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Yank-Filipino Surprise Raid On Mindanao

Heavy Losses Inflicted—Lull in Bataan Fighting, Manila Bay Defense Hit

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.

Philippine Scouts

Officials said the reference to American troops on Mindanao might have been to Philippine scouts, or forces sent to the islands from the continental United States before the Pacific war, or both. The scouts, although Philippine, are an integral part of the United States army but limited to service in the islands.

Who is in command in Mindanao was unannounced. In early stages of the fighting for the large southern island, Lieutenant Colonel Roger Hillman was in command of forces which were forced out of the port of Davao.

The scene of the raid on the Japanese near Zamboanga is about 500 miles almost due south of the Bataan fighting front. The picturesque city was occupied by the enemy this month.

Brett Rules Air

Fighting on the Bataan peninsula continued in a lull.

In Australia, the war department announced, Prime Minister John Curtin has appointed Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, U. S. army, to command the Australian as well as United States air forces operating on the southern continent.

The communique, No. 154, based on reports received until 6:30 a. m. PWT, said:

"1. Philippine theatre: "In a sudden surprise raid, General Wainwright's American and Philippine troops on the island of Mindanao inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy near Zamboanga. Our losses were negligible.

Lull in Bataan

"The harbor defenses of Manila bay were under extremely heavy shelling from enemy artillery located on the south shore of Manila bay. Intensive fire from 240-mm guns was concentrated on our fortifications. Very little damage of military consequence was inflicted on our installations. Our guns effectively returned the fire.

"There was no fighting in Bataan.

"2. Australia: "With the concurrence of our government, the prime minister of Australia has appointed Lieutenant General George H. Brett, United States army, to the command of the air forces of Australia and the United States operating in Australia.

"3. There is nothing to report from other areas."

Claim U-Boats Sink Six More Ships

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), March 21 (AP)—U-boats have sunk six more ships totaling 38,000 tons and a U. S. coastal patrol boat in operations off the American and west African coasts, the high command said today.

A German submarine, attacking a convoy in the Atlantic, scored four torpedo hits but was unable to observe the results because of the "strong defense put up" by the communique continued.

German planes sank a 4,000-ton freighter in British waters and another merchant ship, described as "fairly large," was damaged, it was claimed.

The communique declared a U-boat commanded by Capt. Poake "distinguished itself in operations in American waters."

2 More Big Ships Sunk By Torpedoes

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The navy announced today that a large United States merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

This was the second torpedoing announced today. Earlier, the navy said another large merchant vessel had been similarly torpedoed.

Hungary and Rumania Clash

Bern, Switzerland, March 21 (AP)—Old hatred between Hungary and Rumania—two axis states—has flared up again despite efforts of Germany to make it appear that all Europe has been united behind the Nazi spring campaign against Russia.

This hatred, menacing Adolf Hitler's plans, has been more or less dormant for the past year since German pressure imposed a truce on the press of the two countries, but apparently even the German efforts were unable to keep it suppressed indefinitely.

In fact, informed quarters said, the renewal of tension between the two countries is due directly to Berlin's attempts to play one against the other with the hope of getting the maximum aid from each.

(The London Daily Mail's Geneva correspondent reported that Hungary had militarily strengthened her borders with Rumania because of Rumania's growing territorial grievances.)

Rumania's feelings were made known Thursday by Prof. Mihail Antonescu, who has been serving as premier since his uncle, Marshal Ion Antonescu, took over Rumanian command of the Rumanian army.

He declared the dispute over Transylvania was far from settled as far as Rumania was concerned.

This was the first public mention of the subject by a high official since the Vienna conference of 1940, at which the axis awarded northern Transylvania to Hungary.

Head Hunters of New Guinea at War

Sydney, Australia, March 21 (AP)—The Port Moresby correspondent of the Sydney Sun reported today that the war in New Guinea likely would be complicated by outbreaks of headhunters by cannibals from the Sepik river area, where the world's wildest tribes may be found.

It was said the whites remaining in the area already were threatened by the outbreak of tribal warfare and that some native police have joined the marauders in holding up and robbing friendly natives.

Vichy Reports Japs Nearing Perth Harbor

New York, March 21 (AP)—The Vichy radio, which has been reporting Japanese fleets off Australia for several days, said this morning:

"Japanese squadron is approaching Cape Leewin, the southwest corner of the Australian continent. This fleet is said to be approaching the important harbor of Perth."

CBS transcribed the broadcast in New York.

Government Seizes Strike Bound Railroad

Washington, March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered the office of defense transportation to seize the strike-bound Toledo, Peoria & Western railroad and to operate it "for the successful prosecution of the war."

It marks the first time since World War I that the government has taken over a railroad, as well as the first seizure by the government of a private concern since the Pacific war started.

