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## New Air Raid Alarms Keep Japs in Jitter

### Bus Plan for Cantonment Given Thursday

### Mass Meeting Called at Chamber of Commerce To Pass on Program

One of the most important meetings of the year, is what President Carl Hogg and Business Extension Manager Clay Cochran say about a general meeting of the Salem Chamber of Commerce that has been set for Thursday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock. It is highly important to Salem business men, store, shop and general property owners because a proposal will be presented that "will open up the avenues to liberate Salem business," in the words of Mr. Cochran.

### Mass Meeting Called

The meeting will be concerned with the question of transportation between Salem and Camp Adair, now the most important issue before the city because on it hinges the matter of priority and housing. It had been planned to have a series of day meetings this week, but yesterday a brief meeting of some 25 business men each of whom holds a number of Chamber of Commerce memberships, were of the opinion that one big general meeting would be better. Consequently that plan was adopted, and it is imperative, say the chamber leaders, that several hundred persons be present, regardless of whether they are chamber members.

The group yesterday, without exception, approved the transportation plan which is now taking definite shape. It will be fully revealed Thursday night.

### Permit Necessary

"It is going to be necessary," said President Hogg today, "for Salem business men and Salem citizens in general, to qualify for 40-cent round trip transportation service between here and Camp Adair before we ask the public utilities commission for a permit to operate or acquire equipment to carry passengers." Incidentally Mr. Hogg remarked that two men have approached the chamber officials with proposals to lease or sell buses to the chamber. "To make known to our people how they may qualify will be the purpose of the meeting Thursday night," Mr. Hogg continued. "Endorsement of the proposal to be placed before them will be the green light to go ahead with getting the permit and leasing the buses. Unanimous endorsement given the plan by the group meeting yesterday justifies us in expecting a very large turnout Thursday night."

### Peary Bombed By Mistake

New York, April 21 (AP)—John Raleigh, CBS correspondent in a broadcast from Australia, said today that the United States destroyer Peary, acknowledged by the United States to have been sunk February 19 at Darwin when the Japanese scored five direct bomb hits, previously had been bombed by the Australians by mistake.

As she was nearing Darwin after successfully undergoing many bombings at Manila and in the Indies, Raleigh said, "Australian planes mistook the Peary for an enemy craft and bombed her, unfortunately, more accurately than the Japanese."

"Her fire control and foremast were carried away by direct hits. The ship, though frantically signaling, did not fire back at the allies, who honestly believed the vessel an enemy one."

"Finally, a bomb fell on the after deck, setting afire the ammunition stacked beside four inch guns. A seaman rushed to the danger spot and hurled the shell cases, after, overboard. For this he was awarded the navy cross."

### Camelback Recaps Now Available

Portland, April 21 (UP)—Recaps manufactured entirely of reclaimed rubber are now available for Oregon class B motorists, the state rationing administrator's office announced today.

### Navy Operates Brewster Plants

New York, April 21 (AP)—The United States navy today took over the Long Island city plants of the Brewster Aeronautical company because "no finished planes were being produced," said Capt. George O. Westervelt, U. S. navy retired, as he assumed active command over production.

The company has plants in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Senator Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.), charged in Washington that operation of one Long Island city plant was only 40 per cent of capacity. Westervelt said he had not had time to delve into parts production, but could say "no finished airplanes have been coming off the assembly line."

"The plants located in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been running at only 40 per cent of capacity in parts, with no finished product coming off the assembly line."

### Germans Shoot French Hostages

Vichy France, April 21 (AP)—German military authorities have executed 20 more French hostages at St. Nazaire in reprisal for the recent British commando raid on the important submarine base there, it was made known today.

News of the executions was received here shortly after Chief of Government Pierre Laval left suddenly for Paris at 5 a. m. to contact the Germans on his collaborationist program.

Thirty hostages had been shot at Rouen yesterday in revenge for the derailling of a German troop train in which 44 German soldiers were killed.

The hostages, completely innocent of the bombing, were taken from a concentration camp at which Free French sympathizers and alleged "communists" were held.

(London reported that the Germans intended to shoot 80 more innocent French patriots Thursday unless those responsible for the train wreck were arrested.)

(Thirty-five hostages had been shot at Calais last week, and thus the total of new killings, in a German repression campaign, was brought to 85, with 80 more facing death.)

### Laval Pledged to War on Free French

Pierre Laval, established as overlord of Vichy France by Nazi pressure, is committed to attack Free France and especially the vitally important Free French territory in Africa, private advisers received in the United States today.

