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U. S. TO JOIN AIR OFFENSIVE ON NAZIS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



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Washington, April 11.—Now what? Will the Japs switch to the defensive, develop the raw materials they have amassed, in careful preparation for the day when they will have to face their major blow of this war from us?

Or will they seek a swift conclusion in the Pacific by returning to Pearl Harbor to destroy our fleet in as great an attack as they can muster?

The Panama canal is obviously beyond their range. So is our Pacific coast as long as we hold Hawaii. Only surprise raids seem possible in those quarters.

Alaska is vulnerable, and by attacking there Japan might hope to draw our fleet away from Pearl Harbor for a major engagement. But there is a thorn in that area to which she may have to attend first. The threat of Vladivostok is in her side.

By attacking there simultaneously with Hitler in the Ukraine, she would serve her own purposes and "help" Germany.

Japan has long hungered for everything in Siberia east of Lake Baikal. Certainly an attack to cut off Vladivostok would constitute a bid for this territory at the remote German peace table at which she hopes to be present.

Nothing very advantageous to her cause apparently lies in Australia, and India is a pillow as big as China, without great strategic military value in the immediate situation.

So the major alternatives confronting the ambitious Nipponese are to prepare for the future, or risk an immediate end of the war, by sending her fleet into Pearl Harbor. She probably will decide to prepare.

WELL she knows, her reception in Hawaii next time will not be like the last. We can reinforce that point daily with food, planes, ships. It is not a far-off fortress like Bataan.

Furthermore, the Japs cannot get air superiority there. Their land bases are too far away. They could fly a few bombers from Wake Island, but not enough to sustain an invasion. For that venture, all their aircraft carriers and their fleet would be required.

Pearl Harbor is too strong for them—too far away. The odds therefore seem to

ACTION EXPECTED WITHIN A MONTH TO HELP RUSSIA

Offset to Hitler's Drive and Jap Siberian Attack—Victory This Year Soviet Aim

London, April 11.—(AP)—The United States air force will join the RAF in blasting Germany within a month, and the two allies will do everything in their power to help Russia's epic effort to crush the common Nazi enemy, highly placed experts predicted tonight.

This, they said, would be the upshot of the visit here of the United States chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, and Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's trusted supply man.

The British and Americans were pictured as expecting Germany's supreme effort this summer to be directed at the two supply lines over which increasing quantities of vital war material are moving to the decisive Russian battlefield to equip the vast Soviet, long on manpower but short on machines of war.

The German thrusts are expected toward the oil riches of the Caucasus and the Persian gulf, and against the northern route which ends at Murmansk and Archangel.

Huge Plane Pool
The growing U. S. military establishments which Marshall is inspecting and the increasing pool of United States planes in Britain were taken as indications that American pilots would be bombing Germany within a month to retard the Nazi's eastward offensive.

The United States, Britain and Russia all see a Japanese stab in the Russian back in Siberia as one of the main dangers this year. British military opinion is convinced that a Japanese attack will take place either just before or coincident with the opening of Hitler's main effort. The Russians say simply, "We are ready if it comes."

One highly placed Russian, discussing the possibility, asked what observers thought the Japanese could put into a Siberian attack.

"Fourteen to 17 divisions," was the reply.

"It won't be enough," said the Russian.

(By Associated Press)
London, April 11.—Still intent on achieving victory in 1942 despite reports that Germany is accumulating huge forces for new assaults, the Russians smashed hard today at the Nazi air strength being mustered for Adolf Hitler's post-thaw drive.

Dispatches from Kuibyshev said Soviet airmen and ground defenses had destroyed 300 German air force units in the last three days, 123 of them on the ground.

The heaviest toll was reported from the northwest front around Staraya Russa, where the Red army still is hacking at immobilized units of the German 16th army.

Many of the planes destroyed were transferred only recently to the east from Yugoslavia, France and north Africa, captured pilots said.

On the land, battle reports from both sides indicated stiff engagements but no conclusive advance was claimed by either. The Russians did, however, report that 3,000 Germans had been killed in the Bryansk area of the central front in the last few days, and Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, said the Germans had lost the approach to an important city in this general sector.

General Questions Jap Prisoners



Smiling Japanese soldiers, lightly clad, submit to questioning by Brig. Gen. Clinton A. Pierce (left) and another American officer at headquarters on Bataan. That was before continued smashing Jap attacks drove the defenders to abandon their positions and resulted in death and capture of many. Clark Lee, Associated Press reporter, made this picture, released by the War Department.

