ESTABLISHED 1867.

Augsburg, Germany

tion reported.

HEAVIEST OF WAR

English Air Superiority Is Stressed By Fact Only Two Planes Lost

By DREW MIDDLETON dding weight and distance to its massive daylight offensive, the RAF hurled 600 planes against German tarrets today in day-long raids extending from the continento Augsburg, in nthern Germany.

The assualts were by far heaviest of the war by rday's farflung, 400-plane ttack, which had been the est to date.

Emphasizing the enormity of the offensive was a daylight aton Augsburg, which involvroundtrip of at least 1,000 right over the heart of in-Germany

burg, a few miles northwest h, is the site of a Messerplane factory, but an insource said this establishnot the target of today's ight raids twice in August. more than two months ago, Noel but had not been mentioned looked the part of a man who had ritish air communiques since escaped with only his life and

tish air superiority over west- Noel was about to leave Singa-Europe was stressed by the pore for Bangkok when the Japannouncement that anese planes came over the big of the hundreds of British naval base in the dark of es used-one fighter and one early morning, December 8. per - were lost. It described enemy opposition as "relative- running, so complete was the sur-

he Air Ministry said at first to meet an air raid situation," he two fighters and a bomber said. but a later announcet said one of the fighters had celled. He was dispatched to the

found safe. Grans Claim 19

were the only AP staff members auditor, coroner and constable of self in this gallant action with great with the straits settlements. Because Wilmington township. ainst Augsburg today and an in- McDaniel had to keep in touch med source said this undoubt- with military headquarters at Singy meant four-motored bombers, apore and cover the broad outline, les of Vavaria and before the Germany. It also has important from Penang to Ipoh and on down township. the peninsula to Kuala Lumpur,

RMY DESERTERS **GET LIFE TERMS**

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invicted Of First Degree they could be established. Murder In Slaying Of FBI Agent

ABINGDON, Va., April 17.—(A)-21-year old Army deserters convicted of first degree mur-Federal district court jury the slaying of FBI Agent bert Treacy, Jr., here March 13, driving ahead again. were sentenced to life imprison

ige A. D. Barksdale pronounced Testerman, Clinchburg, Va., harles J. Lovett, of Philadel-Pa., immediately after the was returned by the jury, recommended against capital

sy was slain in an Abingdon he and a fellow agent, es L. Tignor, sought to arrest deserters from Fort Ogle Ga. Tignor was wounded. se counsel based its defense he age of the two defendants sought to show that neither ad any opportunities early in Several character witnesses presented and testimony out that Lovett was reared han, and that neither had beyond the sixth grade in

wn defense.

t and Testerman were re

testified that Lovett pulled deliberations." the two soldiers were being Vinson, drawing no reply. coffee. Both Tignor and Mrs.

tish airmen, topping yes- Frank Noel Has Nerve-Wracking Experiences In War Of Pacific SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 .- (P)-Frank Noel, the Associated Press photographer who chance made a front line war correspondent, returned to his homeland today with a hint of malaria, a touch of coral poisoning and first hand stories of enemy aircraft over Asia and enemy submarines raiding in two oceans.

As an ordinary seaman, Noel debarked from an American freighter and set foot on ground for the first time in 15,000 miles.

To save his health and secure transportation, he signed as a deckhand at Calcutta, India, rounded the Cape of Good Hope, crossed the south Atlantic and skirted the coast of South America to arrive virtually non-stop via the Panama Canal.

was glad to have saved that.

prise and so unprepared the city

only 20 miles north of Singapore.

Front All The Way

positions were enveloped before

a brtad river, destroyed the bridge

natural defense line, to get at least

two days rest for their exhausted

"Once, in the Kuala Lumpur

"It was front line all the way

The Tokyo broadcast said:-

Deeply tanned and wearing the* This center was the tar-ight raids twice in August. Deeply tailled and the left Singapore of the Singapore of the star of the sign of the RACES ARE OPEN

current war, inflicting damage on schools and hospitals. The raid

lishments, although casualties in the schools and hospitals were as

Oft-Bombed And Torpedoed A. P.

Photo-Newsman Returns To U.S.