These advisers, received from a source believed to be unimpeachable, said Laval had made it plain that as chief of the Vichy government, one of his principal policies would be an aggressive military campaign against Free France, especially in Africa.

They also said that because of deep hatred of Laval throughout France he might be the target of an 88 per cent of the French people detested Laval's policies and as the result terrorism and harsh repression might provide the headlines from France before long. Laval was quoted as having said

### Soviet Rushing Fresh Troops To All Fronts

### Seek to Paralyze Nazi Efforts for Offensive—Guerrillas Successful

Kuibyshev, Russia, April 21 (UP)—Mass movements of fresh Soviet troops and war materials to all fighting fronts was reported by the Red Star today. The dispatch emphasized the determination of Russian armed forces to hold the initiative and paralyze Hitler's efforts to launch a 1942 offensive.

Guerrillas were authoritatively reported today to have captured four villages on the northern front, killed 783 Germans, including a lieutenant colonel, destroyed four tanks and blown up six ammunition and fuel dumps.

The size of their successes indicated the guerrillas were becoming most formidable. The alarmed Germans were sending out punitive expeditions, supported by planes and tanks, but the guerrillas either ambushed these hunters, or eluded them and continued their destructive forays.

A dispatch to the army newspaper Red Star said that Russian naval assault planes using a new night bombing sight device, had destroyed 17 German Junker and Messerschmitt planes aground at a Baltic airport.

On the Leningrad front, advisers said, the Russians have captured 17 bunkers in one sector, where Soviet artillery destroyed 21 German firing points and three bunkers and silenced two batteries.

### Air Fighting Increases

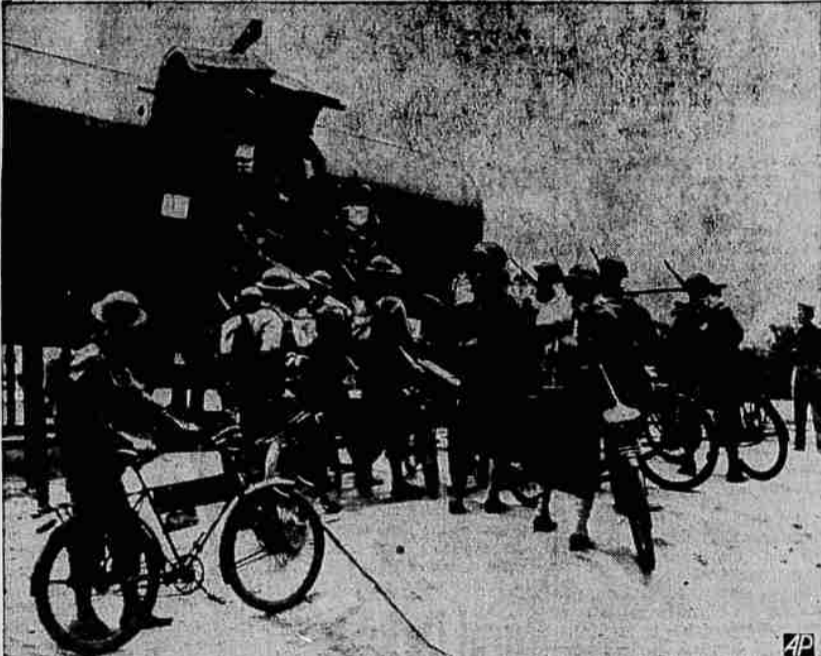
As the spring thaw progressed to the northern front, aerial fighting increased, with the Germans consistently getting the worst of it. Dispatches from Murmansk said 50 German planes had tried to raid that important port for American and British supplies, and 15 were shot down, besides 12 being damaged. One plane succeeded in dropping bombs, which struck no military objective. Several Soviet planes were damaged, but none was destroyed.

Soviet dispatches said Russian troops in the Leningrad sector had captured 17 Nazi strongholds, in throwing back the German 217th division.

A Red army communique declared that 1500 German planes had been destroyed by Russian fliers and anti-aircraft batteries from March 1 to April 14, and other Soviet accounts said Red air squadrons had shot down 18 German planes in a battle over the Arctic port of Murmansk.

Soviet parachute troops, described as strong enough to free German-occupied villages and "hold them against all counterattacks," were reported behind the Nazi lines.

Stockholm, Sweden, April 21 (AP)—Axis sources here reported today that Russian troops from Siberia had begun an offensive on the Anzhus isthmus, between lakes Ladoga and Onega, northwest of Leningrad. Finnish soldiers called the attack "the heaviest of the war."



