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JAPS PUSH ACROSS NEW GUINEA

Nazi Generals Restored

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THAT was a hard jolt the Japs got in New Guinea.

It meant more than the planes and the ships and the men they lost. It indicated that they have run out from under the protection of their own land-based aircraft and have come within striking distance of OURS.

In other words, they're losing some of the advantages they possessed in the Philippines, Malayan and East Indies fighting.

THE reason they're losing these advantages is perhaps more interesting than the FACT that they're losing them.

They're getting farther and farther from home. They're spreading themselves thinner and thinner.

As that happens, their job gets harder and harder.

THE Japs are face to face with a great decision.

Should they settle down to development and exploitation of the rich empire they have already laid their clutches on?

Or shall they go on, and on—and on?

TWO considerations—historically powerful—urge them ON.

One is the hunger for MORE conquest that grows out of conquest already accomplished.

The other is the need to PROTECT each new conquest.

NAPOLEON, with all Europe at his feet, grew fearful of Russia, hovering as an ever-present threat on his flank.

In an effort to protect himself against this threat, he went ON and spent his strength beyond hope of recovery in the vast and frozen plains of Russia.

It is to be suspected that Hitler has made the same mistake and for the same reason.

THE Japs have done well—amazingly well. They have cut off for themselves a vast slice of the richest part of Asia.

Cautions urge them to stop, masticate and digest.

FEAR also urges them on.

As they gaze upon Australia, they see in it a threat on their flanks—just as Napoleon saw in Russia a constant threat. The thought is in their minds that if they can take Australia they will be SAFE from that quarter.

THE lessons of history lead us to hope the Japs will go on, spreading themselves thinner and thinner until finally they crack under the strain.

HANNIBAL, perhaps the greatest general of all time, lost himself in Italy, hopelessly far from his supply bases in Carthage, his tough and seasoned and competent army too small for the job he had carved out.

Alexander, after destroying Persia and conquering Egypt, went on and lost himself in the immensities of India.

Napoleon spent himself in the vastnesses of Russia. (As Hitler may.)

In the present war, we have seen Britain spread so widely over the earth as to be unable to HIT HARD ENOUGH at any single place.

IT is an all-important decision that Japan must make.

All the historical impulses LEAD HER ON. Only caution urges her to stop and dig in.

Against the urgings of caution must be set the PROMPTINGS OF FEAR that if she stops now

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ICKES REPORTS GAS COUPONS COMING SOON

Prices Frozen After 20 Per Cent Cut Put in Effect

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today a rigid gasoline coupon rationing system would be instituted in the east and Pacific northwest as soon as the cards can be printed—which he estimated would be within six weeks.

The card rationing would supplant the curtailment program instituted over the same area today through reduction by 20 per cent in the supplies of gasoline delivered to filling stations.

Situation Urgent Ickes said he could not say now whether the more rigid system would be severer than the present one-fifth cut in consumption, but expressed the hope that the card system might be instituted quickly because of the increasing urgency of the supply situation in the two coastal areas caused by the sinking and war diversion of tanker ships.

"We will go on a card rationing system as soon as Mr. Henderson, the price administrator, can get around to it," the petroleum coordinator said. "He will do the rationing."

Operations of approximately 100,000 filling stations in the area were limited to a 12-hour day, six-day-week.

Supplementing this wartime action, the office of price administration froze the retail gasoline prices in the area at the levels prevailing last Friday and made violations punishable by a maximum \$5000 fine or one year imprisonment.

The freezing order, which will be in force for at least 60 days, becomes legally effective on Monday, March 23. In issuing the order, Acting Price Administrator John E. Hamm disclosed last night that "serious consideration" was being given to the licensing of all filling stations in the curtailment area as a further measure of guarantee observance of the price regulations.

Soto to Be Moved Into Death Cell At Oregon Prison

SALEM, March 19 (AP)—Still unconcerned over his scheduled execution in the state prison lethal gas chamber at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, John Soto, 17-year-old triple slayer, will be moved tonight to the prison death cell, located in a room adjacent to that containing the chamber.

Prison Warden George Alexander said Soto is in "fine shape," and that he apparently wants to die. He now is in a cell in a main cell block.

