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COMMANDOS RAID BOULOGNE REGION

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 22.—No news has been good news from the Atlantic lately. Reports of nazi sinkings dropped off nearly to zero after a peak about three weeks back.



Permanent conclusions are not warranted because announcements of both our losses and German claims are ordinarily delayed a week or two. Yet there are many stories in circulation in shipping quarters—wholly unofficial, of course—suggesting the navy has accomplished decisive results.

One is that 30 German and Italian subs have been sunk by us in the last two weeks. Not many more than this number could have been involved at the peak of the attack.

There is another story about the bodies of 29 axis seamen retrieved from the waters of the sea and brought for burial to a special plot near one of our Atlantic ports.

Still another (this one is more unofficial) suggests an American fishing vessel, hard at work offshore was suddenly confronted by a rising nazi periscope. The fishermen expected the worst and were getting ready for it when a German voice, from the now risen conning tower asked if they had any fish for sale.

While negotiations were in progress, under the duress of an imminent torpedo, the nazis got some fish they did not expect, flying fish. A patrol plane spotted the sub and sank same.

THE painful silence of the navy and army after the bombing of Japan was not painful around headquarters. The authorities here enjoyed their best laughs of the war listening to the Tokyo radio.

Obviously the Japs never knew what hit them. First they said the planes were B-26 medium Martins, then B-29 North Americans and on both occasions

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Typewriter Dealers Must File Inventory

The Jackson county rationing board today issued notice that all typewriter dealers, wholesalers, retailers, second-hand stores or any other concern having in their possession typewriters either new or used, must file an inventory of such typewriters with the board not later than April 25.

Those who do not have inventory blanks may obtain them at the Chamber of Commerce, the board's notice said.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: MBS, 5:30, J. Pierpont Moffat, U. S. minister to Canada, on "Canada and the U. S. Today."

Thursday: CBS, 12:30 p. m., Cincinnati Conservatory concert; 1:30, Mary I. Barber on "How to Feed the Army"; 3:15, Quenton Reynolds on "Our Allies." Blue, 11 a. m., A. E. F. show from northern Ireland. MBS, 9:15, New Eleanor Early Women's series; 11:15, Be Kind to Animals Program.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

L. P. Older proudly displaying his German-made synthetic rubber tire.

Two Central Point ladies not being handicapped by a stop-light since they wanted to shop down the other direction anyway.

City Dad Tom Bradley bringing roars of laughter from other city Dads with remarks of his personal opinion of an off-the-record subject

BRITISH SURVEY NAZI DEFENSE IN BRILLIANT FORAY

Two Hours Spent Ashore By Small Reconnaissance Force—Casualties Light.

By the Associated Press
Britain's daring commandos stormed the Nazi-occupied French coast near Boulogne this morning, drove back the Germans guarding the coast and withdrew after two hours, British headquarters announced after the rumble of heavy cannonade was heard over the Dover strait before daylight.

A communiqué said the commandos, striking in the first combined operations raid since the spectacular attack on the German U-boat base at St. Nazaire, March 28, ranged the French coastal region testing Nazi defenses and collecting military information.

Casualties Light
Such raids might be part of a program to find "soft spots" in the German coastal defenses as a prelude to a British invasion attempt.

The communiqué said British casualties were "very light" and that a naval force accompanying the commandos damaged a German trawler which attempted to intercept the raiding party.

A second Nazi trawler was reported set afire.
The new cross-channel thrust—one of a series which is said to have spread jitters among German garrisons along the French "invasion coast"—was accompanied by heavy firing along the thick-misted Dover strait.

Lookouts on the Kent coast said the thunder of artillery came from the direction of Boulogne and that a second period of cannon fire was heard later, lasting about 15 minutes.

British headquarters said the raid was carried out by "a small reconnaissance" force. No British ships were damaged, the communiqué said.

Boulogne is one of the main German defense strongholds along the coast nearest to England.

Peace Try Seen
A possible new phase of an axis peace offensive, already launched by Japan with an unofficial "trial balloon," developed today as round-about reports asserted that secret negotiations were under way in Italy for a separate peace.