BRITISH BURNING

BURMA OIL WELLS

King's Own Troops Fight-

ing Superb Delaying Ac-

tion As Terminals Blaze

By The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India April 17 .-

6.000 west Burma oil wells today

Then the vastly outnumbered

Yorkshiremen withdrew and rejoin-

ed the main British Imperial forces

A communique placed the posi-

the fighting men were even now

tering around Yenangyaung, 20

wells cuts off an important sour

the battlefields made it important.

The British acknowledged that

British forces in the Taungdwingyi

RALEIGH, April 17. - (A) - The

intends to establish from eight to

10 additional honor grade camps,

Oscar Pitts, state penal director,

proved they could be trusted when

At present there are 15 honor

given an incentive.

of oil for China.

75,000 men.

expeditionary force.

"north of Magwe" indicating

after inflicting severe casualties.

til the wells were ablaze.

"Invading planes failed to cause any damage on military estab-

occurred shortly past noon on Saturday (Tokyo time).

Candidates Yet To File For Court Clerk, Auditor, "Even the street cars didn't stop Coroner, Constable

With approximately eight hours remaining in which persons can amid the ruined wells. Magwe is the Noel's traveling orders were canqualify as candidates for offices southern gateway to the Fiele cento report on the Japanese drive in the May 30 democratic primary, none has yet filed for the offices The German radio itself on ly down the peninsula.

Noel and C. Yates McDaniel of clerk of superior court, county Yorkshire force "distinguished itself".

Filing for office Friday were fered very little loss." Sheriff C. David Jones for sheriff, County Commissioner Harry R. bly American - made fortress it fell to the photographer to be- Gardner for the commission, Glenn anes or giant British Stirlings. come newsman overnight and de- J McClelland for county solicitor bugsburg is one of the oldest tail the on-the-spot war situation. and Sergeant Thomas B. Hughes Jungle fighting. With the retreating British and of the police department for juswas the chief textile center imperial forces, he backpedaled tice of the peace in Wilmington

Deadline for filing as a candidate for office in the May 30 primary is 6 'oclock this afternoon (Eastern war Time), Chairman H. down, and sometimes we would G. Carney of the county board of find the enemy actually had passed elections said. He warned that none would be permitted to file "Every man had to fight almost after 6 'oclock—the definite deadsuch thing as a reserve. Reserve line.

Candidates who filed for offices hard fighting, and the Japanese previously are J. C. Hobbs for newly reinforced to a total of about state senate, R. M. Kermon for region, the British withdrew across state house of representatives, C. B. Gore, Carl Rehder and George and expected, by virtue of this W. Trask for county commission, Harry E. Fales for sheriff, W. Jack F. Canady, W. K. Rhodes, Jr. and H. Winfield Smith for recorder, J. In six hours, the Japs had crossed the river in forre, ey boats and pontoon bridges, and were chiving ahead again.

A. McNorton for county solicitor, W. H. Wendt for meter adjuster, Chief C. H. Casteen, Captain J. F. driving ahead again.

"The defenders put up a good show from start to finish—the work of their sappers, in particular, was magnificient—but they never had

magnificient—but they never had cannon for justice of the peace in chance."

Covering the Malayan campaign

Masonboro township and Bruce W.

Page for constable in Masonboro

Ten More Honor Grade (Continued on Page Six; Col. 6) township.

Move To Block Action On Labor Bill Fails

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- (AP)-An attempt to block action by the House Naval committee on war profits and labor legislation for at least a month was defeated by a nine-to-nine vote today, demonstrating with new force the sharp cleavage of congressional opinion on the issues.

The delay was proposed by Rep. Flaherty (D-Mass) and opposed by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) who told the members, "these issues are so

grounds that President Roosevelt committee, on a new tack, began grade camps in the state with a Flaherty urged delay on thex-

posing of the issues.

from the attorney general on all phases of this legislation. ir removal to a Federal peni- Negotiations to that end are now going on and rejection of this bill eye-witness, Mrs. Mary Sue might have a bad effect on those

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary

roney (D.-Okla.), would make it illegal for unions to join with any ts from a both in a restaurant if we reported it up?" countered employer or any non-labor group in customers, restrict production, eliminate competing employes, attempt to

It also would forbid unions to force employers to hire "unnecessary" labor; bar secret payments by

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Shot Down By Manila Bay Forts

"Enemy bombers appeared over Tokyo for the first time in the PANAY BATTLE RAGES

Stimson Says 65,000 Soldiers, Civilians Captured On Bataan

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- (R)-The guns of the Manila bay forts silenced three Japanese artillery batteries in the past 24 hours, the War Department reported today, adding that an enemy bomber was hit and was believed to have

A late-day communique said that on the Island of Panay, about 150 miles south of the Philippine forts, ierce fighting was believed to be n progress between defending troops and an enemy invasion force which effected landings at the cities of Iloilo and Capiz.

