

ALLIED AIRMEN BOMB ENEMY PACIFIC BASES

Eighteen Japanese Planes Destroyed And 20 Others Damaged

NIPPON HITS BACK Darwin Raided For 13th Time As Seven Bombers Pound Port

By VERN HAUGLAND UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 5.—(AP)—American and Australian airmen, smashing devastating blows into Japanese bases on Australia's outer island defenses and decisively fending off enemy attacks on their own bases, were officially credited today with destroying at least 18 Japanese planes and damaging 20 others in two days of fierce air battle.

In the exchange of blows, seven Japanese bombers, escorted by a fleet of fighters, attacked Darwin on Australia's northwest coast for the 13th time today.

Seven other enemy bombers with fighter company delivered the 22nd attack on Port Moresby, New Guinea outpost.

In turn, the Americans and Australians attacked Koepang in Dutch Timor, 500 miles northwest of Darwin, on Saturday, and twice struck surprise blows at Lae on the northeast coast of New Guinea, 400 miles from the Australian mainland.

One Japanese Navy zero fighter was shot down at Port Moresby. But at Darwin and Port Moresby the enemy attack was described as weak and the damage small.

Four Shot Down When the smoke and flame from this series of actions had blown away, the score stood as follows, according to Australian communiques, and reports from the fliers: Darwin (Saturday): At least four, probably five, Japanese bombers shot down; at least two, probably three Japanese fighters destroyed. A fourth fighter possibly destroyed. Two Allied planes shot down, with the pilot of one safe.

Lae (Saturday): At least three Japanese bombers badly damaged when a lone Australian airman on reconnaissance machinegunned the airport in a second surprise attack the same day. Allied airmen left four bombers and a fighter burning. Unofficial reports from the fliers said 10 other planes were damaged.

Koepang (Saturday): At least six Japanese planes destroyed on the ground and six big fires started in a long-range, low level assault which started from Darwin. Unofficial reports said at least four

PELLEY IS JAILED AT INDIANAPOLIS

Silver Shirts Leader Arrested In East On Charges Of Sedition

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 5.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, grey-haired leader of the Silver Shirts and publisher of anti-semitic magazines, was placed in the Marion county jail here tonight on charges of sedition in connection with articles that appeared in his publication, "The Galilean."

U. S. Marshal Julius Wischer of the southern Indiana district took custody of Pelley late today from Bernard Fitch, marshal who brought the prisoner from New Haven, Conn.

Pelley was unable to make satisfactory arrangements for bond and must remain in jail at least overnight.

Waiting for him in the marshal's office before Wischer took him to jail were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Finehout of Indianapolis, who said they were long-time friends of Pelley. Mrs. Finehout signed the bond for Pelley, and the Silver Shirts leader was allowed to remain in the marshal's office while Finehout attempted to locate another bondsman as required in this Federal district.

Pelley's bond is \$15,000 and where a U. S. commissioner is not present regulations here provide there must be two bondsmen each having unencumbered prop-

One Is Killed, Five Injured In Auto Wreck

Two Victims Hurlled 30 Feet; Two Others Pinned In The Cab Of Vehicle

Five Men Injured In Auto Accident Near Kure's Beach

Condition of Lewis E. Weinberg and J. W. H. Futch, Jr., patients at the hospital, was described as satisfactory by hospital attaches Sunday night.

Mr. Futch received fractures of both legs and the left arm while Mr. Weinberg suffered contusions of the left eye and face.

Will Couch was treated for lacerations of both knees, Thurman Register for a laceration on the forehead and John E. D. Clark for contusions of both knees. None of the three was admitted to the hospital.

NAZI WARPLANES RAID RED FLEET

Germans Claim Heavy Hits On Two Battleships, Two Cruisers

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), April 5.—(AP)—Hitler's grand command said today that Nazi warplanes had bombed "the remnants of the Soviet Baltic fleet" in the Russian bases of Leningrad and Kronstadt, hitting two battleships and two heavy cruisers with heavy calibre explosives.

Army artillery was said to have supported the Luftwaffe effectively by shelling Russian anti-aircraft batteries. The Germans said a "mining cruiser" also probably was damaged.

