

Short blasts, repeated every five seconds for two minutes, will be the official air raid warning signal. A long steady blast, approximately a minute long, will be the all-clear signal.

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Jap Forces Reported Nearing Australia

Labor Situation Causes Uproar in Washington

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, accused organized labor today of "injuring and depressing" independent business and said that farmers, consumers and businessmen were "at its mercy."

He flatly told the house judiciary committee that a measure to require government registration of unions and trade associations "won't go far enough" in protecting the public from practices of organized labor.

When you look at the entire picture, Arnold asserted, "the situation is putting a very substantial handicap on the distribution of all civilian necessities."

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Planners were underway in congress today for an investigation of mail and telegraphic campaigns directed at members seeking enactment of anti-strike legislation and suspension of the 40-hour week for the duration.

Chairman Harry S. Truman, D., of the special senate defense investigating committee, announced he would conduct such an inquiry if formally requested to do so by chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of a senate subcommittee on military appropriations.

First Jap Aliens Leave Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 21—(AP)—The nation's greatest forced migration was launched today as a tiny caravan motored slowly and quietly out of Los Angeles "Little Tokyo" and headed for the green country of Owens valley.

Barrage Balloon Takes Jaunt Across State

SEATTLE, March 21—(AP)—A barrage balloon escaped its moorings in the Puget Sound area early yesterday, second interceptor command officers said today, and came to earth near Weston, Ore.



SPRINGFIELD PERMANENT POLICE RESERVE — Shown here with members of the regular department this auxiliary police unit has had three months of special training, is prepared to help in any emergency and is at present aiding the civilian defense program.

Two U. S. Ships Victims of Subs

NORFOLK, Va., March 21—(AP)—Lightning flashes that illuminated the sea for miles helped an Axis undersea raider to torpedo and sink a large American merchant ship off the Atlantic coast early Wednesday, members of the crew reported on their arrival at Norfolk. The navy announced the sinking today.

Twenty-six survivors of the 41-man crew were picked up by a rescue ship after five hours in a lifeboat and were landed at Norfolk. Thirteen others were rescued by another vessel and taken ashore at Morehead City, N. C. Two crew members were listed as missing. Their identity was not immediately established.

Expressing belief that an electrical storm aided the submarine in finding the ship, James Miller, wiper, of Pelly, Tex., told newsmen, "There were great bright flashes of lightning and you could see for miles. I think the sub would have missed us if it hadn't had this light to aim by."

New Building Curb May Be Invoked

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—All building except that directly tied into war production may be stopped within a week or 10 days with issuance of war production board orders restricting plumbing and heating equipment to specific construction, it was learned today.

W. Walter Timmis, head of the WPB's heating and plumbing branch, said the orders, awaiting final action by WPB officials, would restrict such equipment to defense housing projects and to plants holding war contracts for necessary expansions.

In addition, he said, they would provide for substitution of many materials normally used in its connection with the orders.

Skunk Disrupts Fraternity Row

BERKELEY, Cal., March 21—(AP)—A half-canned skunk who created an impressive traffic problem on the University of California's fraternity row, recuperated today in the humane society's animal shelter, tired and out of ammunition.

Ration Registration Dates Announced

CHICAGO, March 21—(AP)—National sugar rationing registration dates were fixed today by the office of price administration for April 28 and 29, and May 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Warn of Prune Pest

CORVALLIS, March 21—(AP)—Oregon State college entomologists warned yesterday that conditions were right for prune thrips to damage orchards considerably.

Publisher Dies

OREGON CITY, March 21—(AP)—Edward A. Koen, 73, publisher of the semi-weekly Banner-Courier, died this morning. He had been ill several months.

Reds Close In On Nazi-Held Town of Orel

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, March 21—(AP)—The Soviet army was reported closing in from north on German-held Orel, key town 200 miles south and west of Moscow today, and increasing guerrilla attacks in the Bryansk region west of Orel were said to be impeding the Nazi withdrawal.

A dispatch to Red Star, organ of the Red army, said the advancing Russian forces had captured a German-designated mayor of Krenin county in the Mtsensk district just north of Orel.