UNREST SEETHES OVER CONQUERED EUROPEAN LANDS

New York, April 11.—(AP)—Fresh reports of violence and unrest came today from European countries dominated by Germany.

The British radio reported four Poles were sentenced to death for attacks on German military transports at the border of Poland and East Prussia.

Greek guerrillas, who recently wrecked a German troop train killing or injuring 1,000 soldiers, were said by the BBC to have taken Nazi troops as hostages.

The patriots were continuing to fight in the mountains and one group recently raided a port, stormed the residence of the governor, killed him and carried off his guards.

Luxembourg sources at London said that more and more residents of the tiny duchy between Germany and France "are being sentenced for anti-German activity."

BBC reported also that the archbishop of Vilna, Lithuania, had been arrested by the German occupation army and that soon afterwards the Catholic archbishop of Kaunas—the primate of Lithuania—was wounded severely and a priest who was with him was killed. The Germans reported that "an accident took place."

All the BBC reports were heard here by CBS.

War Job Slated For New York Governor

New York, April 11.—(AP)—The New York Times says in a dispatch from Albany that President Roosevelt is planning to call Governor Herbert H. Lehman to Washington to assume "a high position in the national war effort."

NORTHWEST GETS WAR PROTECTION M'NARY ASSURED

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R., Ore.) has been informed by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, that the war department "is using all available means of protecting the Pacific northwest, fully realizing the military importance of the area."

The minority leader recently wrote Patterson asking him to elaborate on the policy of the department in planning its defenses of the Pacific northwest.

"Troops of all branches and services, with adequate arms and equipment, have been strategically located within this region, forming a protective force," Patterson replied. "As necessity may require, such additional forces as may be available will be located in this region to afford complete protection and defense which any given situation may demand."

STATE RESIDENTS TO DO WAR WORK

Seattle, April 11.—(AP)—A prediction that 200,000 Washington and Oregon residents would have jobs to get into direct war production in coming months was made today by Maj. Gen. H. G. Winsor, chairman of the Washington area labor supply committee.

General Winsor said at least 50,000 of these would be women, and at least 150,000 would require advance training before making the change. The figures, he said, are minimums to supply expanding war industries and replace men being called into armed services. He broke down the totals as follows: 75,000 will be needed for shipbuilding and subcontracting; 25,000 for aircraft industries; 25,000 to replace men going into armed service; 30,000 for new major plants; and 45,000 for smaller plants being converted to war production.

FILM PAIR WED

Hollywood, April 11.—(AP)—Pretty Virginia Field, English born actress, and Paul Douglas, former radio announcer, were married today in the Hollywood Congregational church.

INDUCED SAVING, OVERALL CONTROL OF PRICES ASKED

Both Held Inflation Preventives—Compulsory Thrift Nears.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—A program of "induced savings" to help ward off inflation and finance the war was advocated today by Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee.

At the same time George and other senators urged overall control of prices and wages, replacing the present selective price control system, as part of the general anti-inflation campaign that President Roosevelt said yesterday was being mapped.

"If we were brutally realistic we would know that some system of compulsory savings is not far off," George said in an interview. "Before we get to that I favor trying a voluntary system of induced savings, as part of the pending new tax bill."

He explained that by "induced savings" he had in mind a system whereby a taxpayer would be allowed certain deductions from net taxable income for income invested in government bonds, or other war securities.

George also said he felt that a "withholding tax is inevitable now or later" and suggested this might be started at 5 per cent of "all wages, salaries, dividends, and interest payable at the source." While treasury authorities have talked about a 15 per cent withholding tax, George said he favored a start at the 5 per cent level, adding that this should raise \$4,000,000,000 in revenue.

George, discussing excessive profits, said he believed these could best be reclaimed under tax programs, but that some special overall limit on profits from war contract profits might be advisable.

BOYLEN CLEARED ON FRAUD CLAIM

Pendleton, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—A federal court jury tonight cleared Tom Boylen, Pendleton rancher, of a charge of converting mortgaged property to his own use.

The jury, which listened to two weeks' testimony, reached the verdict in 5 hours and 45 minutes.

It was the second exoneration for Boylen on charges of selling mortgaged sheep. In the first, Federal Judge Claude McColloch directed a verdict of acquittal.

A third indictment, charging Boylen and Robert McGreer of Pine City, Ore., with conspiracy to defraud the government, is yet to be faced. The trial will begin in Portland April 28.

