persist in working with Germany, then they must expect no terms short of complete and unconditional surrender followed by severe armistice terms.

On the other hand, if they get out now, the promise was they would receive more favorable treatment in direct relation to the contribution they make to allied victory, either in a military or psychological way.

"While these nations cannot escape their responsibility for having participated in the war at the side of Nazi Germany," the ultimatum said, "the longer (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Nazi Quarters Given to US

NEW YORK, May 12-(AP)-Nazi party headquarters in Berlin are the property of the US government under the will of Albert Eckstein, his attorney said today as he filed the will for probate.

Under the terms of the will, Eckstein, an importer who died May 4, instructed the executors to notify the state department that "all of my property located in Berlin become the property of the United States of America."

Sylvan Gottshall, lawyer who submitted the will for probate, said the property is "a wonderful house and grounds which the Nazi government recently took over for the headquarters of the Nazi party."

Allied Chiefs Appear Full Of Confidence

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 12-(AP)-Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of the allied forces in Italy, and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the fifth army, both promised in orders of the day today that the allies would destroy the German armies in Italy.

Gen. Alexander told his men that they had been chosen to strike the "first blow" in "the final battles... to crush the enemy once and for all," and he added significantly:

"From east and west, from north and south blows are about to fall which will result in the final destruction of the Nazis and bring freedom once again to Europe and hasten the peace for us all. To us in Italy has been given the honor to strike the first blow."

"We are going to destroy the German armies in Italy. The fighting will be hard, bitter, and perhaps long, but you are warriors and soldiers of the highest order who for more than a year have known only victory."

Gen. Clark said: "We can and will destroy the German armies."

Oregon Mother To Be Honored Program Guest

Oregon's candidate for national War Mother honors, Mrs. Ella Garner of Oregon City, who has eight sons in the service and a ninth counting the days until he is 17 and old enough to join the navy, will be honored guest at the Joint state and capital city Mothers Day program here Sunday afternoon.

The program, sponsored by the state and Salem chapters of the American War Mothers, will be held at 3 p.m. in the First Methodist church auditorium with Dr. Irving A. Fox delivering the address. Josephine Albert Spaulding will be vocal soloist for the occasion, and Mrs. E. J. Kortzborn will lead the singing, while Irl S. McSherry is to serve as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Garner will be introduced by Douglas Mullarky, private secretary to Gov. Earl Snell. Lt. Col. L. T. Jenks, chaplain with the Trailblazer division, Camp Adair, is to deliver invocation and benediction. Alice Cray Brown is to be accompanist for musical portions of the program.

Colors will be advanced by members of the American Legion. Members of the Legion's auxiliary will lead the salute to the flag.

Truk Raiders Shoot Down 6 Jap Planes

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, May 13-(AP)-Six Japanese planes were shot down by American bombers in a raid on Truk, central Pacific enemy bastion, Wednesday, headquarters said today.

The planes were bagged in a half hour, as the south Pacific Liberator bombers doused Truk with 96 tons of bombs. Warehouses were damaged severely at Dublin township and hangars wrecked at Eten atoll.

Patrol planes bombed a small freighter 300 miles east of Palau, westernmost of the Caroline Islands, and hit Aleti island, west of Truk.

Other American bombers dropped 150 tons of bombs at Wakde (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

2 P-51's Cross US in 6 1/2 Hours For Record

NEW YORK, May 12-(AP)-Two P-51 Mustang fighter planes shattered the cross-continental flight speed record today, one plane traveling from Los Angeles to New York in six hours, 31 minutes and 30 seconds with one stop and the other making the trip non-stop in six hours, 39 minutes and 30 seconds.

Both ships carried regular army equipment, including a full complement of six machine guns and armament and extra gasoline tanks.

Germans Block Drives at Some Points on Line

Push Opens 11 p.m. Thursday Following Terrific Artillery Barrage; Planes Give Help

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Saturday, May 13 (AP)—The allied Fifth and Eighth armies punched out gains as deep as two and three miles yesterday on the first day of an all-out offensive officially described as the first "of the final battles" to destroy the Germans, it was learned early today.

