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AERIAL LEGIONS CLASH ABOVE FRANCE

Here She Comes!!



Approach of the tornado which destroyed Pryor, Okla., is shown above, photographed from the backyard of a home in the city's outskirts a few moments before the twister roared through the city.

GIGANTIC BATTLE FOLLOWS FORAYS BY RAF BOMBERS

Watchers on Coast See Vapor Trails 25,000 Feet Up—Peace Offers Heard.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
British and German warplanes clashed in a gigantic air battle 25,000 feet over the German-occupied French "invasion coast" today following overnight assaults in which RAF bombers violently attacked German war foundries in Paris.
Watchers on the English coast said vapor trails of dogfights streaked the skies above Cap Gris Nez and Boulogne and that heavy explosions thundered across Dover strait in the afternoon.
Peace Offers Claimed
Meanwhile, London heard unconfirmed reports that Germany had offered a "Nazi peace" to England three times since mid-March.
Simultaneously, a Tokyo broadcast quoted well-informed circles in Berlin as saying that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini would meet in a few days.
The news agency A.F.I., affiliated with Gen. Charles de Gaulle's free French government, said the German peace offers were based on a nine-page memorandum by Reichsmarshal Herman Wilhelm Goering which would give the third reich undisputed mastery of continental Europe.
Both President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have scorned any suggestion of negotiations with the Nazis, described by Churchill as "the guilty men who have let hell loose upon the world."

Whoosh! — This Is What's Left



Two relief workers search through this rubble of what was once a hardware store in the war-torn town of Pryor, following the tornado which left a death toll of over 123, hundreds injured and \$2,000,000 damage.

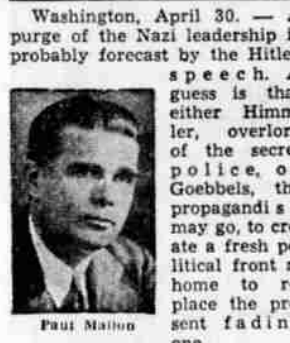
CHINESE ADMIT BURMA GATEWAY TAKEN BY JAPS

British and Chinese Forces Lose Contact—Danger of Entrapment Seen Grave.

By The Associated Press
Chinese headquarters acknowledged today that Japanese troops had captured Lashio, the gateway to China in Burma, while British and Chinese forces were reported to have lost contact amid grave danger of entrapment.
The fall of Lashio, taken by the invaders after a 170-mile advance in four days, imperiled the entire allied defense of Burma.
A Chinese communique said the Japanese captured the city yesterday after a battle in which both sides suffered heavy casualties, and reported that fighting still continued in the Lashio vicinity.
Fight To Last
This apparently meant that the American Commander of the Chinese forces, Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, was fighting for every inch of ground rather than executing a general retreat to the north.
Lashio, only 80 miles from the Chinese border, lies 130 miles northeast of Mandalay.
Great fires were reported raging near the town, but it was not stated whether they were set by traitorous Burmese fifth columnists or were part of a scorched earth policy by the defenders.
Meanwhile, somewhat offsetting the grim turn of the Burma conflict, the allies rolled up slashing new aerial victories over the enemy in the far Pacific.
Batter Jap Bases
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied airmen destroyed or damaged 20 Japanese planes and started big fires in an attack on the Japanese Air Base at Lae, New Guinea, and also battered anew at the enemy base at Koenig, on Dutch Timor Island.
"Flying Tigers" of the American volunteer group fighting in Burma were credited with a spectacular victory over the Japanese Air Force, shooting down 22 of 24 planes which attempted to raid Loiwing on the Burma-Yunnan border.
The AVG fliers emerged without loss of a single plane.
On the fighting front, latest dispatches said allied troops fighting to hold bomb-wrecked Mandalay were sharply threatening with envelopment.
British military quarters said that with the invaders standing at Lashio, splitting allied communication lines, the British now could only withdraw rapidly northward to escape being trapped and to guard the way to India in the west.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, April 30.—A purge of the Nazi leadership is probably forecast by the Hitler speech. A guess is that either Himmler, overlord of the secret police, or Goebbels, the propagandist, may go, to create a fresh political front at home to replace the present fading one.
Hitler spoke in a new calm appealing tone when he asked the reichstag to give him the legal right to remove anyone from office, but the tone was hollow. He controls both the reichstag and the office holders. He already had the right he asks.
The only excuse for him to mention the matter in such a way was to seek popular support for another bootlicking ouster from high Nazi chairs.
As pudgy Herr Goering seems to be in favor for the moment, it looks like Himmler or Goebbels have reason to feel uneasy.
DER Boss has shaken the army until all its top teeth have fallen out, and asked no one's authority. He fired Von Liebig from the Leningrad front, Von Beck from the center, Von Rundstedt from the south (shifting him to France as a mere policeman), Von Brauchitsch, the generalissimo (he went back only in an advisory capacity and not as head of the army) and even Keitel his right hand man.
No one knows who replaced these generals. All that is known is that General Jodl is now doing Hitler's military brainwork.
But the biggest point of the speech, a point evident in nearly every paragraph except one,

