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Torpedo Survivors Take Picture



Victims of a Palm Sunday torpedoing and sinking of an American freighter-passenger ship man an ear together in one end of a lifeboat which drifted at sea 13 days before a naval vessel rescued them and landed them at Lewes, Del. One survivor covers his head with handkerchief, apparently to avoid sunburn, in this picture taken by Miss Anna Surcher, a Swiss citizen, who was one of the survivors.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Northwest's Air Defense Expands
Boeing Output At High Volume
Loans Proposed For Auto Dealers

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 16—Original plan of the army air corps in connection with civil aeronautics authority was to establish 124 landing fields in the northwest. No such number has been prepared or funds made available, but most of the major towns have been designated for a field and several million dollars are now being spent in developing these fields to a point far beyond a simple place to land.

The theory of the air corps is that landing fields should be scattered everywhere as places where planes can go in event of an enemy bombing established interceptor bases. The enemy could bomb hangars at a group base but fighter planes and bombers would be well concealed miles away. In like manner the planes could be assembled at two or three fields in preparation for an assault or counterattack. Where the lay of the land permits the air corps wants trees on the edge of the field, these acting as shields and preventing an enemy high flier from observing the grounded plane.

Modification of plans of the (Continued on Page Ten)

During the last four years the pneumonia death rate in the U. S. has been reduced approximately 50 per cent.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific time)
Flight broadcasts Friday night include:
7 o'clock MBS from Detroit. Ray Robinson and Harvey Dubs; 7:15 BLU, from Cleveland, Bob Pastor vs. Jimmy Blivins; 8:30 CBS from Boston, National A. A. U. boxing championships.

Tonight: Talks—CBS 5:30 People's Platform, "India, China and the War"; MBS 5:45 Rep. C. Celler on "Youth and the War"; BLU 6 America's Town Meeting From Columbia, Mo., "What Are the Essentials of a Lasting Peace?"

Friday: NBC—10:30 p. m. Archibald MacLeish on "Government and the Press." CBS—2:30 Paul V. McNutt on Health.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

"Shorty" Morris offering friends a chew off a piece of genuine Missouri Twist chawin' tobacco.

Ex-Mayor Earl Gaddis on the business end of a wheelbarrow while fixing a dent in the road alongside his home.

Bob Merritt up and around again recovering from a disastrous episode with a dry kiln fan several weeks ago.

Plumbing "Freeze" Order Carries Heavy Penalties

Washington, April 16—(AP)—If your plumber has a worried look today, it is understandable.

And, if he is installing some plumbing or heating equipment in your home, it might be advisable for you to worry too. There is a question of a possible \$10,000 fine and a year's imprisonment hanging over both your heads, if the plumber hasn't been keeping up with war production board orders.

The latest wrinkle in his brow probably resulted from yesterday's WPB order "freezing" all stocks of plumbing and heating equipment to conserve present supplies for defense housing and military construction.

CORREGIDOR GUNS HIT MEN, TRUCKS IN ENEMY LINES

Washington, April 16—(AP)—The war department reported today that Corregidor's guns scored hits on troop concentrations and truck columns on the Philippines' Bataan peninsula, and that enemy ammunition dumps were hit and blown up.

Japanese casualties were believed to have been numerous, a communiqué said.

Fierce fighting continued on the island of Cebu, more than 300 miles to the south, where the Japanese last week landed an invasion force estimated at 12,000, which was supported by dive bombers and tanks.

Corregidor was raided five times yesterday, the communiqué said, but the defenders' anti-aircraft artillery forced the Japanese planes as on most other occasions to fly so high bombing was ineffective.

Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the Philippine commander, reported that in the week since April 9 the fortress island had been raided 65 times, but the war department said that "despite the almost constant bombing, the damage to military installations has been relatively slight, and the morale of the troops is unimpaired."

WPA WILL HALT OREGON EFFORT

Portland, Ore., April 16—(AP)—Because eligible WPA workers prefer war jobs, Oregon projects are to be closed. State Administrator H. E. Devereaux said yesterday.

Non-defense projects will be halted within two weeks. WPA will remain suspended until men and materials again are available, Jack Shirley, district WPA director, said.

Marine Cantonment Goes to Washington

Tacoma, April 16—(AP)—Condemnation papers were filed in federal court today by the federal government for acquisition of 3,000 acres of land in Mason county for establishment of a large U. S. marine corps cantonment and combat range.

The papers of declaration of taking and petition for condemnation were filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney John W. Fishburne. The papers stated the federal government already has appropriated \$90,000 to build barracks and officers quarters.

The post will be in what is known as the Oak Patch area.