Soto's only chance for a postponement of the execution would be to appeal to the state supreme court, Governor Charles A. Sprague already having rejected pleas for clemency made by Soto's mother.

Soto, who had escaped from a California home for feeble-minded persons, went to Hermiston, where he says he worked on the army ammunition dump for a few days. He claims he shot and killed the three persons with whom he was living because he feared they would report him to police.

CLAMS, FIREWORKS

SALEM, March 19 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today ordered that clam digging on Oregon beaches be restricted to daylight hours, and asked the public and local authorities to ban the sale of fireworks for the duration of the war.

No Shortage Felt Here As Gas Reduced

Gasoline rationing went into effect here Thursday, but due to already reduced demand in this territory it appeared unlikely motorists will suffer a shortage.

Deliveries to stations were based on 80 per cent of sales of the corresponding month of last year. Many stations were already down to that volume, and under the rationing will get all the gas they would order under any circumstances.

Preferential customers were to be permitted to sign blanks which would give them all the gas they need. These include public health and safety vehicles, government vehicles, commercial, industrial and agricultural machinery and school buses.

Stations here will be open no more than 72 hours a week. One large company reported it would stagger hours between stations, and that at least one station would be open on Sundays.

NEXT REGISTRATION FOR DRAFT SLATED

Men 19-20 and 45-64 To Sign Up On April 27

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt set April 27 today for the registration of men aged 45 to 64 inclusive.

It will be the fourth registration during the current war emergency and the second since the war actually engulfed the United States.

The chief executive issued a proclamation, under terms of the selective service act, which provides that:

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before February 16, 1897, shall take place in the United States and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico on Monday, April 27, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m."

The usual exceptions were made for persons already in the armed forces and for registration in exceptional cases prior to or after the prescribed date.

The men registering April 27 will not be liable to compulsory military duty nor will another group—men of 18 and 19—still to be registered.

TOP OF LIST VENICE, Calif., March 19 (AP)—Taichi Ishihara, a Japanese, held No. 441, fourth drawn in the new draft lottery. It tops the list in the Venice board.

By C. A. HENDERSON, County Agent

Government demand for dehydrated food products to save shipping space is creating considerable interest on the part of Klamath potato and vegetable growers and might open up an entirely new field in agricultural development. A few days ago, Ernest H. Wiegand of the food industries department, Oregon State college, met with members of the chamber of commerce, and other interested people to discuss the possibilities of developing dehydration plants in the Klamath basin.

It was pointed out to Wiegand that there are sufficient potatoes of the lower grades produced in the Klamath basin each year to operate an 80-ton a day capacity dehydrator plant the year around. Potato growers agreed

HITLER'S MOVE SEEN HINT OF SPRING DRIVE

Red Guerrillas Seize Section Behind North Front

By The Associated Press Climaxing three months of bloody retreat, Adolf Hitler has abandoned his lone-wolf role in guarding the destiny of German arms, it was reported today, and has called back his generals to help plan the nazi spring offensive.

The Berlin correspondent of the Basel (Switzerland) National Zeitung said Hitler had summoned nearly all the German officers, including Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch, who were ousted or resigned after the drive against Moscow failed last December.

Spring Offensive Hitler at that time announced that his "intuition" had led him to take over supreme command of the German armies.

The National Zeitung correspondent said the nazi spring offensive might be expected soon, with the fuhrer and his generals now mapping strategy at a series of staff conferences.

The question of throwing Russia's winter steamroller into reverse still remained to be solved, however, and today's German high command communicate acknowledged that the red armies were attacking relentlessly and that "heavy defensive fighting is in progress."

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters noted continuing Russian pressure on the Kerch peninsula, in the Crimea, as well as fierce soviet thrusts in the Donets river sector, of the Ukraine, where the Russians are battering at the gates of Khar'kov.

In the north, soviet dispatches (Continued on Page Two)

Stilwell Takes Command of Two Chinese Armies

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The war department announced today that Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell of the United States army had been put in command of the fifth and sixth Chinese armies operating with British forces defending Burma against the Japanese.

The action was taken by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China, a brief communique said. General Stilwell went to China a few weeks ago and served initially as Chiang's chief of staff.