The communique stressed the fighting in the northern area where Stuka dive bombers and chaser planes were credited with effectively supporting land troops. The Germans said they inflicted appreciable losses in men and materials.

3,000 Guerillas Killed On the central front between Smolensk and Moscow, the Germans said they annihilated 3,000 Red guerillas and repulsed isolated Russian attacks.

The German communique made no mention of fighting in the Crimea which they have stressed recently, nor did it say anything of "offensive operations."

At the cost of one German plane, 47 Russian aircraft were said by the high command to have been destroyed. The Berlin radio said 62 planes were shot down.

Continuing attacks on the supply lines leading from the United States and Britain to the far Arctic port of Murmansk, the Germans said their planes had sunk a 1,200-ton merchant ship and damaged five others. Nazi planes guarding western Germany and anti-aircraft batteries were credited with shooting down 14 British raiders, strongly protected by pursuit planes.

The virtually non-stop attacks on the British fortress of Malta in the central Mediterranean continued, with German bombers concentrating on the Valletta port and military airdromes. A British cruiser in the docks was said to have been hit.

(The Italian communique said harbors and airdromes at Lavenzia, Halfar and Luca were "intensely attacked" in the Malta area.)

Roosevelt Sends Note To Leaders In India

By H. R. STIMSON NEW DELHI, Apr. 5.—(AP)—The advent of Louis Johnson, special White House envoy to India, bearing a letter from President Roosevelt to some as yet unidentified Indian leader, has instilled a new sense of urgency in the laborious bargaining over independence for India.

Persons who have met the former assistant secretary of war since his arrival Friday at New Delhi speak of the impression produced of a determination to induce a new sense of power and authority in Indian affairs.

A Washington dispatch said the White House disclosed yesterday that the president's personal minister to India bore a letter to some Indian leader but the contents were not disclosed.

Prayers For Victory Uttered Throughout Holy Land On Easter

JERUSALEM, April 5.—(AP)—Prayers for Victory rose in many tongues today as the Holy Land celebrated Easter with its customary centuries-old ceremonies.

King George II of Greece participated in the Greek services along with hundreds of his soldiers.

Greek fighting men with strong, serious faces gathered in the tiny Catholic church in the old city of Jerusalem, singing the Liturgy and lighting long white candles. The priest ended the Greek service with "Zito Hellas"—long live Greece—which the soldiers repeated.

Patriarchs of the Armenian, Latin and Orthodox faiths held services in front of the tomb of the Holy Sepulchre. Armenians had a further impressive vespers in their church with a great procession in the central courtyard of the Convent.

FOUR SUBS ELUDED BEFORE SHIP SUNK

Survivors Of Medium-Sized Freighter Are Landed At New York

NEW YORK, April 5.—(AP)—The shelling and sinking of their ship by a submarine after it had outrun four U-boats was described here by 29 survivors of a medium-sized American freighter.

They arrived aboard a Pan American airways clipper from Bermuda Wednesday night, and the story of their experiences was released today by the Third Naval district.

One of the survivors, Erio Pearson, 18-year-old oiler of Galveston, Tex., said the freighter was sunk March 20 off the United States eastern coast. Thirty men in a lifeboat spent 54 hours battling high seas before being picked up by a neutral ship and taken to Bermuda.

"Every time a sub would get near us the captain would order full speed ahead," Pearson said. "We got away four times, but this time we didn't make it."

Pearson declared the boat containing the captain and three other men had not been reported, and that two others of the crew of 35 had leaped over the ship's side and had been lost in the water.

James Stickney, 32, 220-pound oiler, of Maybrook, N. Y., said the side of the lifeboat holding 29 crewmen and a passenger, Heroyt Jernigan, was smashed while the boat was being lowered.

"We found pieces of wood and some tools in the boat," Stickney said. "We salvaged timber from the sea and pulled nails from drifting planks, and fixed up our boat."

William Tefner, 27, an oiler, of Lansdowne, Md., declared that "some of the fellows in the boat didn't even have their pants. They just had life preservers and pajamas."

One of the 30 men in the lifeboat remained in a hospital at Bermuda for treatment.