Corregidor and nearby Caballo island, the site of Fort Hughes, vere raided five times by enemy combers, flying in formations of from two to eight planes each, the department said.

The Communique The text of the communique number 196, based on reports received here up to 5 p.m. Eastern

"1. Philippine theater: "Three enemy batteries, firing on our ftros from Cavite and Bataan, were silenced by our artil lery fire during the past twentyfour hours.

King's own Vorkshire Light Infan-"Corregidor and Caballo islands try fought yet another superb delay- were raided five times by enemy ing action against the Japanese un- bombers, flying in formations of from two to eight planes. On e Japanese bomber was hit by our anti-aircraft fire and damaged to such an extent that it is believed to have crashed, though its destruction was not confirmed.

"Fierce fighting is reported from (Continued on Page Six; Col. 8)

determination and bravery and suf It was the sort of action that has Raiders Destroyed Or won this handful of men two previous citations for gallantry against Damaged In Battle great odds in two months of deadly

Destruction of the Yenangyaung MELBOURN, Australia, April 17. -(P- Royal Australian air force fighter lanes met a squadron of ten Burma's oil production in 1941 was Japanese raiders in the air over ,700,000 barrels, compared with Port Moresby today and landed United States production of 1,400,unscathed with reports of destruc-000,000 barrels and world production tion or damage to at least four of 2,216,235,000 but its proximity to

The raiders - five bombers covered by five fighters - dropped the situation was grave, with their some 45 bombs from 22,000 feet, forces depleted by two months of causing no damage of consequence island, above the Australian main-

Before the Japanese could get area further east still were protectaway, the RAAF was on them. An

> "One of our fighters attacked a zero machine on the tail of an RAAF fighter, driving it off. The said the Russians pressed forward in connection with the \$76,000 rob-RAAF machine fired a long burst from dead astern. Shortly afterwards black smoke emerged from the opponent's machine,

"The zero machine stalled and vent into a steep divé. "Another pilot fired two bursts

Prison Camps Planned "A third pilot fired one long burst into an enemy, afterwards seeing a parachute descend. North Carolina Prison department

'Yet another pilot, after seeing his bullets entering the cowling

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cooler in the interior Saturday.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Continued

High 11:49a. 9:28a. 9:40p. 3:30p. Sunrise 5:37a; sunset 6:45p; moonrise 9:43a; moonset 9:38p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville at 8 a. m., April 17, 11.65 feet.

Japanese Say Tokyo U. S. Silences Raid Nazi Targets Attack Carried Out From Indications Are American Coast Tokyo, Tokyo, the CBS listening staNazi Targets Attack Carried Out From Indications Are American Coast Tokyo, the CBS listening staNazi Targets Nazi Targe FOR CONSULTATION

Laval Will Announce Names Of Cabinet Members During Day

VICHY, April 17.— (AP) -Admiral William D. Leahy, U. S. Ambassador to Unoccupied France since Nov. 23, 1940, was called home for consultation tonight as pro-German Pierre Laval rounded out a new cabinet to replace the government which resigned en masse to Marshal Petain.

Late tonight, however, Laval postponed until tomorrow announcement of a final cabinet

Official France had, in the interim, two leaders-the aged Marshal as chief of the state who was forced to bow before German demands for increased collaboration and Admiral Jean Darlan, designated as Petain's successor and commander in chief of all the armed forces.

The remainder of the government was being planned by Laval, who is expected to assume the position of "civil leader" of the French nation on a basis of out-and-out collaboration with the Axis.

(From Bern, the course of France's new leaders was fore-(Laval: He will, as head of

the government, seek to achieve internal calm while carrying on negotiations with Germany which may bring a break with the United States. (Darlan: In control of the armed forces, it will be he who

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Reds Roll On Despite Stiffened Resistance

One Great Fort After Another Falls To Advancing Russians

LONDON, April 17.—(P)—The Red army was driving ahead against fierce German resistance tonight and capturing "one great fortress after another" in the area of Demidov, 40 miles northwest of Smolensk, the

Moscow radio reported. Stockholm dispatches said advanced Russian units had reached the approaches of Smolensk itself and that the Germans were fortifying every house of that already strongly-buttressed city.