Airborne Cyclists Board Their 'Planes'—In full pack, cyclists of the airborne infantry wheel up their vehicles aboard especially-built fuselage, called a "mock-up" which is used for training. The "mock-up" is an exact replica of their future quarters aboard transport planes. Job of the airborne infantry is to reinforce paratroops trying to hold an attained objective. — U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

### U.S. Warplanes Ferried to Britain

United States warplanes, now blasting the axis on many fronts, are already being ferried to British operational bases to join in the RAF's great aerial offensive against the continent, London sources reported today. At the same time Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed that Prime Minister Winston Churchill has approved a plan to organize a combined operations staff, linking Britain's army, navy and air force into a single gigantic combat team.

The move to coordinate the three British fighting services—perhaps as a prelude to an allied invasion of Nazi-dominated Europe—closely followed conferences by Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, and Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's representative, with British military and political leaders.

Dutch quarters in London said German Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt was building up a Nazi bicycle army in northern France and Belgium in defense against new British commando raids and a possible allied invasion attempt.

Dutchmen escaping from Holland said the Germans were taking the entire production of bicycle factories in the low countries and Denmark and reported mounting anxiety among Nazi occupation troops over the prospects of a British invasion.

Dutch refugees said German authorities had forbidden soldiers to sing the song so popular a year ago—"We Are Sailing Against England."

London observers said they expected to see the red, white and blue insignia of U. S. army bombers in the sky any day now, and the London Daily Sketch declared:

"Such an air raid all over Britain there will be gathered the force of planes that will make this country the world's greatest air base. Hundreds of United States aircraft—giant bombers, medium bombers and dive bombers—flown by American air crews."

### Nelson Plans Draft Of Business Men

Washington, April 21 (UP)—War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson said today the government may have to draft war production executives because congressional criticism is making experienced businessmen reluctant to volunteer their services.

"We may have to have a form of organization that will draft men for these particular jobs," Nelson told the senate committee investigating the war program.

Businessmen find themselves subjected to a barrage of criticism when they accept positions in the war production setup, he charged. Much of this criticism, he added, seems to be based solely on the fact that they are businessmen.

Cafe Owner Killed—Milton-Freewater, Ore., April 21 (AP)—An automobile crash on the highway to Walla Walla killed Fred F. Klieckner, 47, Freewater cafe owner, yesterday. Police said he apparently fell asleep at the wheel, and the car veered into a tree.

### War Output Over the Hump

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, the war production chief, testified today that the United States was "over the hump" on military production, and in a few months would offset the equipment reserves built up by Axis nations.

"America, England and Russia are producing in much greater quantities essential war material than our Axis enemies," Nelson told the senate investigating committee in summarizing accomplishments of the war production board since its organization last January 16.

"I believe we are over the hump on production," he continued. "Everything we have in production and we are getting increased quantities. We still have a reserve, built up by the Axis nations, to overcome but in a few months I think we will overcome that."

Nelson complained, however, that congressional criticism of dollar-a-year men was handicapping the WPB in its efforts to obtain the services of business executives.

"We are having increasing difficulty in getting good men to come down here to do this job. They have to face continued criticism of the honesty of their intentions," he said.

"It's a pity they couldn't serve a term in the senate and get used to criticism," said Chairman Truman (D., Mo.).

"But they are not used to it," Nelson replied.

### Compiles Book on Medieval Philosophy

Mt. Angel, April 21 (AP)—A volume on scholastic philosophy has just been completed by Prof. Mark Schmid, OSB, librarian of ancient books at Mt. Angel college.

The book covers the medieval philosophy which served as the background for the social and cultural outlook of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries.

### Allied Bombers Raid Jap Base On New Guinea

### MacArthur Reports Enemy Landing at San Jose, Panay Island

U. S. Army Headquarters in Australia, April 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur signaled the establishment of his new southwestern Pacific headquarters and completion of his staff today by issuing his first daily communique which embraced operations in the Philippines, Dutch East Indies and Australia.

With a staff composed largely of his aides who were in the Philippines, he also highlighted the attention he is devoting to that sector of his command by announcing that Japanese artillery firing upon Corregidor fortress in Manila bay was abating.

The big American guns firing from the island had registered telling his upon enemy troops, his communique said, and enemy shelling and bombing was having negligible effect.

### New Guinea Raid

Announcing a new raid yesterday on Salamaua, Japanese foothold on New Guinea, north of Australia, Gen. MacArthur said the Japanese headquarters buildings were smashed along with some hangars, and a fuel dump was destroyed.

MacArthur's headquarters, which said its communique will supplant hereafter those which have been issued by the Australian government, also told of allied air attacks upon Koepang in Dutch Timor and Rabaul in New Britain. These actions had been previously announced by the Australians, however.