The crewmen said they did not know Jernigan's home address, but that he had been working his way back to the United States from Calcutta, India.

Two Canadian Yards Closed By Strikes

QUEBEC, April 5.—(Canadian Press)—Two shipbuilding companies halted work in their yards yesterday, making approximately 3,800 workers idle, when workmen complained against enforcement of a new wage scale.

Three Dominion labor conciliators are scheduled to confer with union leaders and company officials tomorrow.

About 3,000 employees of the Davie Shipbuilding Co., and 800 of the Morton Engineering Co., were involved in the dispute. Workers said some pay checks were decreased as much as seven cents an hour while others were increased as much as 21 cents an hour.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA and SOUTH CAROLINA—Continued warm Monday.

Senators Map Drive Against 40-Hr. Week

Leaders Hope To Bring Measure To Floor Of Senate Within Two Weeks

FIGHTING CHANCE SEEN Heavy War Appropriations Measure Will Get Attention Today

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5.—(AP)—A group of senators, rebelling against administration wishes, began organizing today for an effort to force senate action on the question of suspending the 40-hour week and restricting union activities in war industries.

Members said the group, headed by Senators Pepper (D-Fla.) and Lee (D-Okla.), hoped to bring to the senate floor within two weeks a measure bearing the indorsement of a relatively large number of democrats and republicans.

They would attempt, it was explained, to by-pass the senate education and labor committee, whose chairman, Senator Thomas (D-Utah), has opposed enactment at this time of any labor legislation. Thomas has been supported in this stand by Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky.

Fighting Chance Despite this opposition, members of the group said they felt that if they could get an appreciable number of senators to agree on the general principles of a labor measure, they would have a fighting chance of getting it passed.

An opportunity to get such a bill before the senate may be presented April 20, when the chamber will consider a motion to take up a bill by Senator Connally (D-Tex.) authorizing the government to operate strike-bound war plants. The Connally measure would freeze working conditions—including union contracts—in those plants but would permit adjustment of wages by a special board.

There have been clear indications that the administration hopes to obtain before senate action on the Connally bill voluntary agreements between labor and management on lengthening of the work week, either to 44 or 48 hours at regular pay, with overtime to be paid thereafter. The wage-hour

ARMY DAY PARADE SET HERE TODAY

Thousands To See Procession In Which 2,500 Will Participate

Emphasis having been placed upon the observance by President Roosevelt, Wilmington will join the nation today in observance of Army Day, a day set aside to honor American fighting men now battling in far corners of the world.

The observance here is to be marked with a parade in which there will be approximately 2,500 participants featuring picked units with full equipment from nearby Camp Davis. The parade will begin promptly at 10:30 o'clock and will move through the principal sections of the business district.

The parade will form at Fourth and Market streets and will move west on Market to Third, north on Third to Red Cross, west on Red Cross to Front, south on Front to Market, east on Market to Third and north on Third to the reviewing stand in front of the City Hall.

Order of participants will be as follows: Police escort, Official Army car from Camp Davis, N. Y. Hanover High School R. O. T. C. band, 500 soldiers from Camp Davis with anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, Red Cross R. O. T. C. regiment Red Cross uniformed workers, Home Guard, High School student body and others.