There was no information to indicate whether the Russians wer threatening Smolensk with sufficient force to attempt an assault directly upon that key point, but Stockholm dispatches said raiding columns in White Russia, west of the city, were handicapping German efforts to rush

up reinforcements. This agreed with the Russian report of assaults around Demidov, strengthening an impressi Russians might be starting an en-

Heavy fighting also was reported between Lakes Ilmen, Ladoga and Onega, thus the Russians sought to erase the menace to Leningrad beore the thaws convert roads into bogs and streams into torrents. Russian and other accounts indicated the fighting north of Lake Ilmen was possibly the heaviest in recent weeks.

Belief that large Soviet forces were employed in the assaults was based at Long Branch. earlier this week that the German charge of the Newark FBI field without first submitting the company and tank concentrations along displaying the company and tank concentrations along displaying the company and tank concentrations along displaying the concentrations along displaying the concentrations along displaying the concentrations along the concentrations are concentrations. troop and tank concentrations along Greco drinking at the Wilson hotel ice crossings which remained usable. bar with his wife, Marie, and anto the Allied outpost on New Guinea Ladoga and Onega, the Finns ac- surrender. Greco was unarmed. knowleded that the Russians were hammering at their lines in a major Broadway was closed except for Vichy government is composed of offensive now six days old. The the bar, Conroy said. Only other Finns claimed they were holding persons in the building were the official communique gave these de- firm, however, and that Russian bartender and his wife. attempts to storm their positions

> were costly failures. "and improved their positions." terday to five Seviet losses.

signedly To Agents At Newark Barroom

E. E. Conroy, special agent in The hotel at number one South

Greco's arrest was announced

The Moscow communique tonight ington. He said Greco was wanted on several sectors of the front today bery of messengers of the first Stroudsburg (Pa.) National Bank On the Kalinin front it listed 500 last August 5 and the robbery of Germans killed and quantities of the First National Bank of Sufbooty captured. Fifteen German field, Conn., on July 21, 1938, when planes were reported downed yes- three bandits got away with \$1,-

NO. 1 BANK ROBBER

Ralph Greco Submits Re-

number I bank robery fugitive in Laval to complete the break. the United States," submitted He was indidectly invited to do

earlier today by Hoover in Wash-

Gravest Responsibility On Editors, Says Nelson

NEW YORK, April 17 .- (P)-Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, told the nation's editors tonight they had the "gravest responsibility" ever placed upon them with the American peo-ple depending that they would "put the survival of this country and its heritage of freedom, above every other consideration on earth for the duration of the war."

In an address prepared for the annual banquet of the American Society of Newspaper Editors at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, Nelson said: "The people of America are de-xpending on you to be fair-to put to police the American press

the good of the whole country against the warborn danger of ahead of any personal or parti- "treason in its own ranks and san interest. They are depending on you to give them the factsall of the facts, within the limits imposed by military necessity, and not just selected facts arranged to prove a case. They are depending on you to understand what is happening and to present and un-

This did not mean abstention from criticism or presentation of public anger that was generated intelligence facts, Nelson said, but created a difficult situation and the use of "the clearest intelli- most assuredly did our war effort gence, the keenest devotion to the no good whatever. I think the press public good, the most careful weigh- could have prevented that situation ing of the effect of the printed from becoming serious by the sim-

Earlier the editors were advised by Archibald MacLeish, director of the Office of Facts and Figures,

among its own members." The War Production board chief

suggested that one function of an editor in wartime might be to 'hunt up public misconceptions and take pains to set them straight.' Pointing to the recent argument over the 40-hour work week in war production, Nelson said 'the ple process of making certain that everyone understand precisely what the 40-hour low really is."

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Will Be Discontinued LAVAL IS REJECTED

Indications Are America's

Normal Vichy Relations

Washington Considers His Regime As A Nazi Puppet Government

By WADE WERNER

WASHINGTON, April 17. - (AP) —President Roosevelt oday recalled Ambassador William D. Leahy from Vichy "for consultation" under circumstances indicating that his country has no intention of attempting to maintain normal relations with a collaborationist regime dominated by Pierre Laval.