A dispatch from Ankara, Turkey, to the London News Chronicle quoted a "Rome diplomatic message" as authority for the report.

The dispatch said the recent exchange of British and Italian prisoners and other incidents had "encouraged the Italians to believe that Britain still does not hate the Italians in the manner in which the Nazis are loathed and despised."

In the Russian campaign, Soviet dispatches reported that the Red army had broken a second hole through Finnish front lines in Karelia, northeast of Leningrad, knitting six miles deep into positions manned by reserves.

An Associated Press correspondent who fled over the long battlefield reported that the winter snowline was rolling steadily north, laying bare a large part of the fighting area.

The correspondent said the Soviet Caucasus, probable target of Adolf Hitler's long-awaited spring offensive, was already hard and dry under a warm sun.

Coincidentally, a Berlin broadcast denied that any official Nazi spokesman ever prophesied that the German offensive would start in April, declaring the date would be "determined solely by the fuhrer."

Non-axis reports recently have said Hitler's plans for a spring renewal of "blitz" warfare had been delayed several months by shaken morale, terrific losses in the Russian winter campaign and destructive blows delivered by the RAF against Germany's vital war foundries in the reich.

On the north African front, the German high command reported "no important military operations."

Japs Pressed Hard In Burma



Aided by British tanks, Chinese forces operating on the Irrawaddy front, launched a counter-offensive from Kyaukpadaung and recaptured Yangon (1), in the Burma oil area. Other Chinese forces were forced to withdraw to the vicinity of Ela (2).

Captured Hongkong a "Japanese-Made Hell"

(Henry Bough, a member of the Reuters staff formerly in Hongkong, escaped to Free China from the one-time British Crown colony after three months in the Japanese-occupied city. He wrote the following dispatch for Reuters and the Associated Press.)

By Henry Bough
Chungking, April 22.—A Japanese-made hell—that was Hongkong three months after its occupation.

Starvation faces a large proportion of the population. When the Japanese seized the island it was estimated there was a nine-month supply of food on hand. But large quantities were commandeered by the Japanese army and shipped away.

Food supplied the prisoners of war is poor and scarce, and there is much sickness. Civilian internees are somewhat better off, for they occasionally get fish and meat. The prisoners of war are given only rice and beans.

Murder and Rape
I can confirm the appalling stories of murder and rape which have been reported. Many of the worst atrocities were committed in the presence of Japanese officers. They are only too true. Many of the women, after being attacked, were shot.

In the early days of the occupation the Japanese troops engaged in widespread looting. Men and women were stopped in the streets and watches and money were taken from them. Under the pretext of searching for arms, Japanese troops under the command of officers entered and ransacked private premises.

Everything possible is done to lower western prestige. Britons are ordered to sweep the streets while others must carry away dead bodies. British subjects are struck in the face on the slightest provocation.

Given Short Notice
All of these incidents took place before British and allied subjects were interned. One day notices appeared ordering all "enemy" nationals to report the following morning.

They were given a few hours to settle their private affairs and were allowed to take with them only their clothing and personal belongings. The internees first were concentrated in several third-rate Chinese boarding houses.

After about two weeks all were removed to a large prison at Stanley, about four miles across from Victoria on Hongkong island. No visitors were allowed there. The plight of elderly people perhaps was worst of all.

WHALEERS TO OPERATE
Seattle, April 22.—(AP)—Idle since 1939, five "killer" boats of the whaling fleet moored in a Lake Washington bay will operate in north Pacific waters this summer. One vessel has been taken over by the government.

ALLIED AIRMEN SCORE VICTORY OVER JAPANESE

Four "Zero" Planes Downed Over Port Moresby Without Loss of Single Plane.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Allied sky fighters defending the approaches to Australia were credited officially today with scoring a 4-0 victory over Japanese "Zero" planes in a battle over Port Moresby, New Guinea, while U. S. navy torpedo boats were reported to have seriously damaged a Japanese light cruiser in the Philippines.

A bulletin from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia said United Nations airmen shot down four Japanese planes without loss to themselves at Port Moresby, and that other allied fliers set numerous fires among wharves and buildings in an attack on Rabaul, New Britain.