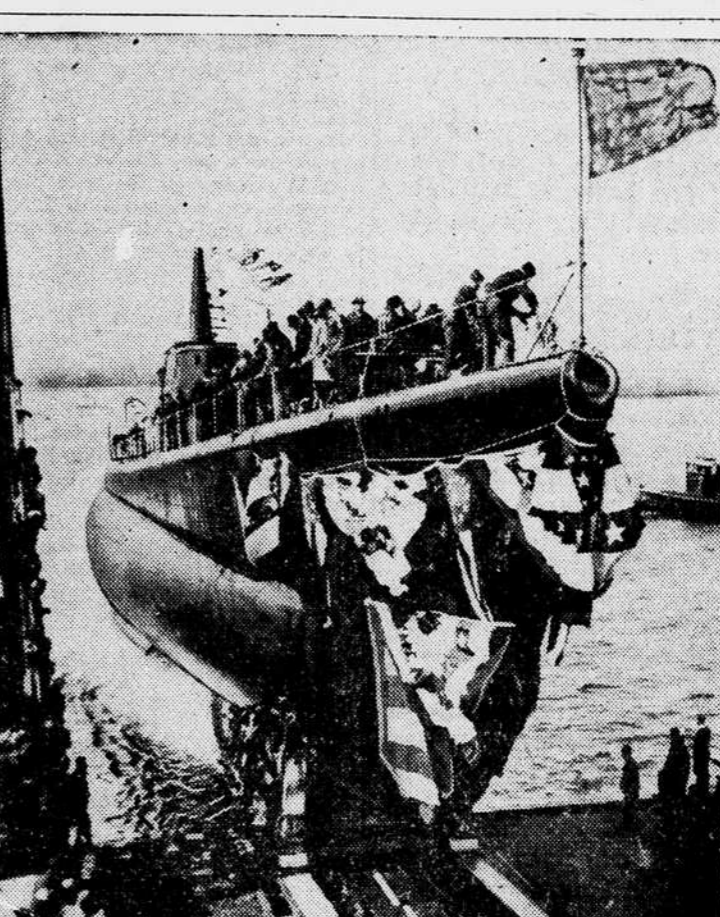
The parade will be reviewed by Major General Frederick H. Smith, commanding Camp Davis; officers from Camp Davis, City and County officials and prominent Wilmingtonians.

The participants will be drawn up in front of the reviewing stand where they will hear an address by H. E. Stacy, Lumberton attorney and a brother of Chief Justice Peter P. Stacy, of the North Carolina Supreme Court before being dismissed.

The Camp Davis anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, fully manned, will be demonstrated at the City Hall from the time of the parade until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The south side of Market street, from Fourth to Seventh streets, will be blocked off for Camp Davis trucks during the parade and the speaking at the city hall.

RUSSIANS DESTROY 102 GERMAN PLANES AND KILL 40,000 MEN



BARB TO PLAGUE THE AXIS The submarine Barb slips into the water in a brief launching ceremony at Groton, Conn., sponsored by Mrs. Charles A. Dunn, wife of Rear Admiral Dunn. Soon, the Barb will be stinging Axis shipping.—Central Press.

Long Winter-Locked Battleground In North Coming Into Fierce Action

REDS NEAR BRYANSK Artillery Shelling Town; Both Sides Bring Up Reinforcements

MOSCOW, April 5.—(AP)—The Russian air force destroyed 102 German planes in aerial fighting over the front or on the ground yesterday, the midnight Russian communique said tonight. Adding new evidence to the reports that the long winter-locked battleground is coming into action on a wide and deadly scale.

The number of planes reported destroyed indicated that large-scale aerial fighting is in progress and an earlier special communique reported that 40,000 German officers and men had been killed on the central front between March 23 and April 4.

The midnight communique kept to the secretive tone maintained for weeks and said there were "no essential changes" on the front.

The earlier communique reported however that in addition to killing 40,000 Germans in the week ended April 4, Russian forces had occupied 161 inhabited localities on the central front before Moscow.

The announcement was made as front dispatches indicated a determined push on the front west and southwest of Moscow. More than 160 inhabited localities were reported wrested from German hands and Red Star reported that the Russian drive carried them across a river on the Smolensk sector, behind which the Germans had set up their line of resistance.

Bryansk Besieged Other dispatches said that Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow and 140 miles southeast of Smolensk was now virtually besieged by Russian guerillas. All inhabitants have been removed from the eastern outskirts of the city and in some districts houses have been razed to give the German garrison wider fields of fire, the paper said.

The special communique also reported the capture of large quantities of German materiel on the central front during the week ended Friday. In addition to the successes reported here, an official announcement two days ago reported that some 22,000 German officers and men had been slain on the Leningrad and Kalinin fronts from March 23 to April 3.

The German ammunition and equipment reported captured on the central front in one week included 28 tanks, 22 guns, 54 machine guns.