FRANCE IN TURMOIL AS LAVAL TAKES CONTROL

Mass Arrests and Executions Follow Disorders in Paris

By Roger D. Greene

Associated Press War Editor

Reports of marching demonstrations in Paris against collaboration with Germany accompanied announcement late today that the pro-Nazi Pierre Laval, France's No. 1 advocate of closer ties with reich, had formed a new Vichy cabinet and himself assumed the post of "chief of government."

Dispatches from Bern, Switzerland, said there had been numerous reports of mass arrests of persons demonstrating against collaboration and that 25 persons had been executed in Paris in the past few days.

Disorders were also reported in German-occupied Belgium. Vichy dispatches said Nazi authorities in southern Belgium had ordered an 8 p. m. curfew and 7:30 p. m. closing of public buildings in reprisal for a wave of terrorist and anti-German activities. Nine persons have been sentenced to death in 16 convictions in recent military trials in Belgium.

A British broadcast reported that 40 German soldiers were killed in a train derailment in occupied France, in what may have been a sabotage attack reflecting popular bitterness over the return of pro-Nazi Pierre Laval into the French government.

The Washington-Vichy crisis was believed nearing a showdown amid general expectations that France would proclaim her solidarity with Germany and that Adolf Hitler might soon gain control of the French fleet.

U. S. consular officials urged all Americans to leave unoccupied France as soon as possible. Vichy's ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye had an appointment to meet Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today, and Washington observers expressed belief that he would deliver official notification of an openly pro-Nazi collaborationist policy by Pierre Laval's new regime.

Welles has already made it emphatically clear that the United States has nothing but scorn for collaborationists and would consider such a regime unqualified to represent the French people.

Laval himself, now France's most powerful figure, with the aged Marshal Philippe Petain only a figurehead, returned to Vichy from Paris where he was said to have conferred with Hitler's agents—presumably receiving the fuhrer's orders for the future government of France.

In making effective use of the French ships, however, it would be imperative that the axis have the enthusiastic support of their officers and crews, and there was considerable speculation here as to whether that could be counted on in all cases.

Some experts suggested that the French might have no more stomach for fighting the axis battle than the Italians seem to have shown to date. These authorities said there was no question that the Italian navy had made a consistently poor showing in the Mediterranean largely because "their hearts just aren't in their work."

FEARLESS PILOTS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Washington, April 16—(AP)—Lieut. Col. S. R. Harris, chief of the air corps safety section, disclosed today that 79.98 per cent of all army aircraft accidents in the last fiscal year were caused by errors or omissions on the part of personnel.

"The vital drive, the urge to fly in a manner approaching recklessness, the lack of fear that makes our pilots feared and respected in combat also makes for airplane accidents in routine operations," he told Senator Johnson (D-Colo.).

DELAY ROAD MEET

Salem, April 16—(AP)—The state highway commission today tentatively postponed its April 30 meeting, for which bids were called yesterday on six projects, including relocation of the Pacific Highway west in Benton county and other projects in Baker, Douglas, Harney, Lane and Linn counties.

HEART BALM DENIED

Portland, April 16—(AP)—Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette yesterday granted a defense motion for a non-suit in the \$100,000 alienation of affections suit brought by Ann Mills, Portland, against Alcea Hawley of the Cottage Grove district.

GAS COORDINATOR COMING TO SCAN LOCAL PROBLEM

Representatives From District Office To Meet With Oil, Army, Local Officials.

H. E. Britzen, northwest representative of the district director for marketing, office of the petroleum coordinator, Los Angeles, will be here Saturday morning to discuss phases of the gasoline curtailment in this area.

Britzen will meet with Jackson County Chamber of Commerce representatives, oil company heads in this district, army officials and Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator, in order to determine what effect the curtailment has had on local gasoline demands.

The consumption of gasoline has been curtailed here as it has in all of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and 17 eastern states. It was pointed out, however, that while Medford wants to cooperate as much as possible with the curtailment program, the sharply increased population here and the much greater consumption resulting has created a real gasoline problem, and one that may become worse unless adjustments are made.

Medford, it was explained, is at present under the same curtailment as areas which have not increased in population.

GAS CURTAILMENT OVER ONE-THIRD

Washington, April 16—(AP)—A new, severe reduction in gasoline consumption became effective today in the east and Pacific northwest, and petroleum industry sources said millions of motorists would have to get along with 40 to 50 per cent less than their normal use of motor fuel.

The overall curtailment was raised to one-third, an increase of 13.3 per cent over the 20 per cent reduction instituted a month ago.

Essential vehicles, including those necessary to health and safety, commerce, schools and government, will continue to get full supplies, and the gasoline used in non-essential driving will be curtailed by considerable more than one-third.