Retreat In Burma
On the critical Burma war front, British headquarters announced that out-numbered British and Chinese troops again were forced to retreat under heavy pressure by Japanese invasion columns driving into the earth-scoured Yenangyaung oil fields in western Burma.

A new Delhi communiqué said the allies completed a fighting withdrawal across the Pinchanga river "but not without losses of personnel and equipment."

In the Philippines, a U. S. navy communiqué reported that two of Lieut. John D. Bulkeley's sharp-stinging mosquito boats, hiding in secret, jungle-screened bases among the 7,000 islands of the Philippine archipelago, boldly attacked a Japanese cruiser protected by four destroyers in a recent night raid of Cebu island.

Few Escape Bataan
The navy's report somewhat offset an army communiqué disclosing that nearly 3,000 national guardsmen from nine states were among the 37,000 American-Filipino defenders killed, wounded or taken prisoner in the historic battle of Bataan. Only 107 guardsmen were evacuated to Corregidor island when Bataan fell, April 9.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, reported that 62,600 prisoners had been captured so far in the Philippine campaign, including 10,600 United States officers and men.

Of the Americans, 1,600 were said to be hospitalized.

MODESTAN BUYS 900-ACRE RANCH

One of the largest deals of its kind in southern Oregon in several years was consummated yesterday by the sale of the 900-acre J. H. Lucas cattle ranch north of Ashland to Reese R. Egar of Modesto, Calif., according to V. D. "Bert" Miller of the Miller Realty agency of Ashland.

Mr. Miller, who handled negotiations for the transaction said that a large sum of money was involved and that Lucas gained valuable business property in the heart of Modesto. The building there is of modern steel construction and is occupied by four firms.

The Ashland ranch is well stocked and equipped and Egar obtains grazing rights in the trade.

Mr. Lucas told Miller that he was giving up the ranch because of inability to care for it. His son, Kenneth, is in the service and another son, Glen, is about to be called. Lucas, himself, is suffering from a recent injury.

BLAST KILLS FOUR
Ottawa, Ont., April 22.—(AP)—Four men were killed today and several injured in an explosion at the MacDonell chemical works, Waterloo, Que., the munitions and supply department announced.

PRICE CEILING FOR BLANKET FREEZE IN COMING WEEK

Henderson Expected to Take Action Tuesday To Hold Tags at March Levels.

Washington, April 22.—(P)—Authoritative sources said today a blanket price order freezing virtually all retail, wholesale and manufacturers' prices at their March levels probably will be announced by Price Administrator Leon Henderson at a press conference next Tuesday.

It was understood the ceiling order, covering all consumer items with the probable exception of foods, would permit each store to use as its maximum the highest price charged for each item last month.

The sweeping abandonment of the existing piecemeal price control technique has been in preparation for weeks by OPA, but action has been deferred, it was said, pending President Roosevelt's presentation to congress of a broad inflation control program.

F. R. To Broadcast
The White House has disclosed that Mr. Roosevelt would shortly send a message to congress covering all cost-of-living problems, including labor, taxes, prices and profits, and that it would be followed Monday night by a broadcast to the nation by the chief executive.

Meanwhile it was reported that retail officials had attempted to induce the office of price administration to set wholesalers' prices back to December, instead of March, levels in the proposed overall price action.

Washington, April 22.—(P)—President Roosevelt ordered today that his appointments this week be held to those of a "must nature" so he would be free to make his final determinations on his anti-inflation program to be laid before congress within a week.

As Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said that none of the program had been finally determined, the ways and means committee started work in closed meetings on a new tax bill which many house members said would contain some form of general sales tax.

DISGUSTED FRENCHMEN QUIT CONSULAR STAFF

Washington, April 22.—(P)—Four members of the French embassy and consular staff here have resigned, it was disclosed today, in protest against the collaborationist regime set up in Vichy by Pierre Laval.

A fifth is expected to hand in his resignation this afternoon.

"BIG TREE" CONFERENCE

Eugene, April 22.—(AP)—The Pacific northwest "Big Tree" conference of Girl Scouts opened here today, with Mrs. Alan H. Means, Salt Lake City, national president, in charge.