Looking toward the time when the Red army will need masses of fresh manpower, a Siberian dispatch said that Siberia was ready to provide the front with "tens of well-trained divisions."

While bloody fighting progressed along the serpentine front, the Moscow radio said guerrillas had wrecked 15 troop trains and killed 4327 Germans near Bryansk and recently penetrated the heart of that railway city 220 miles southwest of the capital to burn military stores.

Bomber Crash Takes At Least Five Lives

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 21—(AP)—At least five persons were killed when a two-motored army bomber crashed and burned near the municipal airport today.

The dead, brought to a Memphis funeral home, were not immediately identified.

Two others were reported pulled from the flaming wreckage, badly burned.

The plane took off from the airport and crashed in the underbrush a quarter mile from the airport.

MacArthur Receives Hero's Welcome At Melbourne

By VERN A. HAUGLAND
MELBOURNE, Australia, March 21—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur rode triumphantly into Melbourne today and promptly promised the cheering thousands who gave him a hero's welcome that he would do his best to carry the cause of the United Nations to "ultimate success."

"I shall keep a soldier's faith," General MacArthur declared simply in a short speech.

Americans Raid Japs on Island

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—The war department reported today a surprise raid by American and Philippine troops on Japanese forces near Zamboanga on the Philippine island of Mindanao in which heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

American and Filipino losses were described in a communique as negligible.

Meanwhile the harbor defenses of Manila bay were reported under "extremely heavy" shelling from Japanese artillery, which included 240-millimeter (about eight-inch) guns but the war department said little damage of military consequence was done.

War in Brief

By UNITED PRESS
BERLIN—A German high command communique said today 35,000 tons of Allied shipping had been sunk off the North American and West African coasts, in addition to a United States coastal patrol boat.

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese aircraft attacked Broom and Derby in western Australia yesterday and carried out reconnaissance flights over the northwestern part of the subcontinent, Melbourne radio reported in a broadcast today recorded by the CBS listening station.

MOSCOW—Russian and Japan by signing a prolongation of their Siberian fisheries agreement at Kuybyshev, indicated that they intended to remain within the framework of their neutrality pact and would not permit a radical alteration in their relations, neutral sources said today.

SAN FRANCISCO—Melbourne radio today announced the arrival in Australia of an unnamed freighter with 173 bomb holes in her hull after a five week voyage from Singapore. The ship carried a mixed crew. The captain was Dutch, the chief officer Swedish, some English engineers and the seamen were Chinese.

TOKYO—Tokyo radio continued today its campaign of vilification against Gen. Douglas MacArthur who, it has charged, "deserted" his command in the Philippines for the "safer haven" of Australia. "In the warrior code of Bushido," said the radio, "MacArthur is a traitor and should be executed without delay."

Defense Leaders To Confer Sunday

The perfecting process which makes the Lane county defense program a little more efficient with each succeeding week will be continued Sunday at a special meeting of district commanders, police reserves captains, chief air raid wardens and official instructors, it was announced Saturday by Co-ordinator Howard Merriam.

The meeting, to be held in the faculty room at Friendly hall on the university campus, will begin at 10 a. m. and probably will continue throughout the afternoon, Mr. Merriam said.

There will be an instruction period and a general discussion of ways to continue the improvement of the defense set-up. The things learned during the instruction period will be passed on to community groups in later sub-district sessions.

Appeal Made For More Men And Material

By Associated Press
Fierce head-hunting savages were reported on the verge of returning to cannibalism and intertribal warfare in New Guinea today, complicating the defense of that Japanese-invaded island, while a Vichy radio broadcast asserted that seaborne Japanese forces were approaching Australia near the important harbor of Perth.

As if echoing the words of the Allied supreme commander as he was welcomed to Melbourne, the battle on the island approaches to Australia developed as follows:

1. American and Australian bombing attacks sank or damaged a second and a third enemy cruiser off New Britain island and battered the Japanese-held base of Saumliki on Yamenda island, 225 miles north of Australia. (This boosted the toll of enemy ships in the island sector to 25 or 26, including at least 14 warships.)

2. New Japanese raids were made on Port Moresby, where the enemy met heavily allied anti-aircraft fire, and on Broome and Derby, in northwest Australia.