DIRECTORS NAMED BY J. C. CHAMBER

Seven directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce were reelected and one new director was named in the annual election which closed yesterday noon, it was announced today by Frank Hull, chamber manager.

Floyd Hart was the new director chosen by chamber members. Re-elected were Glenn L. Jackson, Eugene Thorndike, Karl L. Janouch, W. A. Gates, George T. Frey, C. C. Furnas and Lee P. Bishop. All will serve one year. There were nine holdover directors.

FEW NEGROES ON ARMY CAMP WORK

A rumor that 700 negro workmen had been imported to Medford by Camp White contractors yesterday was spiked today by Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator, who said that a survey of the working personnel at the cantonment revealed no more than 25 negroes were now employed there.

Commandant



Rear Admiral David W. Bagley (above), 59, of Raleigh, N. C., has been ordered to duty as commandant of the 14th naval district, Honolulu, T. H.

DETAILS OF U. S. O. PROJECT GIVEN IN M'NARY TELEGRAM

The allocation by the Federal Security Administration of \$93,000 for a recreational facility at Medford for Camp White troops represented funds needed for the purchase of land, the building of the structure and the assembly of necessary equipment, according to a telegram received here from Senator Charles L. McNary.

Sen. McNary said in his wire that the Federal Works Agency, which obtained the funds from the FSA, asserted that the building could be completed in 60 to 75 days, and that it was the largest type being constructed for recreational purposes.

The building would be used for the purposes of worship, for games, dances and other recreational activities for cantonment soldiers while off duty and visiting Medford.

STORM WARNING

San Francisco, April 16—(AP)—The weather bureau posted storm warnings today from San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia river. Small craft warnings were issued for the area from San Francisco to Point Conception, Santa Barbara county, and along the Washington coast.

First Sugar Allowance Half Pound for Week

Washington, April 16—(AP)—The government announced today that the nation's first sugar ration allowance would be half a pound a week per person. This quota will apply only to the first two weeks of rationing, which is scheduled to begin sometime during the week of May 4-7—the period during which all citizens must register and obtain books of ration stamps.

RAF IN GREATEST DAYLIGHT SWEEP ACROSS CHANNEL

Roar of Hundreds of Planes Fills Sky—Battle Louder Than Great German Raid.

London, April 16—(AP)—The thunderous roar of hundreds of British fighter planes filled the English channel sky today in what coast watchers believed to be the RAF's greatest daylight sweep of the war against German holdings in France.

To residents of the Kentish coast the roar of battle was even louder than that of a year and a half ago when the German air force sent formations numbering as many as 500 planes against Britain in a single day.

Winding up the third successive day of dawn-to-dark raiding in northern France Spitfire formations swept across the channel before dusk as many squadrons returned from the direction of Boulogne and Calais, still flying in perfect formations.

British and German fighters fought high over France as the RAF continued its around-the-clock schedule.

Berlin (from German broadcasts), April 16—(AP)—The German high command said today two merchant ships were set afire and seven enemy planes were shot down in a Nazi air attack on the Soviet far northern port of Murmansk.

"A number of bomb hits was scored on quay installations and supply depots," the communiqué said.

Strong formations of heavy fighter-bombers attacked harbor installations and the British armament industrial center on the Tyne estuary overnight, DNB said today. The high command said Sunderland was a major objective.

Big explosions and fires were observed in military objectives, the German news agency reported.

SEVEN KILLED IN AIR CORPS CRASH

Tampa, Fla., April 16—(AP)—The entire crew of two officers and five enlisted men was killed shortly after noon today when a plane taking off at MacDill field crashed.

MacDill field listed the dead as:
Maj. James H. C. Houston, Baltimore, Md.
First Lieut. Floyd Messer, Makka City, Fla.
Tech. Sgt. Sam F. Riegger, Greenville, Tex.
Tech. Sgt. Charles Mull, Brevard, N. C.
Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Mathis, Elba, Ala.
Sgt. Stephen F. A. Wysocki, Milwaukee, Wis.
Sgt. Edgar F. Mathews, Albertville, Ala.

BASEBALL

American			
Score:		R.	H. E.
Philadelphia	4	7	1
Boston	19	21	1
Calliguri, McCrabb and Hayes; Wagner and Conroy.			
Cleveland	4	8	2
Detroit	5	9	3
Milner, Heving, Brown and Denning, Desautels; Bridges and Tebbetts.			
National			
(Ten innings):			
Boston	2	5	2
Philadelphia	1	6	0
Earles and Lombardi; Hughes and Livingston, Warren.			