TON OF BOMBS A MINUTE ON RUHR

London, April 11.—(AP)—New four-motored sterling bombers, capable of carrying eight tons of bombs, were being added today to the British squadrons whose continuing offensive against industrial targets in Germany and German-occupied territory brought fresh destruction to the Ruhr last night.

"Some thousands of tons of bombs" were dropped on Germany during four nights of raids by British planes this week, the air ministry news service said. The average was "well over a ton a minute" for the duration of the raids.

Portland, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—A masked man, carrying a single-barreled shotgun beneath his coat, held up the Mutual Loan company in a downtown building today and escaped with approximately \$800 in currency.

HOYT CRITICISES NAVY AND PRESS ON WAR REPORTS

Speedier Release of News, Good or Bad, Asked by Oregonian Head.

Dallas, Tex., April 11.—(AP)—Publisher Palmer Hoyt of the Portland Oregonian tonight criticized the handling of war news by the navy and suggested the U. S. press should unite to demand that the government speedily release such information, good or bad.

He likewise berated the press for misleadingly presenting news of the war, saying headlines and picture captions often distorted the actual meaning of the news columns.

The Oregon publisher spoke at a founders' day banquet of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity of which he is president.

Freedom of the press, he declared, "is the people's right to know." When the nation is fighting, he added, the people must "know their weaknesses, no matter how vast, as well as their strength."

"They must know their losses, no matter how bitter, as well as their victories."

"When the English were dealt a body blow by the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse off Malaya they did not withhold the news, Hoyt said.

"The realistic British decided it was good business to tell the truth—all the time—particularly about naval losses. . . . It has kept England in business."

85 AIRLINERS TO BE TURNED OVER FOR ARMY NEEDS

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—The war department announced tonight that the army air forces would take over approximately 25 per cent of the domestic commercial airliners and use them for carrying military cargoes and personnel.

They will be operated under direction of the commanding general of the air service command, the department said, and added:

"Key airline personnel will be encouraged to stay at their posts as the most effective and patriotic course unless and until their country indicates its requires them in the armed forces."

Latest available statistics credit the commercial airlines with about 340 transports. Twenty-five per cent of this number would be 85.

Since the war began the army has received at least 30 airliners from operating companies. On January 26, it announced that Transcontinental and Western Air had turned over its fleet of five stratoliners—ships equipped for operation at very high altitudes. A month later, the department said that 25 transports, urgently needed for military service, were being made available by commercial companies.

PORTLAND KICKS ON GASOLINE CUT

Portland, April 11.—(AP)—While "out of gas" signs appeared on a few, scattered service stations, the Portland Automotive Trades Association protested against reduction of the Pacific Northwest's gasoline quota.

Interpreting The War News By Kirke L. Simpson (Wide World War Analyst)

The expected April upsurge in the war on all fronts is in full swing, marked by events everywhere which are putting the united nations' grand strategy to an acid test.

That strategy, by every indication, rests on the conclusion that the crux of the war this summer will come in Russia. If that is true, (and much has been risked and lost across the Pacific and the Mediterranean in grim allied determination not to be diverted from the job of bolstering Russia) there is some silver lining to the war clouds.

Help for Russia has not been halted nor seriously delayed. The only positive news yet cropping out of the mission of General Marshall and Harry Hopkins to London was that repeated assurance.

War cargoes for Russia are going through despite Nazi battleships, submarines and planes striking at convoys from close-up bases in Norway and a swarm of axis submarine raiders in American waters taking heavy toll of shipping. Axis efforts to cut that lifeline or seriously impair the flow, or to force withdrawal to other danger points of the British-American patrols that keep it open have failed.

That is the most cheering aspect of the struggle, otherwise blurred by such allied disasters as the overwhelming of the American-Philippine army on Bataan and initial British sea losses in the Indian ocean.

Lacking knowledge of present British strength in the Bay of Bengal to cope with the widening Japanese attack, the outcome in that battle area is beyond prediction. There is much to indicate, however, that impressive British naval and air forces may have been ordered to Indian waters to protect the flank of the Burma defense front and deal with any ambitious Japanese undertaking against India. It is wholly possible that the greatest sea fight of this war may be shaping up there.

BRITISH PROFFER OF INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIA FALLS

New Delhi, India, April 11.—(AP)—The mission of Sir Stafford Cripps came to naught in an atmosphere of gloom today with rejection by the congress party and the Moslem league of the British proposals for Indian dominion.