14 Killed as Tornado Strikes Kansas Farms

Oberlin, Kas., April 30.—(P)—A tornado ripped through a rural section of southern Decatur county late last night, killing 14 persons and injuring 13 others.
Two entire families were obliterated by the storm.
The small hospital here was jammed and other injured were taken to McCook, Neb., hospitals.
The city, itself, escaped damage.
The furious blast carried away livestock and leveled farm buildings through an area a half mile wide. In several instances not a trace of the buildings remained. In others, only splintered boards showed where homes and stock barns formerly stood.
One of the victims, Mrs. Dale Paddock, was found on a creek bank, her head and shoulders driven into the ground by the twister. Her four-year-old son was blown into the creek and his body was not found until daylight. Her husband, the third member of the family, was killed also.
Gus Leinwetter, his wife, son and daughter were killed in the wreckage of their home.
The dead:
Gus Leinwetter, 40.
Mrs. Gus Leinwetter, 33.
Stanley Leinwetter, 12, a son.
Naomi Leinwetter, 7, a daughter.
Mardell Leinwetter, 7, spending the night at the Leinwetter home.
Dale Paddock, 33.
Mrs. Dale Paddock, 29.
Elvin Paddock, 4, a son.
Leon Paddock, 17, brother of Mrs. Paddock.
Mrs. James Beneda, Jr., Alleen Beneda, a daughter.
Norma Nicholson, 14.
Mrs. Frank Urban, 65.
Duane Harold, 18.
Oberlin is in the northwest corner of Kansas, about 30 miles south of the Nebraska line.
Ambulances from Norton, Kas., 28 miles east of the stricken area had moved nine injured to McCook, Neb., hospitals. Sixteen others were reported taken to the hospital in Oberlin.
C. J. Jacoby, Norton newspaper man, said a returning ambulance driver told him it appeared only a half dozen farm houses were hit by the freak twister which dipped into a valley about a mile east of Oberlin.

HAPPY DAYS
Fairview, N. J., April 30.—(P)—Happy days are here for Fairview's 1,500 school children. The local rationing board turned down Truant Officer Oscar Stoffel's request for new tires.

Roseburg, Ore., April 30.—(P)—George Herman Kerr, 42, recent arrival in Roseburg from Crescent City, Calif., died last night from injuries suffered while employed as trailerman on a logging truck hauling pine to Roseburg. The accident occurred 20 miles east of Roseburg on the Little River road.

HOPE FOR EASING GAS CURTAILMENT NORTHWEST AREA

Washington, April 30.—(P)—A possibility that curtailment of gasoline consumption in the Pacific northwest may be eased or lifted was seen in oil circles today, as the petroleum coordination office reported a substantial improvement in that area's motor fuel stocks.
The coordination office disclosed that the west coast petroleum marketing committee had asked that the restrictions in Oregon and Washington be lifted, due to better stock and transportation conditions.
Through the cooperation of all local service station dealers, gasoline distributors and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, a brief will be sent today to A. G. Britzman, Los Angeles, petroleum coordinator for the Pacific coast, citing the increase in population and automobiles here due to Camp White and requesting that this locality be allocated more gasoline to compensate for the increase, according to Frank Hull, chamber manager.
Hull said it was the feeling here that gasoline curtailment would be eased in this area in view of the facts presented in the brief, although no assurance this would happen had been forthcoming.

Admiral Stark In London For Duty
London, April 30.—(P)—Admiral Harold R. Stark of the U. S. Navy arrived in London by air this evening to assume his duties as Commander in Chief of American Naval operations in European waters.
Stark was accompanied by U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant.