At other points of the strongly fortified Gustav line the allies were blocked by furious resistance after launching their big push at 11 o'clock Thursday night on a blazing 25-mile front from Casino to the Gulf of Gaeta.

Sharp German counter-attacks in some instances also eliminated initial allied gains.

The exact localities where the allies penetrated from two to three miles could not be divulged pending an official announcement.

Allied fighter-bombers gave close support all day to the attacking men of many nationalities, and A-36 dive bombers scored hits on an important German post.

Bombers Hit Japs Allied Air Force Pounds Invaders Near Plain Edge

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 12-(AP)-Allied air forces sent unprecedented swarms of bombers and fighters to the direct support of ground troops today in a smash at Japanese lodged on the edge of India's Imphal plain.

(A Tokyo broadcast boasted that the Japanese were ready to launch a large-scale offensive on these plains and claimed that artillery had broken up allied plans for a counter-offensive to cover a withdrawal.)

With the sky swept clean of the enemy, waves of allied heavy and medium bombers poured 200 tons of bombs Tuesday and Wednesday on embedded tanks, pillboxes and bunkers manned by thousands of Japanese at Ningthoukhong, key stronghold roughly 22 miles southwest of Imphal.

Now the attacks are continuing on Pootsangam, a village near which allied patrols and Japanese jungle fighters were reported locked in battle, and at Moirang, both in the same area south of Imphal on the road to Tiddim in Burma.

The bombers were reaching for the communication lines over which the Japanese came in their drive into eastern India, losing their loads almost as far south as Tiddim itself, with a strike at Tongsang.

The Japanese were using this Tiddim-Imphal road after being stymied trying to approach the plain from the direction of Palel.

Few Over 26 Will Be Called Rest of Year

WASHINGTON, May 12-(AP)-Only 150,000 to 200,000 men 29 and over need be drafted for the rest of this year, informed government officials estimated tonight, and selective service was reported apprehensive that too many older men might be taken despite a new deferment policy.

The estimate was declared to be high, if anything, since it did not take into account the likelihood that many young farmers 18 through 25 will be inducted under tightened farm deferment procedure.

More older men may be taken than needed, officials feared, because local draft boards may not immediately adjust themselves to the liberalized standards of essential work set forth by selective service director Lewis B. Hershey.

The war manpower commission informed its 1,500 U.S. employment service offices today that men 30 through 37 in essential industries are not expected to be inducted probably "for the remainder of the year."

Dewey Gets Tennessee's OK But No Sure Votes

By D. HAROLD OLIVER Associated Press Staff Writer Tennessee republicans in convention yesterday endorsed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the republican presidential nomination, but selected four national convention delegates at large without instruction.

The state also will have 15 district delegates, four of whom so far are pledged to Dewey.

While the New Yorker added this new southern strength to his big lead in pre-convention delegate support, the anti-fourth term American democratic national committee, through Dr. Gleason L. Archer, its new chairman, announced it is prepared to support Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio if he is the republican choice to oppose President Roosevelt.

Bricker, in Lincoln, Neb., on a speaking campaign, expressed gratification "for the support of all people and organizations who believe as I do." He said he had "felt all throughout the country this rising sentiment on the part of old line democrats to support a republican candidate."

Dr. Archer is president of Suffolk university in Boston. He succeeded to the chairmanship of the anti-Roosevelt group upon the resignation of Harry W. Woodring, former Roosevelt secretary of war, who said he resigned because too many democrats opposed to a fourth term were unwilling to "stand up and be counted."

He also indicated promises of financial help were not being carried out.

The Archer committee plans to hold a national convention in St. Louis June 1-3.

Dr. Archer's statement said the decision to support a republican president was reached in a series of regional conferences, but he added the group "is willing to join with the republicans in nominating a conservative democrat" for president. There was "high praise" for Dewey, he said, but it was felt Dewey lacked experience and political training.