By way of emphasizing this American rejection of Laval, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles let it be known that this government views the new Vichy regime as a puppet government capable of sending puppet communications previously submitted to and approved by German authorities.

Ambassador Leahy will take his departure as soon as Mrs. Leahy, who recently underwent an operation, is able to travel. While he is coming home ostensibly for consultation, the State Department made no effort to disguise the fact that it was Laval's sudden return to power that prompted President Roosevelt to recall him.

Whether Vichy's ambassador in Washington, Gaston Henry-Haye, ikewise would be recalled by his government was not immediately apparent. A French embassy spokesman said that no instructions to that effect had been received, and pointed out that when Ambassador William Bullitt was called home from Vichy in 1940 the French ambassador here re-

Nothing Official There was no official indication as to whether the recall of Leahy NEWARK, N. J., April 17.—(P)— might be followed soon by a com-Ralph Greco, described by direc- plete rupture of diplomatic relator J. Edgar Hoover of the Feder- tions. It was thought possible in well-informed quarters that the al Bureau of Investigation as "the United States might leave it to

meekly to FBI agents last night in this when acting Secretary Welles the barroom of a summer hotel at Long Branch informed his press conference that the new government in Vichy apparently could not even commun-

Wlles began his conference by Still farther north, between lakes other woman and ordered him to announcing that in view of recent events in France and in view information received that the new elements dominated by Pierre Laval. and all which that implies. President Roosevelt had requested Ambassador Leahy to return immediately to the United States for consultation.

In answer to questions, he then went on to disclose what he had told Henry-Have when the Vichy ambassador called last night to transmit a communication from the French government which had been published textually in Vichy three days ago. (This was the Vichy govern-

ment's angry rejection of an American note restating United States policy toward France and lashing out at collaborationists of the Laval stamp.) Welles said he told the ambas-

sador he felt sure that in the more than 150 years of unbroken friendship between the French and American peoples this communication of the French government, alleging that the language

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dominant that they are going to be prevailing in every congressional district by election time."

her defendant took the stand might work out some program dis-"We're all aware," he said, "of the anti-trust laws, and heard a

By agreement, however, the comtestified that shots were mittee decided to defer a vote for the two agents after they ten days on Vinson's measure callallen to the floor, Treacy mor- ing for a percentage limitation on wounded and Tignor hit in war profits, suspension of the 40hour week law, and preservation of case went to the jury at 4:59 the status-quo of unions in plants and the verdict was brought handling Army and Navy contracts.

population of 927 prisoners. At these camps, there are no armed guards, and the inmates are treated as highway department emthe Bristol jail, pending the possibility of executive action succession of spokesmen for farm ployes rather than convicts, Pitts nation's food supplies soon may pass into the hands of labor leaders. General DeGaulle -The bill introduced by Rep. Mon-

a conspiracy to fix prices, allocate monopolize any part of trade or French forces, has been scheduled commerce, or to restrain competi- for a Saturday afternoon broadcas

NEW YORK, April 17 .- (AP)-Gen Charles DeGaulle, leader of the Freeto this country via the combined NBC and Blue Networks. The time is 3:25 EWT. He will speak in followed by an English French. translatie

Will Speak Today

The British communique said the At Least Four Out Of Ten circlement maneuver.

of the enemy.

ing the right flank of the Chinese tails of the ensuing dogfights: The Chinese high command communique, covering developments up to Wednesday, said the Chinese, un der U. S. Lieut. Gen. Joseph W Stilwell, had inflicted more than 1, 000 casualties on the Japanese in increasingly heavy fighting on the Sit-

tang front, roughly 30 miles north it one of the raiders.

WEATHER announced today at a meeting of prison camp superintendents. Pitts said the honor grade pro gram was no longer an experi-FORECAST: CAROLINA — Slightly NORTH and that prisoners had

> (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
> (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):
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> (By U. S. Weather Bureau)
> Temperature:
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> 1:30 a. m. 60; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m.
> 74; 7:30 p. m. 67; maximum 76; minimum 55; mean 66; normal 62.
> Humidity:
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> 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m.
> 49; 7:30 p. m. 61.
> Precipitation:
> Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.87 inches.
> Tides For Today:
> (From Tide Tables published by U. S.
> Coast and Geodetic Survey):
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> With Law (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

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