3. Persistent but unconfirmed Axis reports circulated that Japanese fleets were approaching Australia, possibly aiming for Perth on the southwest coast.

4. Axis sources reported that the Japanese had cut across New Guinea to the south coast near Papua gulf, an advance of 110 miles through the jungle arc where Aborigines were reported engaged in inter-tribal warfare because of withdrawal of Australian administrators.

5. An Axis source also said Japanese warships were pressing deeper into the Solomon group, northeast of Australia, in an apparent effort to strike at the Fiji islands and the Allied supply route from America.

Army Orders Change For Air Depot Site

Army authorities have requested United Air Lines to change the site for the new air depot back to the south end of the field, it was announced Saturday by Mahlon Sweet, member of the aviation committee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Original plans called for placement of the \$22,000 structure at the south end of the field, but the army built revetments there, and it was decided then to construct the building on the east side near the apex of the taxiways. Now the plan is to pull up two revetments and shift back to the south edge of the field.

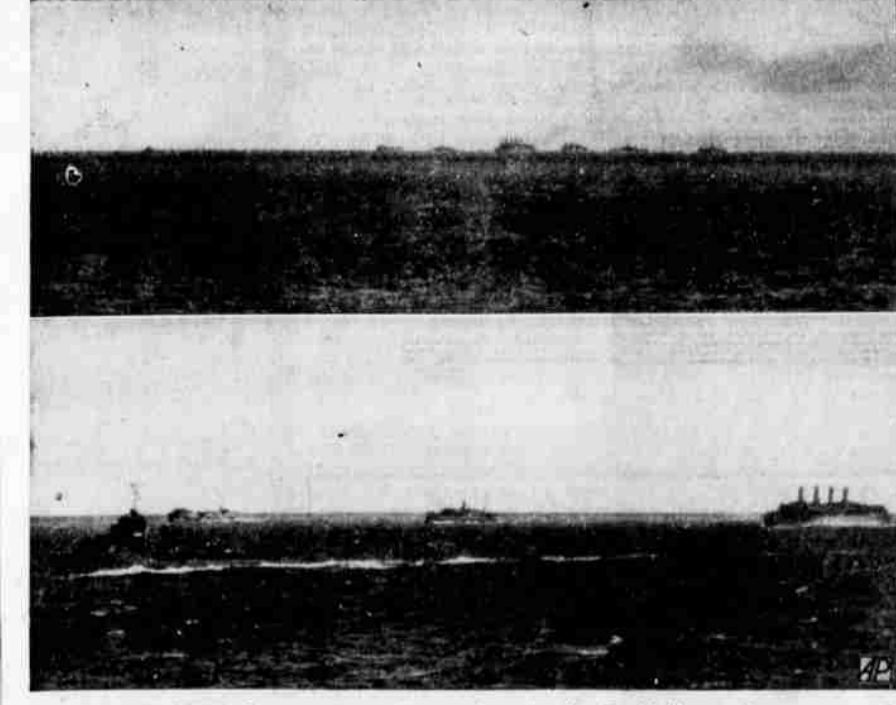
A lease of the depot site was executed at the meeting of the city council Monday, March 16, on a new lease, similar to the original one, probably will be signed Monday night, March 23, at the regular council session, it was indicated by Mayor Elisha Large. Construction may be resumed by Tuesday.

There will be little change in the plans, but the selection of the original site will provide a better loading apron and make the construction of access roads a little easier, it was pointed out.

Destroyer Buchanan Is Commissioned

NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—The 1,630-ton destroyer Buchanan, named for the first American naval officer to set foot on Japanese soil, was commissioned today at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Capt. Franklin Buchanan accompanied Commodore Matthew C. Perry at the "opening" of the Orient and he led the men ashore. He also was the first superintendent of the naval academy and captained the confederate ironclad Merrimac in the Civil war. The Buchanan, a sister ship of the Aaron Ward, was launched at Kearny, N. J., Nov. 23, 1941.



THE LONG LINE of convoy (top) "somewhere in the Pacific" stretches across the horizon. Merchantmen of every size and description make up the convoy. Below, a destroyer, one of the units of the convoy's escort, leads the way for some of the vessels.