The conference is being held at the Hotel Commodore, which followed the execution of 35 hostages in northern France announced last week, apparently came under the heading of the "further measures" which Lieut. Gen. Ernest Von Schauburg, commander in the Greater Paris area, reserved the right to take after placing all of Paris under a strict three-day curfew yesterday.

Six Breadless Weeks Faced by Frenchmen

By Ovid A. Martin

Washington, April 22.—(P)—The agriculture department, in a recent summary of recent cables on European food developments, told today of increasing difficulties confronting Germany and Nazi-occupied countries in producing and supplying their people with food and fiber crops.

Unoccupied France was said to be facing six breadless weeks before the new wheat harvest because of diversion of grain by the black markets, illegal use of wheat for feeding livestock and poultry, counterfeit ration cards, and failure of farmers to deliver the quantities expected.

The department said reports coming out of Germany indicated that stringent measures were being taken against violators of food rationing regulations.

Recent restrictions upon the milling of wheat and rye indicate, the department said, that German grain stocks have declined to a level where economies must be affected in order to insure against a poor crop at home this year and the possibility of supplies from southeastern Europe falling below expectations.

Agricultural production in Denmark, which in 1941 was less than half of normal, was said to be seriously threatened this year by the late spring, shortages of fertilizers, seed and labor.

The department said Germany hoped to secure the production of sufficient food in occupied Ukrainian Russia to meet the needs of Nazi occupation forces and for the bare maintenance of the local population.

Has Labor Plan



Paul V. McNutt (above), chairman of the war manpower commission, announced today a press conference in Washington that he planned creation of a system of labor priorities. He said he did not contemplate a work or fight method of forcing men into war production.

NAZIS KILL MORE IN EFFORT TO NIP PARIS TERRORISM

Vichy, Unoccupied France, April 22.—(P)—Lieut. Gen. Ernst Von Schauburg, German commander in the Greater Paris area, announced today that more than 15 persons had been shot in reprisal for recent attacks on German occupation forces but that 20 more had been reprieved because French civilians had handed over to police those responsible for the killing of a German soldier.

Additional hostages will be shot unless the so-called "terrorists" are turned into the authorities within a week, the announcement said. Failure to do so also would result in the deportation of an additional several hundred persons to forced labor camps in eastern Europe, it added.

The executions announced in Paris, which followed the execution of 35 hostages in northern France announced last week, apparently came under the heading of the "further measures" which Lieut. Gen. Ernest Von Schauburg, commander in the Greater Paris area, reserved the right to take after placing all of Paris under a strict three-day curfew yesterday.

Ada Poellnitz Death Due to Own Action Is Coroner Jury Finding

Mrs. Ada Poellnitz was solely responsible for the accident early Saturday morning which claimed her life according to the verdict of a coroner's jury which convened at the Perl funeral home last night.

Mrs. Poellnitz died in a Grants Pass hospital Sunday afternoon from injuries sustained in the accident. According to Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, Dr. C. L. Ogle of Grants Pass, who treated the victim and who was questioned last night, gave the cause of death as concussion of the brain. He said, however, that chest injuries Mrs. Poellnitz received were severe enough to have caused her death.

Other witnesses called were Robert Swope of Medford, passenger of the wrecked machine, and J. A. Myers of Grants Pass, first to arrive at the scene of the accident. Swope contended that Mrs. Poellnitz was driving at the time of the mishap.

Jurymen serving at the inquest were Walter Johnson, A. O. Tollefson, G. A. Davis, Homer Harvey, L. G. Miles and George Howard.

Few Milk Bottles Only Salvage From Fredenburg Blaze

Only 14 milk bottles were saved from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fredenburg, three miles northwest of Butte Falls, which was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Tuesday afternoon, the Rogue River National forest reported today.

The blaze started on the second floor of the two-story frame building and was discovered by Dwight Fredenburg, five, who was sick in bed, according to the forest service. Dwight called to his parents and was removed to safety, but efforts of neighbors and equipment and men from the Butte Falls ranger station, to save the house and furnishings, were futile.