A previously announced Japanese attack on Port Moresby in New Guinea, also was mentioned. Unofficial reports from Port Moresby, said that nine heavy Japanese bombers escorted by six fighters made the 26th attack on that allied outpost today, but that the formations were broken up by anti-aircraft, fire and Australian fighters.

### Raid on Rabaul

Other unofficial reports from an advanced allied base said a new raid by American planes on Rabaul resulted in a direct hit on a Japanese plane and straddling of others.

Elsewhere in the Philippines, it was announced that American-Filipino forces were continuing their aggressive patrol action against the Japanese occupying a fringe of Mindanao island, and that the Japanese had not yet been able to overcome the defenders in Cebu and Panay islands. At San Jose, in southwestern Panay, the Japanese have made a new landing, it was said.

The first formal headquarters pronouncement since General MacArthur came to Australia, it demonstrated that his newly outlined operational organization is now functioning.

A Saturday night scouting flight over Koepang was reported. Today's announcement said that in Sunday's attack on Rabaul, New Britain, a ship, wharves and runways sustained direct hits and flying boats were bombed.

### Western Japan Blacked Out For 6 Hours

### Reported Planes Came From China—Damage of Big Raid Minimized

New air raid alarms kept central and western Japan, containing vital naval bases, posts and industrial cities, under prolonged alerts this (Tues.) afternoon, axis sources reported, even while Japanese broadcasts continued to minimize the effects of Saturday's attacks attributed to American planes.

The Japanese themselves said nothing of the alarms, stating instead that the cabinet received reports from its ministers that Japanese life had been affected only to a small degree by the Saturday raids and that postal service was quickly resumed.

The Berlin radio, however, reported under a Tokyo dateline that alarms sounded in central and western Japan today between 4 and 5 p. m. (midnight and 1 a. m., PWT).

### Naval Base Blacked Out

"For central Japan the all clear sounded about 5 p. m.," the broadcast said, "while the alarm remained in force for western Japan, especially for Kyushu."

(Kyushu, one of the four main islands, lies south and west of the others, nearest China. On it are the great naval base of Sasebo, the port of Nagasaki and a heavy industry belt, including many steel plants, along the northern shore.)

(The broadcast made no mention of planes seen or bombs dropped and the alarm may have been merely a symptom of Japanese fears of air attack since the high command reported raids Saturday on Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe.)

### Tojo to Tour Region

It was announced that Premier General Hideki Tojo would leave Tokyo tomorrow for a tour of industrial establishments in Miyu prefecture.

(This is a district some 250 miles west of Tokyo, just west of the Nagoya industrial district. It contains the port of Yokkaichi, which Saturday's reports said was visited by machine-gunning enemy planes, and many industrial establishments making war supplies.)

(A Berlin broadcast, quoting a Tokyo dispatch, said the Japanese government had decided to put into effect immediately the law passed by the last diet session providing recompense for Japanese subjects suffering air raid damage. Families whose wage earner has been

### Battle Raging For Burma Oil

Chungking, April 21 (AP)—Chinese forces under Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell are holding the western Burma oil town of Yanangyaung, 130 miles southwest of Mandalay, after liberating 7,000 trapped British troops and killing more than 500 Japanese. A Chinese military spokesman said today.

Driving south from Kyaukpadaung, the Chinese launched a strong counterattack Sunday afternoon and "rescued" the encircled British who had been caught in a Japanese trap seven miles north of Yanangyaung, the spokesman added.

He said the trapped British troops consisted of tank units and infantry. (London versions of allied recapture of Yanangyaung said British and Chinese forces combined in the counter assault.)

A Chinese communique yesterday said "thousands" of British had been liberated from the enemy trap, and the Chungking commentator placed the number at 7,000. He disclosed that a Chinese battalion commander had been killed in the action and said his identity would be revealed officially soon. "Up to the present, Chinese troops are still holding Yanangyaung and keeping the Japs three miles south of that place, although the latter are still preparing for seaway fighting there," the spokesman said.

### Peace Offensive by Japanese Launched

Tokyo (From Japanese Broadcasts), April 21 (AP)—The Tokyo radio broadcast today a Domei dispatch quoting Tokyo Christian leaders,

an address at the annual meeting of the Associated Press yesterday warned that the Axis would launch a "peace offensive" this summer. He said "a peace offensive is an offensive in political warfare," which "won victories in France which dive bombers and flame throwers and tanks and parachute troops could never have won." He declared there could be no negotiated peace except the kind that "free men make."

Experienced observers have predicted that Japan might begin a peace drive as soon as she had conquered the territories she wanted to include in her "Greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere."