



Russian Ship Lies in North Pacific Grave (AP)—One person died while 54 others were rescued by a line to the towering cliff when this Russian ship went aground. This coast guard photo shows how the wrecked craft went in between huge rocks and tipped over.

Fifth Freedom Now Demanded

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Barring of reporters from access to delegates at the forthcoming United Nations food conference today precipitated demands for senate representation at the meetings and a suggestion for a fifth freedom—freedom of full information.

The conference opens May 18 at Hot Springs, Va. Delegates from the United Nations will explore the means of distributing food to peoples stricken by war.

The senate demand for representation was an aftermath of President Roosevelt's original plan to bar all newspaper reporters from the site of the conference. That has been amended to allow reporters to attend the opening and closing sessions, but they still will be barred during the rest of the two-week conference from the hotel in which the delegates will meet and live.

Senators asking for representation pointed out that the senate will have to ratify any treaties promulgated and will be asked to pass legislation needed for setting up food distribution machinery. They felt it would increase senate support of any action taken if some of their own members were observers.

Japanese Made Guinea Pigs

Headquarters, Alaska Defense Command, April 13 (AP)—No less than five successful bombings of Kiska and "Little Kiska" garrisons in the Aleutians Saturday by Lightning and Warhawk fighter planes must be causing the Japanese to suspect at last they are playing the role of guinea pigs in a laboratory for testing new aerial weapons.

Japanese gunners have had so much practice the past 10 months they are getting skillful at laying aerial barrages ahead of our bombers, but their skill is doing them no good against bombing by fighter planes. The latter sweep in at bewildering speed and the gunners are unable to touch them with the heaviest barrage. The fighter pilots are learning to drop their eggs with gratifying accuracy, too.

Lightning fighters made their first appearance in actual combat in the Aleutians, and have since knocked 37 Jap warplanes out of the sky without the loss of a single Lightning to Jap fighters.

Moreover, the new and deadly technique of deck level bombing which has become one of the most successful factors in our blockade of the Japanese at Kiska and Attu was also first tried out and developed in the Aleutians.

Air officers disclosed that in Saturday's raid the fighter planes bombed waterfront installations at the Kiska camp area and the fighter strip at Salmon lagoon which pilots reported is now apparently completed.

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Barbers Talk of Referring Bill

Reports were current here today that several independent barbers plan to refer the 1943 barber bill to the people at the November, 1944, general election.

The bill permits the state barber board to fix minimum prices in any county where 70 per cent of the barbers wish it to do so. The object of the bill is to prevent price-cutting.

Business Firms Enroll in Drive

In a spirit of helping the state of Oregon attain its goal of 100 million dollars in war bond sales during the second war loan drive now under way, business firms throughout the state have enrolled in a program of "purchasing" specific pieces of military equipment through sales of war bonds to employees.

Every extra dollar in Oregon will be put into war bonds during April, if the war finance committee has its way. Both earnings and savings are to be solicited for war bond purchasing. Every extra effort will be necessary to enable Oregon to reach its quota, according to David W. Eccles of the war finance committee.

All war bonds purchased during the balance of April will be applied toward pieces of equipment. A wide range of prices are available, giving every size firm opportunity to enroll in the contest. Army tents are the lowest cost "premium," being listed at \$10. Large and ambitious organizations can sign up for submarines (\$3,000,000), minesweepers (\$3,500,000), and destroyers (\$8,000,000).

While bonds purchased by employees through payroll savings plan can count toward the "purchase" of equipment, leaders emphasized yesterday that additional purchases out and beyond regular amounts will be necessary during the second war loan drive. Oregon's quota is \$100,000,000, by far the largest amount ever attempted to be raised in the history of the state. Large denomination bonds purchased by individuals and out of corporate reserve funds also are being applied to the same end.

Any group wishing to hold a contest can select a piece of equipment and join the fun.

Speedy Trials Asked In Baby Murder Case

Medford, Ore., April 13 (AP)—District Attorney George W. Neilson said Monday that he will seek speedy trials for Sgt. Bernard Lotka, 23, and his common-law wife, Tillie Michanalski, 22, indicted on first degree murder charges in the smothering of their 10-weeks old son here April 1. They will be arraigned before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna Wednesday, Neilson said.

