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Marshall and Hopkins Reach London by Plane

To Discuss Strategy—Axis Drive on Egypt Looms

London, April 8 (AP)—The United States army's chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, and Harry Hopkins, chairman of the British-American munitions assignments board, arrived in London today for talks with Britain's leaders, presumably on the grand strategy of the United Nations' 1942 campaigns.

General Marshall's arrival was reminiscent of that of General John J. Pershing, who reached London on June 8, 1917, two months after the United States entered the first World War.

(In Washington, the White House tersely described General Marshall's visit as a "perfectly normal wartime mission," while London sources said the U. S. chief of staff was expected to confer with Britain's leaders on questions of high strategy.)

Accompanying the army chief of staff and Hopkins were Col. Howard A. Craig of the air corps, Col. A. C. Wedemeyer of the general staff and Lieut. Commander J. R. Fulton of the United States army. It was announced that they would be in London for a "short stay."

Came by Bomber

It was understood the party made the trip to Britain by bomber.

The arrival of Gen. Marshall comes on the heels of reports circulated in London that the bulk of the American army is training for a mass invasion of the continent.

These reports, published in London newspapers only yesterday, said the Americans and British eventually would strike together at the heart of industrial Germany through France.

Thousands of Americans already are training in northern Ireland.

Axis forces numbering 125,000 desert-wise troops were reported in motion against British lines in what may be the opening of a spring drive to conquer Egypt and smash through east of Suez towards Russia's southern flank.

The action—not yet told in detail—came as the German air force lashed with rising fury at Malta and Alexandria with fire and explosives.

The tiny island fortress and Egypt's chief port and base of the British Mediterranean fleet—keys to Britain's dominance of the Med.—(Concluded on page 16, column 7)

Marshall Tells U. S. Objectives

London, April 8 (AP)—The purpose of United States forces in Europe is to "expand," General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. army, declared tonight.

Harry Hopkins, lend-lease expeditor who came to London with Marshall, seconded the general's thought, saying that production alone is not going to win the war but that "soldiers under General Marshall and sailors under Admiral King" would be the deciding factor.

Admiral Ernest J. King, to whom Hopkins referred, is chief of all American naval operations.

Gen. Marshall and Hopkins arrived in London only this morning but already have managed to "spend a few hours" with Prime Minister Churchill, Hopkins said.

Discussing his mission, Hopkins added that President Roosevelt had entrusted him with some confidential matters on which to confer with Churchill.

His mission, he said, was "to see the development of the British forces here in the British Isles and to talk things over in general with the British chief of staff."

Replying to a question, the general said that he did not know whether he would return directly to Washington, but that he would certainly visit American troops in Northern Ireland. (Concluded on page 10, column 8)

Yank Flier's Life Saved By Crucifix

Somewhere in North Australia, April 8 (AP)—Clarence Sanford, an Alabama university graduate from Auburn, N. Y., reported today how his life was saved by a silver crucifix he habitually wears around his neck.

Chasing Japanese planes over the Pacific, Sanford's fighter plane ran out of fuel and he had to bail out, drifting into the water three miles from a small island.

He had to strip off all his clothing in order to swim to shore, where he collapsed.

He was aroused by three aborigines, one of whom held a spear to his chest and accused, "You Jap."

Sanford said he was about to be impaled when the native spied the crucifix he habitually wears around his neck and exclaimed, "Jesus number one man!"

The now-friendly natives led the nude flier 25 miles afoot to the Bremer island mission, and a pearl lugger brought him back to Australia.

Alexandria Bombed Heavily

Alexandria, Egypt, April 8 (AP)—This Mediterranean naval port was bombed again early today after its worst air attack of the year yesterday when 52 persons were killed and 80 injured.

The follow-up assault was light, however, the government said, with only a few bombs dropped, no casualties and only insignificant damage.

As the government acted quickly to care for the victims of the earlier bombing, Premier Mustapha Nahas Pasha broadcast to Alexandrians that "this is a day of national mourning for the whole country."

