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New Job For Bataan Hero



At the request of the Australian government, General Douglas MacArthur has been transferred from the Philippines he has been so brilliantly defending, to Australia to assume supreme command in that region. The general is shown above (right) conferring in the Philippines with Maj. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, his ranking field commander.

M'ARTHUR IN AUSTRALIA AS SUPREME COMMANDER

PLANE TRANSFERS CHIEF AND FAMILY FROM PHILIPPINES

Assignment Comes As Japanese Threaten Invasion—Arrival Heartens Allies.

By Roger D. Greene
(Associated Press War Editor)
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, hero of the three-months-old battle of the Philippines, has arrived in Australia to take over the supreme command in the Pacific, the war department announced today.

The war department said Gen. MacArthur's assignment to the critical Australian theater, now imminently threatened with invasion by Japan, was requested by the Australian government.

His command will also include the Philippines, where American and Filipino troops are still valiantly defending the tiny Bataan peninsula against numerically superior Japanese forces.

Arrives By Plane
Gen. MacArthur arrived by plane today, accompanied by Mrs. MacArthur and his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland.

Direct command of the forces in the Philippines passes to Major General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the senior officer remaining in Bataan. A cavalryman, Wainwright, now 58, has been in the Philippines since October 1940, when he was assigned to command the Philippine division.

At the same time, unconfirmed British dispatches reported that a Japanese invasion armada of cruisers, airplane carriers and scores of destroyers was moving southward on Australia.

London newspapers printed dispatches saying the Japanese were expected to launch their attack first against the eastern Australian seaboard, the region of Australia's chief cities, instead of attempting to land on the north coast and fight their way across hundreds of miles of arid desert.

Gen. MacArthur's transfer from the shot-riddled foxholes of Bataan to the vast plains of Australia came as a heart-warming fillip to the united nations.

Change Long Sought
Days ago, as Singapore fell and Japan's marauding armies overran the Dutch East Indies, Australian newspapers urged that the American general be called to lead Australia's defense.

The war department said President Roosevelt directed Gen. MacArthur to shift his headquarters to the British commonwealth on February 22 as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made.

More heartening news came, too, in War Secretary Stimson's disclosure last night that United States troops and air corps units "in considerable numbers" have arrived in Australia.

Simultaneously, a British broadcast reported that "most of the royal Australian air force men who have been serving against Japan in Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies are now back in Australia."

The veteran Aussie airmen, it was said, "will add greatly to the offensive spirit and fighting power of the Australian squadrons taking the fight to the enemy."

On other fronts:
Increased invasion pressure upon British-Chinese defense lines in Burma coincided today with a Tokyo announcement that Japanese submarines had sunk 11 merchant ships totaling 81,500 tons off the Burmese and Indian coasts thus far in the war.

Congress Cheers McArthur Move

Washington, March 17—(AP)—News that MacArthur had arrived in Australia as supreme commander of United Nations forces surprised and cheered members of congress.

Senator Hayden (D-Ariz.) said the announcement "ought to be very stimulating to the morale of all troops. It puts a very brave and capable soldier at their head. He would not have left Bataan unless its defense was in good hands."

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee, said that "General MacArthur will give great leadership to the United Nations forces in Australia. It is fortunate for the civilized world that he is there. The democracies are thrilled and will respond gloriously to his generalship."

TORNADOES LEAVE TRAIL OF DEATH IN SEVEN STATES

Southern And Midwestern Areas Suffer Heavy Damage—Rains Follow Winds

By the Associated Press
Striking through warm spring air, tornadoes tore at seven southern and midwestern states yesterday killing 145 or more, injuring around 1,000 and smashing property worth millions.

Terrific winds cut across the northwestern section of Mississippi where at least 65 were known dead, and approximately 820 others injured. High winds also left a trail of death and destruction in western Kentucky and Tennessee, struck south-central and north-central Indiana, and killed at least 20 in east-central Illinois.

The lethal winds cut across the northwestern tip of Alabama, killing two near Florence, and severe storms were reported as far west as Missouri.