"With the enemy at the gates," Sir Stafford announced, his proposals had run afoul of a "spate of criticism" and a "critical and unconstructive attitude." He said he was withdrawing the offers and returning to London tomorrow.

Neither the congress party in which the country's 240,000,000 Hindus are dominant, nor the Moslem league, which widely represents the 77,000,000 Moslems, the two powerful parties which stand at the poles, found the proposals acceptable.

It was on the issue of formation of an interim government pending settlement of India's constitutional problems after the war that negotiations were wrecked. Involved were defense powers which such a government would wield.

Congress party leaders insisted upon a national government functioning with full powers as a cabinet, and said the British plan bore too much resemblance to the present executive council of the Viceroy.

War Bulletins

Stockholm, April 11.—(AP)—The Moscow correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported today that a large detachment from a German tank division commanded by General Von Appel had suffered a heavy defeat in the Crimea sector.

NAVY SINKS FOUR MORE NIPP SHIPS; CEBU LOSS HIGH

Corregidor Guns Duel With Shore Batteries—Invader Suffers In Attack.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—American submarines, prowling the western Pacific, have sunk four more Japanese vessels including a destroyer and a large transport, the navy announced today.

The other ships sent to the bottom were a 7,000-ton merchant vessel and a submarine chaser. In addition, hits were scored on a cruiser, another large transport and a 4,000-ton freighter. The latter vessel, a communicable said, possibly sank.

The communicable covered operations by two submarines. It said one had sunk the merchant ship, the sub chaser and hit the freighter.

Some operations of the other submarine had been reported in a communicable a week ago. Today's announcement, revising and enlarging the earlier report, added the transports, the destroyer and the cruiser to its score, but withdrew an earlier announcement that this submarine had hit two seaplane tenders. One of the transports, the navy said, was mistakenly identified earlier as two seaplane tenders.

Against these successes the navy had to report that the submarine Perch was a month overdue and was presumed to be lost. She was last reported, a communicable said, in the Java sea.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Japanese forces have made at least six landings on the Philippine island of Cebu, but a small band of Americans and Filipinos has been holding them close to the coast and inflicting heavy casualties upon the invaders.

An army communicable made this announcement late today, and reported also that big guns of Corregidor were engaged, during the day, in a duel with enemy artillery emplaced on the south shore of Manila bay. Corregidor and the other island forts of Manila bay were repeatedly bombed from the air.

The army's late day communicable said fighting continued on Cebu, although the Japs had established beachheads at Cebu City, Argao, Panamagan, Naga and Talisay. Thus far, it added, "little progress in land has been made" and "Japanese losses are reported to be mounting."

The announcement supplemented an earlier communicable which told of heavy Japanese casualties at Cebu, and of savage attacks on the Manila bay fortresses yesterday, with part of the enemy's artillery fire coming from Bataan peninsula where the Japanese were finally victorious on Thursday.

NORTHWEST FACES POWER SHORTAGE

Portland, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—The Bonneville administration warned the Pacific northwest yesterday of possible power shortages in the next two winters.

U. J. Gendron, assistant Bonneville administrator, told the Portland reality board, "this may mean curtailment, but we know that if this should become necessary in order to keep war industries in production, this sacrifice would not be too great for the people of the region."

Ninety per cent of Bonneville dam's output is going to industrial use, he said, adding that additional generating units are being installed as rapidly as possible at Bonneville and Grand Coulee.

Nairobi, Kenya Colony, April 11.—(AP)—The government today urged all women and children who can do so to leave Kenya Colony voluntarily.

WORDS OF CHEER SENT CORREGIDOR

Corregidor Fortress, April 9.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Amid the swish and roar of bombs and shells, tired, blood-stained Filipino-American forces tonight heard the radio "Voice of Freedom" assuring them that they had done far more than could be humanly expected in the epic siege of Bataan.

Men and nurses who had fought to the last and then run a two-mile gauntlet of Japanese bombs and machine gun bullets and Manila Bay sharks to get from Bataan to Corregidor Island and received the praise in varying fashion—some with tears, others with fixed stares, some without sign of emotion.

This Voice of Freedom, which has been broadcasting encouragement to the defenders from some place in the Philippines ever since the Japanese overran Luzon Island, delivered a stirring word salute even while the men of Corregidor were still fighting back at the invaders and wondering what had become of their thirty-odd thousand comrades trapped on Bataan.

Managua, Nicaragua, April 11.—(AP)—Two strong earth shocks were felt here beginning at 4 a. m., today.