The public works minister visited the wounded at a hospital, giving each two Egyptian pounds (about \$8). An estimation committee received orders to estimate property losses quickly so the government could pay in full from credits of enemy property seized in Egypt.

Trucks Used to Bring Gasoline

Portland, April 8 (AP)—Big tank-trucks roared south from the north-west today toward refineries in California and the intermountain region, where they will pick up gasoline for delivery in Oregon, Washington and Idaho under terms of recent JCO action to combat motor fuel shortages.

William B. Adams, Portland attorney, who represents most of the truckers, estimated that between 15 and 25 trucks left Portland for refineries at San Francisco. Routes will be determined by the oil companies, but Adams said he expected initial tank-truck deliveries from San Francisco to be made in southern Oregon and southern Idaho.

Shipments from inland refineries will be delivered in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and western Idaho, which have been cut off from Pacific coast seaport deliveries because of the coastal petroleum shortage.

Norwegian Pastors Defy Quisling Regime

London, April 8 (U.P.)—The Axis puppet regime headed by Vidkun Quisling in Norway is resorting to drastic measures in an effort to crush opposition led by clergymen and teachers, a Norwegian refugee government spokesman said tonight.

Nazi storm troopers were reported ready to aid in preventing demonstrations scheduled for next Sunday, according to intelligence reports received here, and Quisling has issued a proclamation permitting "laymen" to take over the duties of some 1100 clergymen who resigned in protest against government dictation.

The intelligence reports to the refugee government said that Norwegians had declared their readiness to "fight with our clergy even from the catacombs."

The Protestant clergymen resigned en masse and intended to resist the Quisling regime by preaching as "free clergymen" in defiance of authority next Sunday. It was said the clergy probably

Soviet Forces Smash Across Dnieper River

Pinch Off Nazi Bulge Toward Moscow—Halt German Drive in Crimea

London, April 8 (AP)—Soviet forces have smashed across the upper Dnieper river in a furious final drive to pinch off the Vyasma-Ghatsk-Rzhev bulge toward Moscow, Soviet dispatches relayed by Stockholm said today.

This crossing, between Dorogobuzh and Durovo, was a striking achievement, these dispatches said, since the Germans had established vast fortifications along the river.

The red army appeared intent upon utilizing the brief period remaining before the spring thaw to crush Nazi armies within the central front sack and to prepare to meet later German offensive from the direction of Smolensk which is 50 miles west of the point where the Dnieper was reported crossed.

The German corridor of escape from Vyasma to Smolensk now has been narrowed to 30 miles with soviet guns raking the main highway and rail routes, Stockholm informants said. In addition, the Russians were reported threatening Durovo, vital rail junction about midway between Smolensk and Vyasma, from its southern and southwestern suburbs.

Tank Drive Halted
Moscow, April 8 (AP)—The Germans attacked soviet positions in the Crimea with 100 tanks today but were trapped by furious Russian artillery fire and eventually turned back, the Moscow radio announced.

After several hours of vain attempts to break through the barrage, the German tanks still in operation retreated, leaving 32 machines and hundreds of dead on the battlefield, the radio said.

The soviet information bureau's mid-day communique repeated its familiar "no significant changes occurred at the front" but told of past operations in which 1,675 Germans were killed or wounded in various sectors of the long battlefront.

In one day's fighting alone to the northwest of Moscow, it said, the enemy lost 1,125 soldiers and officers in dead and wounded; 300 were killed in a day's fighting on a sector of the Kalinin front, also northwest of Moscow; and 250 were killed on the southwestern front in the recapture of "a strongly fortified populated place."

Soviet troops routed the Germans from an important village on the southwestern (Orei-Taganrog) front yesterday despite a hurricane of machine-gun fire and captured seven Nazi tanks, the Russians said.

The soviet information bureau emphasized the quickening aerial warfare with a report 79 German planes were destroyed Monday against 19 Russian aircraft lost, increasing its totals for nine days to 494 German machines and 103 Russian.

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Port of Acajulla Destroyed by Fire
San Salvador, El Salvador, April 8 (AP)—The coffee port of Acajulla, 2,500 population, was almost destroyed yesterday in the greatest fire this country has experienced in a century. The post office, military headquarters, telegraph office, barracks and customs officers were among the buildings destroyed in the four hour fire. Damage was estimated at about \$1,500,000, but no loss of life was reported.



Where Japanese Intern American Prisoners—This is a view of the Japanese town of Zentsu, on the island of Shikoku, where the International Red Cross reported 368 American prisoners of war were being held by the Japanese. Photograph was copied from a Japanese geographic reference book. (Associated Press Photo.)

Allied Planes Attack Koepang

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, April 8 (U.P.)—United States and Australian air forces reported new successes in their unrelenting offensive today as United Nations supreme leaders met in the first of a series of major war conferences. Allied planes fought through three separate screens of crack Japanese fighters yesterday to attack Koepang, the Japanese invasion base in Dutch Timor, 330 miles northwest of Australia, a communique announced. Only one allied fighter plane was lost. And a plane previously reported missing was found and returned to duty.

It was announced also that in their raid yesterday on Lae, in the New Guinea invasion zone, the allied planes, in addition to smashing five to six grounded Japanese fighters and starting fires, shot down the only Japanese fighter plane which challenged them. This plane was caught in concerted fire and torn to bits. It was known that some Japanese bombers were hit at Lae, but no estimate was made of the number.

A Port Moresby dispatch estimated that in all 118 Japanese planes had been destroyed in the New Guinea and Timor invasion zones against the loss of 14 United States and Australian planes. Crews of six of the allied planes were saved.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Prime Minister John Curtin, Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, commanding United Nations air forces; Lieut. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, Australian commander of ground forces, and Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary, United States navy commander in the Australian-New Zealand zone, conferred for two hours today.

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New Formula Considered for India's Defense

Johnson Plays Role of Mediator as Moslems Reject Cripps' Offer

New Delhi, India, April 8 (AP)—A new formula for handling Indian defense was reported worked out today at an all-India congress party committee session and semi-official sources declared that the way might yet be cleared for a settlement under which India would attain a national government and take up her full part in the war.

It was intimated that Louis Johnson, former United States assistant secretary of war who came here as President Roosevelt's personal emissary, had played a prominent part as mediator in averting a deadlock on Britain's offer to the Indians.

Tonight, however, the working committee of the All-India Moslem conference, big Moslem organization, adopted a resolution declaring the Cripps proposals unacceptable in their present form. The committee stated that the proposals must be modified so that no province would be permitted to remain out of the proposed Indian union.

The Moslems contended that the Cripps proposals as they now stand would impair the solidarity and unity of the Indian people.

Meanwhile the situation as regards the Hindus seemed brighter.

The new plan for dealing with responsibility for defense, heretofore a stumbling block in the way of congress party acceptance of the autonomy proposal, was said to have developed at a morning session of the party's working committee.

The plan was said to have been turned over to party leaders, and the committee continued in session.

Earlier a deadlock had threatened to wreck Sir Stafford Cripps' mission to India as Britain's amended offer to appoint an Indian as the country's defense minister fell short of nationalist demands.

Only two possibilities, apparently, remained to give the negotiations for post-war Indian dominion status a new lease on life—that the eagerness on both sides for an agreement might produce satisfactory terms or that United States influence might be brought to bear on the involved situation.

Detroit, April 8 (AP)—The United Automobile Workers (UAW), having accepted abolition of double pay for Sunday and holiday work, asked today that profits be limited to three per cent of invested capital, and asked President Roosevelt to see that they were.

An emergency UAW conference approved by voice vote late yesterday an executive board "victory through equality of sacrifice program," which union leaders had urged because of rising anti-labor sentiment in congress.

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Retire to New Prepared Posts To Prevent Rout

Accomplished in Orderly Fashion Before Superior Forces of Japs

(By the Associated Press)
Out-numbered American and Filipino defenders of Bataan peninsula have effected a general withdrawal to new defensive positions because of Japanese penetration of their line, the war department said today.

Official quarters in Washington said there was no immediate indication of the extent of the withdrawal, but that it was apparently accomplished in orderly fashion despite the ferocity of the Japanese assault.

Five Days of Attack
It was the fifth day of intensive attack by Lieut.-Gen. Yamashita's numerically superior invasion forces, which have been constantly hammering at the American-Filipino lines with tanks, heavy artillery fire and aerial bombardment since Saturday.

The war department bulletin said Lieut.-Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright's troops withdrew last night to "a previously prepared defensive position."

The present retirement was carried out to prevent the enemy from converting the break into a disastrous rout, it was understood.

As a last extremity, the defenders could withdraw entirely from Bataan peninsula's shot-torn jungles and foxholes to the rocky Corregidor island fortress in Manila bay.

No Aerial Support
The little army of Lieut.-Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, weary, outnumbered and with no aerial support to challenge the Japanese dive bombers, was pressed hard—perhaps so hard that it will be unable to hold out for the critical two or three weeks ahead.

"Superior enemy forces, supported by tanks and artillery, continue to attack the center of our line in Bataan," said a U. S. war department communique. "The Japanese have thrown fresh reserves into the fighting and have made some additional progress. Heavy losses have been sustained by our forces and by the enemy."

Military men expressed belief Yamashita had massed at least a full army—from 110,000 to 135,000 men of his 200,000 or more troops in the Philippines against the Wainwright units, which have been estimated to total 20,000 to 30,000.

From his United Nations headquarters in Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was reported in frequent touch with the battle-stained defenders of Bataan, where Lieut.-Gen. Yamashita apparently was gambling on victory—no matter what the sacrifice in lives—before the start of the rainy season.

Only Two Addresses For Navy Abroad
Washington, April 8 (AP)—The navy today asked the public to use only one of two designated post office addresses in writing to naval personnel afloat and overseas in order to conceal the location of ships from the enemy.

There are only two post office addresses that should be used in writing any person aboard a sea-going ship. The are c-o Postmaster, New York, and c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, depending upon which is near the addressee.

"Even if you know that a sea-going ship of the U. S. navy is in a certain harbor, don't address mail to her there," the navy said. "To do so may reveal her position to any person who sees or handles the letter, and this information may fall into the hands of the enemy."

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How to Write War Prisoners

Washington, April 8 (AP)—Americans who wish to correspond with relatives and friends interned in Japan were offered help today by Rep. Compton I. White, (D., Ida.)

He recently released an International Red Cross report of the prisoners of war who were captured at Guam, Gilbert and Wake Islands. Upon advice of the navy department, White said the internees should be addressed through the Red Cross committee, prisoners of war bureau, Geneva, Switzerland.

It was emphasized the sender should note on the envelope the place where the prisoner was believed to have been captured. The International Red Cross reported 366 Americans, taken on the three islands, were held at Zentsu, Japan. The majority of them were civilian workers on defense projects.

It was explained when White released the prison report that many of the internees were from Idaho and other northwest states.

Subs Sink 2 More Jap Ships
Washington, April 8 (AP)—An American submarine cruising in the dangerous water of the China sea sunk two more Japanese merchant ships totaling 15,000 tons, the navy announced last night.

The ships, traveling Japan's vital supply line through the southwest Pacific, were a passenger-cargo vessel of about 10,000 tons and a cargo ship of 5,000 tons. Announcement of the success brought to at least 53 the number of Jap ships sunk or damaged by American submarines since the start of the war.

Since Saturday alone 12 vessels have been sunk or damaged—indicating a stepping-up of submarine activity. The subs' share of ships definitely known to have been sent to the bottom was 31, against 75 for all other branches of the armed services.

Another Cut in Gasoline Looms
Washington, April 8 (AP)—A further sharp cut in the amount of gasoline available for motorists in the east and Pacific northwest was forecast today, pending development of a card rationing system.

Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, said it was clear that the recent 20 per cent reduction in filling station supplies was not sufficient, and that "the curtailment will have to go deeper than that."

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