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Kairouan Overjoyed at Coming of Conquerors

By William B. King

Kairouan, Tunisia, April 11 (Delayed) (AP)—The mosque-crowded city of Kairouan, all its municipal utilities wrecked by the fleeing Germans, held out welcoming hands to allied troops today, while the armor which had smashed through Fondouk pass and shattered the remnants of Marshal Erwin Rommel's tank force swept northward.

The first troops to enter the Moslem holy city were welcomed by hand-clapping Arabs and overjoyed French citizens. Jews, still wearing the star of David on their coat lapels as required by the German force, made a great show of tearing off the stars and stomping them on the ground in front of allied soldiers.

All inhabitants told of the wreckage perpetrated by the Germans before they left Saturday night. Wells and the water-works were destroyed. The electric plant was blown up, and even the local bakery was dismantled. There were reports that departing Germans left quantities of small arms in the hands of Arabs but these were discredited by town officials.

Kairouan, which is one of the

largest cities captured in Tunisia by the allies, was bypassed by the bulk of the armor which headed northward to positions from which it was possible to cut into roads on which enemy troops were retreating northward and also to envelop the Nazi infantry believed still holding positions on the Grand Dorsal range east of Ousseltia valley.

Center of Moslem Culture

Kairouan is recognized as the center of Moslem culture. It was occupied by a British reconnaissance element during the morning, and American troops moved in as a holding force later in the day.

The British tank force, which crashed through Fondouk pass in strength yesterday, swept out in the broad level of Kairouan

plain in the afternoon and cleared it thoroughly of German armor. The result of this battle, in the wide cultivated fields of young grain and stretches of fallow land, was the destruction of 18 enemy tanks. From 400 to 500 prisoners, mostly Germans, have been taken.

The battle flared up when the rear guard of two panzer divisions attempted to cut through the tip of Kairouan plain in flight northward. The enemy force consisted of 40 tanks that were attacked by British armor which rumbled into the fight with the sun behind them.

Sue Partridge Quits
Belfast, Me., April 13 (AP)—Miss Sue M. Partridge, 83, one

of the nation's oldest newspaper women, has retired. Miss Partridge had served on the Belfast Republican-Journal, a weekly since she was graduated from high school, nearly 62 years ago.

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Trial Halts Til Wednesday

Albany, Ore., April 13 (AP)—The murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes was adjourned Monday until Wednesday after the state's key witness declined to identify Folkes as the man he saw emerge from lower 13 a few moments after Mrs. Martha Virginia James was slain on a limited train January 23.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling called the adjournment after a conference with Defense Attorney Leroy Lomax, physicians who advised that an attack of bronchitis and influenza made it necessary for him to rest. The court's decision was announced as the trial reconvened this afternoon after Lomax had been granted a recess this morning.

It was the second adjournment called because of Lomax's illness. Physicians told the court Saturday morning that Lomax could not continue and Judge Lewelling halted the trial until this morning.

Marine private, Harold Wilson, was being cross-examined this morning when Lomax asked for a recess. He is the only witness so far disclosed by the state to have seen the killer of the 21-year-old Norfolk, Va., bride of a navy ensign as she lay in her berth—lower 13.

During routine questioning, Lomax, his voice low and husky from the effects of his illness, pointed suddenly at Folkes and asked Wilson:

"Is the man you saw coming out of the berth?"

Wilson, without hesitation, replied, "I don't know."

Lomax also pressed Wilson on his previous statements regarding the clothing worn by the man.

Roth Says He Doesn't Want Help

Portland, April 13 (AP)—Rudolph David Roth, Jr., 15, charged with the slaying of his father, told Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin yesterday he didn't want an attorney because, "I'm guilty of murder."

He waived preliminary hearing on a first degree murder charge and was bound over to the grand jury.

District Attorney James R. Bain said the boy had confessed shooting his father, wounding his sister and abandoning a plan to shoot his mother only after running low on bullets.

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