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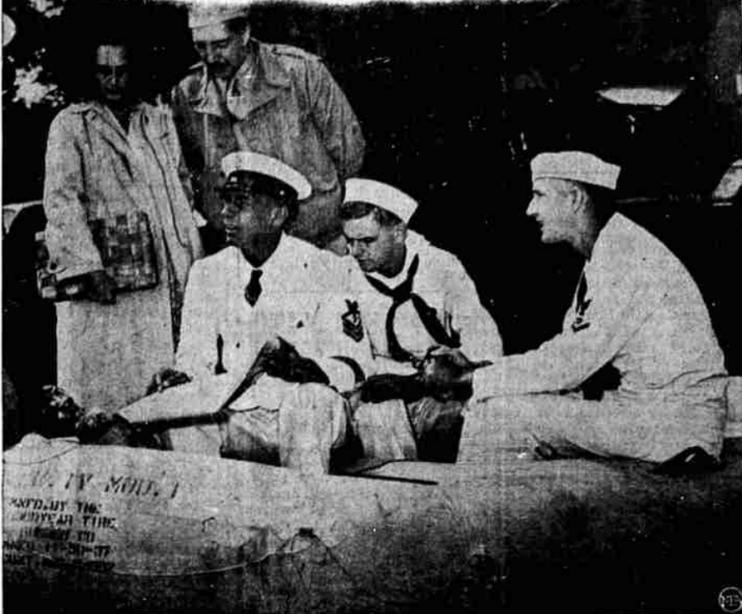
Vegetable Dehydrating Eyed As New Agricultural Industry for Klamath

Klamath basin inasmuch as the facilities for storing potatoes are such that a plant of this kind could operate the year around.

Other crops also could be grown for this purpose, particularly, onion, cabbage, rutabagas, carrots, turnips and other crops. Some Klamath onions have been shipped to the dehydrating plants in California this season, quality of these onions being equal or superior to any received at the plant.

As to whether private or cooperative dehydrating plants would be considered received considerable attention. The county agent was requested to write the head of the army procurement division in order to find out directly the army's need and the volume that might be ordered at this time as well as to future possibilities. In addition, (Continued on Page Two)

Three Men on a Raft—They Called It "Home" for 34 Days



Safe at Honolulu, little worse for their experience, these three navy men told a hair-raising tale of drifting in the south Pacific for 34 days. When their plane was forced down at sea, Harold Dixon, Anthony Pastula and Gene Aldrich, from left, escaped in the inflated life raft above. For 34 days they drifted in calm and hurricane, lived on a shark they speared with a pocket knife and an albatross they caught alive. They were finally tossed ashore on a small tropical island.

MACARTHUR PLANS OFFENSIVE ACTION

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Survivors Land From Two Ships Sunk in Atlantic

MIAMI, Fla., March 19 (AP)—Thirty-four members of the crew of a sunken Norwegian tanker landed here from Nassau, the Bahamas, and departed soon afterward for New York.

The men said a submarine sent two torpedoes crashing into the ship's side. One man was killed in the explosion. The axis raider then shelled the vessel, killing another man. The remaining men escaped injury.

The attack took place in the Atlantic. First Officer Jacob Tvedt was in charge of the group that left here.

(Sinking of the vessel had been reported from Nassau on March 10, two days after the 38 survivors of a 40-man crew arrived from another Bahamian port. They were met there by the Duke of Windsor, royal governor.) (Continued on Page Two)

Filipino Blood Aids MacArthur, Says Council Head

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19 (AP)—The gallant defense of the Philippine islands may have been due in part to General Douglas MacArthur's Filipino blood, the president of the Philippine commonwealth defense council said here yesterday.

Ernesto Mangaogang, in an interview, said that he had been advised that MacArthur had been made a member of the Katipunan, a secret society whose ritual includes cutting the fingers of old members and injecting the blood into the veins of new members.

"The general may be an American to you," Mangaogang said, "but he is a Filipino to us—a Katipunan."

The society was formed under Spanish rule to fight oppressors and it again became active when the present war broke out, he said.

He added that MacArthur's membership might explain why Filipino soldiers fought so well under him.

Lumbermen Bid on Supply for Army

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19 (AP)—The army continued to receive bids on lumber today from representatives of 144 companies.

Purchases by nightfall might total 50,000,000 board feet for the two-day auction, army engineers said.