JAP LAND AND SEA ATTACKS REPULSED

Heavy Casualties Inflicted On Enemy Off Bataan, But Land Gain Made

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5.—(AP)—A furious Japanese land and sea assault on the defenses of the Bataan peninsula was reported today by the War Department, which said the sea attack was repulsed with "probably heavy" enemy losses.

"Some small gains" were reported, however, for the Japanese land forces in the right center of Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright's lines.

The fighting raged all day yesterday, a communique said, and presumably was continuing. It was the fifth major assault by the invaders in less than two weeks and appeared to be the most intense thus far.

The sea attack was made on the eastern shore of the peninsula, from Manila bay, which enemy warships may not enter because of the island fortifications at the entrance.

Barges, which officials believed to have been improvised, were used and several were sunk by American-Filipino artillery before the rest turned back, the communique said.

For the first time since March 24, the Corregidor fortress meantime was free from air attacks. Guns of the fort duelled, however, with Japanese sea batteries on the bay's south shore.

British Bag 27 Jap Planes Over Ceylon

Another 25 Aircraft Reported Damaged In First Raid On Island

COLOMBO, Ceylon, April 5.—(AP)—Twenty-seven Japanese planes—and probably five more—crashed to destruction today from the fiery backlash of British aerial and anti-aircraft defense in Ceylon's first raid of the war.

Still another 25 enemy craft were damaged in the protective screen of steel which met the raids on their early Sunday morning bombing flight, a communique said.

Twenty-five of the Japanese pilots were shot down by British fighter planes which roared into action at the first blast of the sirens, it was announced. The other two were downed by anti-aircraft gunners during low flying machine gun attacks.

(Military sources in London likened the Japanese surprise attack on Colombo to the Pearl Harbor raid and said probably 100 or more Japanese bombers had been concentrated in the assault as a prelude to an attempt to knock out the British naval base in Trincomalee Bay on the Eastern shore of the island.)

(The ultimate objective of the Japanese appeared to be an effort to clear the Indian ocean of its last remaining barrier to westward aggression toward India and the Ceylon-Calcutta Allied supply route since the occupation of the Andaman islands, 850 miles to the northeast, on March 25.)

Aim A Harbor The Japanese opened their attack at 8 a. m. (10:30 p. m. Saturday, Eastern War Time) with dive-bombing and machine gun raids

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Bombs Found Planted In Belfast Theatre

By The Associated Press BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 5.—The harmless explosion of three time bombs and discovery of others hidden like Easter eggs in a movie theater used by United States and British troops, and a subsequent running gun battle between police and an armed band shattered Belfast's Easter quiet.

There was no ostensible connection between the two incidents save that 26 Easterns got Irish Republicans started their so-called Easter rebellion against the British.

The time bombs started exploding shortly after midnight and after the theater had been emptied of its Saturday night audience of soldiers; the gun battle came in broad daylight when gunmen, hidden in an air raid shelter, blazed away at a police patrol car containing four men.

The gunmen fled to a nearby house with the policemen in hot pursuit. One policeman was killed

FIVE PERSONS DIE AS PLANES COLLIDE

Son Of Former World's Welterweight Champion Boxer Among Dead

MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 5.—(AP)—William J. Britton, Jr., son of the former world's welterweight champion, Jack Britton, and four other persons plummeted to death today after two civilian airplanes collided while flying at 1,000 feet.

The plane carrying Britton, 25, and two students crashed into a suburban house, damaging it. The other machine was smashed on the lawn of a home a short distance away.

The dead, in addition to Britton: Lieut. and Mrs. Don Kenneth Jones. H. M. Carruthers, Jr., 20, son of a Miami real estate man. A pilot, he was taking an advanced course in instrument flying.

Laurence Hartzell, 25, Milbank Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa., a flight student. Lieutenant Jones was the son of Don Kenneth Jones, Sr., of 105 E. Delaware Place, Chicago. His wife Mrs. Joan Wertz Jones, was the daughter of a professor Wertz at the University of Iowa, Ames, Iowa.

The couple rented a plane for an Easter Sunday flight. Friends reported that Hartzell's widow is en route to Miami from Bryn Mawr, uninformed of her husband's death.

Britton was a civilian pilot in

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