The toll of dead and estimated number of injured by states:

State	Dead	Injured
Mississippi	65	820
Illinois	20	170
Kentucky	16	20
Tennessee	27	100
Alabama	2	10
Indiana	2	50

Mississippi, hardest hit, rushed all available aid to the disaster zone, covering an area 150 miles wide and about 100 miles deep. The section, mostly rural with only a few scattered cities, was without communication for several hours in many places. Torrential rains followed the high winds and washed out many roads.

Find Contraband in Enemy Alien Homes

Washington, March 17—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced today that FBI agents had seized Japanese, German and Italian army and navy uniforms, along with numerous maps and photographs of military areas, in searches of the premises of more than 8,000 nationals of axis nations.

Biddle said that about 2,400 enemy aliens had been arrested for possession of articles forbidden by presidential proclamation.

DIES ON STREET
Seattle, March 17—(AP)—Joseph Jacobs, 72, widely known consulting engineer, died of a heart attack last night while walking on a financial district street. He investigated and made designs on numerous irrigation, power, water supply and bridge projects.

MAN WANTED IN OAKLAND WAIVES HEARING HERE

Milford D. Baer, 36, indicted by an Oakland, Cal., grand jury for larceny in interstate commerce from a railroad car, waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Victor Tengwald here this morning and was committed to jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

He was arrested in Klamath Falls and was arraigned on a removal complaint from the northern district in California.

War Bulletins

Washington, March 17—(AP)—A sudden renewal of Japanese attacks against American forces in the Philippines was reported today by the war department, which said that all of the enemy assaults were unsuccessful.

Montevideo, Uruguay, March 17—(AP)—Announcing that the 3,785-ton Uruguayan merchant ship Montevideo had been torpedoed off Haiti with the loss of 17 men, the government today ordered seizure of the interned German ship Tacoma in reprisal.

Labor Would Avoid Law Restrictions By Strike Holiday

Washington, March 17—(AP)—The leaders of organized labor indicated today that labor had yielded its right to strike during the war as a more satisfactory answer to the problems of production and national unity than restrictive legislative enactments by congress.

William Green, president of the American federation of labor, and Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO, who called at the White House with members of the labor-war board, disclosed after an hour's conference with the president that it was agreed wage rates and standards would be fixed, without resort to strikes, or interruption to production, through these three methods:

Collective bargaining, conciliation or mediation, or operations of the national war labor board.

The two top men in organized labor, discussing by turns the parley with the chief executive, gave a picture of satisfactory production of war materials with labor devoting every force and effort to turning out war supplies.

"It was agreed," Green said, "that continuous operation has been thoroughly approved and recommended by labor. All these steps will make it possible to work 24 hours a day. We urged that management make it possible, as rapidly as possible, to operate on a 24-hour basis."

Washington, March 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that he thought there should be no legislation immediately on the 40-hour week issue because he said, things are going pretty well now.

Washington, March 17—(AP)—Senators George (D-Ga.) and Vandenberg (R-Mich.) warned the senate today that the United States might lose the war as they joined in a demand for repeal of the 40-hour week law and a limit on both profits and wage increases.

They spoke as the senate took up legislation increasing the federal debt limit from the present \$65,000,000,000 to \$130,000,000,000 in order to help finance mounting war costs.

"Congress will soon realize that we can no more win this war with a 40-hour week in the arsenal of democracy than we could with a 40-hour week in the foxholes of Bataan," Vandenberg boomed, as he demanded that lawmakers quit trying "to fool ourselves and the public."

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14 REACH SHORE AT STATEN ISLAND

New York, March 17—(AP)—Fourteen survivors of an American merchant ship, torpedoed last Saturday off Atlantic City, N. J., have landed at Staten Island. Twenty men were reported missing.

The third naval district said that six of the men were hospitalized for bruises, exposure and shock.

Capt. Gardner D. Clark, 57, of Machias, Me., said he was in his cabin when the New England steamer was attacked without warning at 1:45 a. m.

The first of three torpedoes struck midships wrecking the lifeboat on the starboard side, he said.

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Draft Lottery Tonight To Classify Nine Million Men

Washington, March 17—(AP)—for immediate induction and physical examinations will be given after the selectees are in the army.

From the numbers, local draft boards will determine the order of sending out questionnaires and having registrants examined physically before classifying them.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, said none of the men affected by tonight's drawing would receive questionnaires before mid-May.

However, some of them may be inducted the following month, he added.

Some 17,500,000 men are registered in the peace-time draft calls of 1940 and 1941. Many of the eligibles from this group, between 21 and 35 years old, already have been inducted.

NEW NAZI THREAT SEEN IN CLOSING NORWAY PORTS

Possible Attack On Iceland Or U. S. Supply Lines To Russia Feared By British.

By the Associated Press
London quarters today saw the threat of a possible German attack against Iceland or upon American-British supply lines to Russia as a result of Nazi orders closing all Norwegian ports from North Cape to Alesund, and at the same time it was disclosed that Germany's mightiest battleship, the new 35,000-ton Tirpitz, may be loose on the high seas.

The Norwegian coast would make a likely jumping-off point for any Nazi assault on Iceland, now guarded by United States and British forces.

Order Ominous
A responsible London source, declaring the German order was "ominous," cited these other evidences that a major new campaign in the north may be imminent:

1. Authoritative reports that the Germans have sent strong reinforcements to their Norwegian garrisons.

2. Today's German high command announcement of intensified fighting in Lapland, whose far north frontier is only 50 miles from the vital Russian Arctic supply base at Murmansk.

3. Massing of Nazi warships at Trondheim.

The source declared Germany was now believed to have between 150,000 and 200,000 troops in Norway, compared with the 100,000 reported there last summer.

A British spokesman said that the powerful Tirpitz, sister ship of the battleship Bismarck, "appears to have avoided" an attack by British aerial torpedoes off the Norwegian port of Narvik eight days ago and that information was lacking on the present whereabouts of the huge sea raider.

Reds Take Key Point

On the Soviet fighting front: Russian troops battling to crush remnants of the trapped German 18th army in the Staraya Russa sector, south of Leningrad, were reported today to have seized a key point on heights overlooking the battlefield and further tightened the noose around the beleaguered Nazis.

Soviet front-line dispatches, identifying the point only as "N," said it had been one of the strongest centers of German resistance.

This may have been the ancient walled city of Novgorod, on the north shore of Lake Ilmen, one of the main anchors of German defense.

On the Ukraine front, Russian dispatches said the Germans were surrendering in mounting numbers as Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's Red armies battered at the gates of Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh."

In the Crimea, a bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters that Russian attacks on the Kerch peninsula, gateway to the Caucasian oil fields, had collapsed against German-Rumanian resistance.

On the north African battlefield, British headquarters reported increased activity by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis forces but declared that a strong, tank-led enemy column which advanced in the Cherima area withdrew in the face of British mobile units.

ROUTINE MATTERS ON CITY COUNCIL DOCKET

Mostly routine matters were scheduled to come before the semi-monthly meeting of the city council on the third floor of city hall tonight at 7:30.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Rubber Shortage Brings Paralysis

Dealer, Driver in Bad Spot

Merchant Ship Crewmen Needed

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 17. Like creeping paralysis, the rubber shortage is sweeping across the Pacific northwest, and appeals to Leon Henderson, office of price administration, are futile. Mr. Henderson (he is always photographed with a big 5-cent cigar) offers no encouragement; no hope for new rubber nor old tires re-treated, and he has declared (between puffs) the time may come when the government may take the tires right off your wheels. Mr. Henderson sticks by this statement, although he has been challenged by the American Automobile association and called an alarmist.

By the time rubber is produced from the guayule shrub, which is to be planted in California, New Mexico and Arizona by the department of agriculture, most people will have accustomed themselves to walking or have evolved some other method of going places and several million will have lost interest in tires and automobiles. That time will be approximately five years hence. It will be four years before synthetic rubber.

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Radio Highlights

Pacific War Time

Tonight: Talks—Blue 7:30
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
Dinner, Under-Secretary of War
Patterson, Alfred E. Smith.
MBS—8 N. Y. Basketball
Tournament.

Wednesday: The War—8
MBS, 8:15 MBS; 9 CBS MBS;
10 Blue; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS;
12:15 p. m., CBS; 1 MBS; 1:45
CBS MBS; 1:55 Blue; 3:45 CBS
Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

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Supr Ernest Leavitt of Crater Lake national park greeting
Hansel Mieth, Life photographer,
who snapped pictures of the
lake over the week-end.

Ruby Webster, Copco employee,
remarking that "ice skating
was about the same as working
all night."