The fir, pine and other lumber will be used at northwest military establishments, Major J. C. Stowers reported.

BIG SCALE ATTACK IN BURMA NEARING

Japs Move Over Road To Irrawaddy Oil Operations

NEW DELHI, India, March 19 (AP)—American volunteer group and British pilots possibly destroyed 25 enemy planes in attacks on Japanese-held airfields in southern Burma yesterday, a communique from British headquarters in Burma reported today.

MANDALAY, Burma, March 19 (AP)—The big battle of the Promote road—key to Burma's Yenangyuang oil fields—seemed today ready to burst momentarily as Japanese troops streamed up the Irrawaddy valley for an assault on the new British positions.

Reuters said unofficial advice from Burma reported that the British imperial forces had withdrawn from Tharravaddy, 60 miles north of Rangoon, and almost half way to Promote up the asphalt-paved western branch of the road to Mandalay.

Marshaling their forces for the new attack, the Japanese were moving up the broad Irrawaddy by boat, up the road by motor columns and cross-country by mule train.

There are no natural obstacles along the lowland road to help the defense. Washes which will be deep with flood waters during the mid-May monsoon now are dry and can be crossed by tanks.

Other strong Japanese forces are moving northward along the east branch of the Mandalay road toward Toungoo. A sharp clash between British and Japanese advance forces on this road occurred yesterday south of Kanyutkwun, 40 miles south of Toungoo.

Nelson Says Labor Law Unnecessary

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board took the stand today that new war labor legislation was not needed, that "we can get increased production without use of force."

Nelson's view, expressed before a senate subcommittee, contrasted with that of Rep. Smith (D-Va.) who, in urging house naval committee approval of his bill to limit profits and abolish extra pay for overtime, said members of congress were "feeling the lash of the whip" from constituents clamoring for such legislation.

ENEMY CRUISER STRUCK IN AIR RAID ON PORT

Nazi Missionaries at Head of Invaders On Island

By VERN HAUGLAND MELBOURNE, March 19 (AP)

The battle about Australia's northern tip broke into new fury today with allied air attacks on the Japanese at several island points, Japanese raids on northern Australia and the Solomon islands, and sensational reports that German missionaries are leading an overland Japanese invasion in New Guinea.

Messages from Port Moresby, on southern New Guinea, said the German missionaries and their nazified native pupils were guiding the Japanese in a drive from the north coast.

Secret Radios The Germans were declared to have maintained secret radio transmitters and a factory for making swastika regalia and flags at their missions around Finschhafen and Alexishafen.

Australian authorities recently smashed one transmitter and seized more than 400 nazi flags. (Northern New Guinea was a German colony before the World war. A 1928 census showed 473 Germans there.)

The missionaries were said to be leading the Japanese westward from Lae, on the east coast, through the Markham valley. It was believed this was intended to take over a system of good airports in the valley, although it might develop into a southward swing toward Port Moresby.

Air Attack The Japanese launched their first air attack, reportedly without damage, on Cape York across Torres Strait from Port Moresby, struck again at Darwin, and bombed Tulagi, Florida island, in the Solomons.

Jap Cruiser Damaged Meanwhile allied aircraft attacked Koepang, Dutch Timor, and damaged a heavy Japanese cruiser at Rabaul, New Britain island, to add to the score of 23 ships sunk or damaged off New Guinea.

The new Japanese bombing blows today against Port Moresby and the mainland city of Darwin were officially minimized.

(A Berlin radio report quoted by the British Exchange Telegraph agency, said the Japanese advancing overland in New Guinea had occupied about 30 air fields in the south of the island and had put them "into working order for operations against the Australian mainland.")

There were no reports of new action today by or against Japanese war vessels and transports.

It was assumed that Japan's invasion fleets were reorganizing after one had been wrecked on the Guinea sea approach to Australia.

Swallows Back at Mission on Time

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., March 19 (AP)—The vanguard of Mission San Juan Capistrano's swallows arrived on schedule today—St. Joseph's day—in their traditional migration from the south, but awaited the coming of the main flight before taking up their nests under the eaves of the historic structure.

Only a few comprised the first flight, which skimmed in about 4 a. m., not enough to put up a good battle against the flocks of swifts which occupy their nests during the winter, said Father Arthur Hutchinson, mission padre.

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