Mr. Roosevelt issued his order as president and as commander-in-chief of the army and navy. The order followed receipt of a 17-page collect telegram from McNear, giving his side of the controversy.

William H. Davis, chairman of the war labor board, conferred with the president this morning and the executive order followed.

The president's order directed Joseph B. Eastman, director of the ODT, "to take immediate possession of all real and personal prop-

Russians Storm 5 Key Nazi Bases 1200 Mile Front

Red Army Reported in Staraya Russa—Hitler Admits Violent Attacks

(By the Associated Press)

Russia's armies, crowding the Germans off balance before Adolf Hitler can launch his spring offensive, were reported storming against five key Nazi bases on the 1,200-mile front today, and a Vichy radio broadcast declared Soviet troops had already fought their way into Staraya Russa.

Other Russian assaults were aimed at Bryansk, Kharkov and Tsiarog. Staraya Russa, 150 miles below Leningrad, is the base headquarters of the trapped German 16th army which has been cut off for weeks in the frozen marshlands around Lake Ilmen.

Front-line dispatches said the Russians also were closing in from the north on German-held Orel, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, about halfway between the U. S. S. R. capital and Kharkov.

Hitler's Report A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged the increasing violence of Russian assaults, declaring that Nazi troops had beaten off six fierce attacks yesterday southeast of Lake Ilmen, in the Staraya Russa sector, but gave no details on the fate of Staraya Russa itself.

"Many dead were left on the field and numerous prisoners were taken," a German communique said.

The high command also conceded that the Russians were pressing the offensive in the Ormes, in the Donets river basin of the Ukraine, and on the central (Moscow) and northern (Leningrad) fronts.

Guerrillas Active Russian guerrillas were officially declared to have killed 4,327 Germans and wrecked 15 troop trains near Bryansk, a railway city 220 miles southwest of Moscow, and audaciously entered its heart to burn German supplies and post Russian pamphlets on German bulletins boards.

Forecasting that Adolf Hitler would develop sector concentrations rather than generally strengthen his lines with the spring, the army newspaper Red Star called for fresh Soviet reserves and war supplies to maintain the Russian offensive.

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."

Chungking, China, March 21 (AP)—Guerrillas have repeatedly raided Amoy island, important Japanese supply base at the mouth of the Kiuilung river, and Japanese batteries shelled Chinese positions on the mainland in an attempt to discourage further attacks, the Chinese Central News agency said today.

The broadcast, heard by CBS, said extensive Japanese aerial reconnaissance was reported over southern Honan and western Szechwan provinces, scene of recent fighting.

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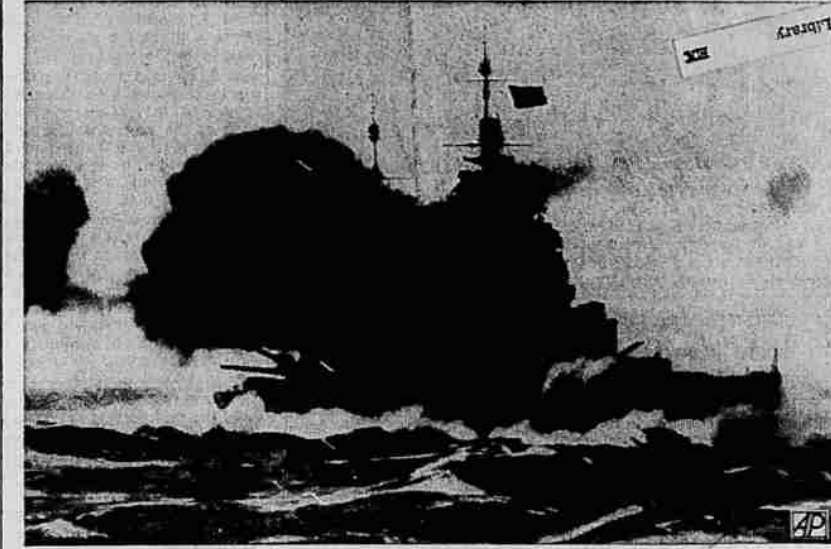
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New Allied Battleship in Stormy Seas—The big, new British battleship, Duke of York, drives through foaming seas—which crash over her turrets as her heavy guns spew forth smoke and flame. This is the allied warship which brought Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the United States for his conferences with President Roosevelt. — Associated Press Photo.

Hogg Names Board To Pick New Aide U. S. Confirms Jap Atrocities

Acting with the authority conferred upon him yesterday afternoon by members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, President Carl Hogg this morning took the first step toward putting into operation a program to revitalize the activities of the chamber and to provide centralized leadership in dealing with community problems arising out of the location of an army training cantonment near Corvallis, when he named the committee authorized to consider applications and employ a special business and activities director for the chamber.