Orinoco Indians Harvest Rubber
Caracas, Venezuela, April 30.—(P)—With the incentive of a 35-cents-a-pound government offer, the Indians of Amazonian territory on the upper Orinoco have started gathering wild rubber and sending it to the river ports again after years of neglect occasioned by low prices, the Venezuelan S.I.V. news agency reported today.

BASEBALL

American	R	H	E
Score:	0	4	1
St. Louis	0	4	1
New York	3	8	0
Harris, Hollingsworth and Swift, Ferrell; Bonham and Dickey.			

WOMAN SUICIDES IN BEAR CREEK; BODY RECOVERED

The body of Mrs. Vernon May Thompson, 35, wife of W. H. Thompson, a cantonment worker, was found this morning in shallow water in Bear creek near the Barneburg road bridge, by Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris and Deputy Sheriff William Grenbender. Death was by drowning, due to suicide, the deputy coroner said. Despondency was given as the reason for the act. The couple lived in the Barneburg road district.
Thompson has been here for a month, and his wife about ten days. They formerly lived in a little town near Marysville, Cal.
Thompson told Deputy Sheriff Grenbender his wife had been dissatisfied since coming, and had given veiled hints of her intention. She is the mother of a girl age 15 years, now in California, and an infant one and one-half years old. She had asked Thompson how he would care for the children if she was gone, the husband told the officer.
Wednesday night Thompson retired about 10 o'clock and left his wife washing the dishes, according to the report to the deputy sheriff. He awakened about 5:30 o'clock this morning and found his wife's bed in another room had been unoccupied. He called the sheriff's office and a search was started. Her tracks led to Bear creek.
Deputy Sheriff Grenbender after a lone search called for Deputy Coroner Morris, and together they grappled in the creek. Later, in a shallow pool they located the body, dressed in a light house dress and slippers.

General and Correspondent Killed in Australia Air Crash

Allied Headquarters, Australia, April 30.—(P)—The death in an airplane crash of Brig. Gen. Harold H. George of the United States army air force, was announced by allied headquarters.
Also killed in the crash was Melville Jacoby, Time and Life magazine correspondent who came to Australia from Bataan last month with his wife after living with the beleaguered U. S. and Filipino forces defending the peninsula against the Japanese invaders.
One of the brilliant staff of officers who served with General MacArthur in the Philippines, Brig. Gen. George accompanied MacArthur to Australia in his epic journey last month from Bataan peninsula.
His distinguished service in the Philippines gained him his promotion to Brigadier General last January.
The airplane accident occurred late Monday but details were withheld for the time being.
Jacoby, a graduate of Stanford University, went to the Orient soon after the European war broke out in 1939 and was stationed for a while at Chungking, China, as a newspaper and radio correspondent.
He later went to French Indo-China where, in November, 1940, he and a U. S. Vice Consul were arrested by a Japanese sentry for taking pictures.

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO AID REGISTRY FOR SUGAR BOOKS

Stressing the necessity for sugar registration in Medford to be handled expeditiously and efficiently City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick issued a call today for 150 volunteers to aid the city's teachers next week.
He estimated that the Medford grade schools would register between 15,000 and 16,000 persons although the total might be higher, depending on the number of cantonment workers who register here.
Hedrick asked that those volunteering inform him by phoning 2157. He will meet with teachers and volunteers tomorrow at 4 p. m. at the high school.
Volunteers should be good penmen with at least a small amount of clerical experience and mathematical training, he said. More detailed information will be given Sunday concerning the registration procedure.
(More about sugar on page 12.)

Sold to Dodgers

Detroit, April 30.—(P)—The Detroit Tigers announced today sale of Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, 30-year-old righthander, to the Brooklyn Dodgers for an undisclosed amount of cash.
Rowe was in his tenth season in the American league and this year had won one and lost none.
The six-foot, four-inch schoolboy reports to the National league club immediately.

BLACKOUT
San Diego, Calif., April 30.—(P)—San Diego residents last night experienced a 33-minute blackout during which army searchlights played into the moonlight to pick out planes identified as friendly. The fourth interceptor command ordered the blackout at 10:30 p. m. The all clear signal was given at 11:30 p. m.
STORM WARNING
San Francisco, April 30.—(P)—The weather bureau posted small craft warnings at 8 a. m. today from Cape Blanco, on the Oregon coast, south to San Francisco bay.

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Glen Swanson puffing on a black cigar almost as big as he is.
L. E. "Bing" Francis and Jackson Matlack cooking up plans for a steak eating contest, the latter remarking that he practiced recently in Portland by eating two steak dinners at one sitting.