Designated as members of the selection committee are: From the chamber board of directors—Dr. Henry E. Morris, Guy Hickok and George Rhoten. From the membership at large—Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Gene Vandensnyder and Linn Smith.

No time has been fixed for the initial meeting of the group, which is authorized to select a director from among applicants for the job or otherwise, and to fix his salary for a six months' period. The added expense to the chamber is to be financed through an assessment of \$5 per membership approved at yesterday's meeting.

To Handle Problems One of the immediate duties of the director will be to give his full-time attention to problems arising out of the cantonment, such as securing a USO recreation center for Salem and arranging for adequate transportation facilities to connect the city with the camp, Hogg said.

In this he will assist and cooperate with those who have already been working on these projects.

The \$5 assessment is to take care of the program for an estimated six months. After that it is believed added memberships, which will be part of the new director's job, will be sufficient to make the membership dues meet the added cost.

The members were called without actual knowledge of the purpose of the meeting, and around 150 were (Continued on page 8, column 6)

Chinese Guerrillas Raid Amoy Island

New York, March 21 (AP)—The all-India radio said today that an entire Chinese division was concentrated on the mainland opposite the Japanese island base at Amoy and was being shelled by Japanese batteries to "prevent further Chinese raids" on the island.

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Allied Airmen Blast 2 Cruisers, Rabaul Harbor

Aerial Warfare Continues with Jap Raids on Broome and Derby

Canberra, Australia, March 21 (AP)—The aerial defenders of Australia's northeastern sea approaches within the past 24 hours have left one heavy Japanese cruiser sinking in the harbor at Rabaul, New Britain, and one other heavily damaged, two communique disclosed today.

The latest report on yesterday's smash at Japan's left wing of conquest, adding one cruiser to the score of those damaged, also told of continual enemy reconnaissance over areas of New Guinea and Papua.

Early this morning a Japanese heavy bomber was driven off Port Moresby, New Guinea's port capital, by anti-aircraft fire.

The Japanese had struck at two places on the west coast of Australia itself.

Ports Bombed Targets of the Japanese raids were the ports of Broome and Derby which are situated respectively about 600 and 675 miles southwest of off-bombed Darwin.

Derby—which had not previously been bombed—was attacked by two Japanese planes which thrice swept low over the town with machine-guns crackling, a communique said.

No damage or casualties were reported there, but at Broome a force of fighters dropped 50 bombs on the civilian airport, killing one civilian and damaging several commercial aircraft.

Plane Bombs Ship A lone Japanese plane also attacked a small ship off Darwin, firing 500 rounds without doing any damage, the announcement declared.

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Hero's Welcome Given General By Australians

Promises to Do His Best—'Shall Keep a Soldier's Faith'

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.

The demonstration for the hero of Bataan, deeply tanned after his days in the Philippines, was one of the greatest in the history of this commonwealth.

Receives Ovation The amazing journey of General MacArthur with his family which started in extreme secrecy behind the Japanese lines on the besieged Philippines, ended in the sudden flare of pomp and public acclaim at Melbourne's rambling, brown Spencer street railway station.

The Australians at the station, still thrilled by the general's statement yesterday that a grand allied attack would supplant the present defense warfare, gave a great yell when the broad-shouldered supreme commander of the United Nations in the southwest Pacific stepped from the Adelphi Express.

General MacArthur paid tribute to the Australian soldiers in his short talk to the welcoming throng.

Tribute to Anzacs "I am glad indeed to be in immediate cooperation with the Australian soldier," he said. "I know him well from World war days and admire him greatly."

"Then he touched in a general manner on the coming struggle.

"I have every confidence in the ultimate success of our joint cause, but success in modern warfare requires something more than courage and willingness to die," the general said. "It requires careful preparation."

"This demands furnishing sufficient troops and sufficient material to meet the known strength of a potential enemy.

"No general can make something out of nothing. My success in the future will depend primarily upon the resources which the respective governments place at my disposal.

"My faith in them is complete.

"In any event, I shall do my best. I shall keep a soldier's faith."

It was not known how long General MacArthur and his family (Continued on page 9, column 8)

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Alien Exemption Order Signed

Washington, March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed an executive order today permitting exemption of certain persons from the "alien enemy" classification in order to permit them to apply for naturalization.

"I hereby except," the order said, "from the classification 'alien enemy' all persons whom the attorney general of the United States shall, after investigation fully establish their loyalty, certify as persons loyal to the United States."

The law provides that, except for such persons as the president may exempt, alien enemies may be naturalized only if they had made a declaration of their intention "not less than two years prior to the beginning of the state of war."

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Arnold Says Unions Destroying Business

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, accused organized labor today of "injuring and destroying" 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 "doesn'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.

"It is impeding the distribution of housing and food and is injuring or destroying the independent businessman at a time when we are trying to save the consumer and independent businessman."

He told the committee that "no other group in our society" could do