

U. S. PLANE THAT BOMBED JAPAN LANDS IN SIBERIA

Finns Reinforce German Armies Before Kalinin

Participate In Local But Nevertheless Fierce Fighting With Russians

RESERVES MOVED UP

Nine-Tenths Of Nazi Army Now Reported Concentrated On Eastern Front

By EDDY GILMORE
KUBYSHEV, Russia, Apr. 23.—(P)—Finnish troops appeared for the first time today on the Kalinin front, in the broad area northwest of Moscow, participating in local but nonetheless fierce combats as both the Russian defenders and the Axis invaders piled up reserves for the expected gigantic conflict of spring and early summer.

The hotly fought local actions were repeated on many sectors. The Communist party paper Pravda said the invaders were launching numerous counter-attacks but that all had failed.

These feeler thrusts came as an official Soviet spokesman said nine tenths of the whole German army was on the Russian front and that Adolf Hitler had called up 1,900,000 reserves but that the Red army is moving up men to meet this immense threat.

(How or in what strength the Finns got to the Kalinin front was not disclosed. At latest reports, they were engaged in furious battle with the Russians on the Svir river front in the North, with both sides claiming success.)

No Sign Of Offensive

Constant skirmishing, some of it violent, continued on the vast quagmire of the front, but there was yet no sign of a German spring offensive and Red army dispatches laid stress on the fact that no major action was being joined.

Russian reports did say, however, that aerial activity was mounting sharply in several sectors, with intensified German bombings but

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TORPEDOED SHIP LIMPS INTO PORT

Crew Warned Of Attack By Planes That Also Dropped Charges

NORFOLK, Va., Apr. 23.—(P)—Crewmen who brought an American cargo ship limping into an east coast port the day after it was attacked by an enemy submarine off the Atlantic coast on April 18 said their ship was warned of the approaching torpedo by a Navy plane zooming low over the water.

Captain John D. Baldwin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., master of the medium-sized vessel, barely had time to shout "hard aport" and give the alarm before the torpedo from the unseen raider struck forward on the starboard side. The explosion left a gaping hole, buckled deck plates overhead, made a shambles of the wheel house and caused minor injuries to the Captain and a crewman.

The Fifth Naval District public relations office, in announcing the torpedoing today, quoted crew members as saying that vessels and planes in the vicinity dropped a number of depth charges in the area where the attack occurred.

Chief Mate Matthew T. Hannah, of Paterson, N. J., and Chief Engineer Andrew H. McGarigle, of Cliffwood, N. J., told Naval officers they saw the wake of the torpedo.

"I saw the torpedo break water twice about 30 seconds before she hit," McGarigle said, adding that the explosion "felt like we had hit a tremendous sea."

Second Mate Lars Olsen, a naturalized Norwegian, whose home is in Brooklyn, N. Y., said he had been torpedoed twice during the first World War.

"But they warned us then and gave us time to get off in the lifeboats," he added.

War Profits Tax Assessed By Congress

Measure Authorizes Renegotiating Of Contracts Where Profits Excessive

ANOTHER ACT SOUGHT

It Would Increase Excessive Profits Tax Up To 60 To 85 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(P)—Legislation intended to curtail war profits won final congressional sanction today, but only after numerous expressions of dissatisfaction on the Senate floor and declarations that the last word on the subject was yet to come.

Representing a compromise between previous House and Senate actions, the Senate sent the limitation provision along to the White House attached to a \$19,151,597,000 military appropriations bill, providing funds for 31,000 new Army planes and equipment for 3,600,000 soldiers.

The profits provision would authorize heads of war agencies to renegotiate contracts and subcontracts above \$100,000 if profits were considered excessive.

On the other side of the capitol, a formula calling for an excess profits tax ranging from 60 to 85 per cent—much higher than recent tax recommendations of the treasury—was presented to the House Ways and Means committee today by one of its top experts.

Informed sources said that Colin P. Stam, making tax studies for the committee, laid this program before it as an alternative to the recommendations of Secretary Morgenthau:

1. Retention of the normal tax of 24 per cent for corporations with net income of more than \$25,000.

2. A war surtax of either 12 or 16 per cent. He estimated the lower figure would yield about \$750,000,000. (The treasury recommended a flat 31 per cent for corporations with more than \$25,000 net income.)

3. Excess profits taxes ranging from 60 to 85 per cent, with 5 per cent graduations based on present brackets. (The treasury proposed a scale of from 50 to 75 per cent; the present rates are from 35 to 50 per cent.)

This plan was offered at the end of a day-long discussion of the United States excess profits tax and similar levies imposed in Great Britain and Canada.

100 PER CENT TAX
During this discussion, one of the members said that Great Britain imposed a 100 per cent excess profits tax at the start of the European war but found that it was too heavy and resulted in a readoption of the war effort. The rates subsequently were lowered.

Before the Senate approved the \$19,000,000,000 armaments measure, Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance committee declared that the profits amendment would "serve certain good purposes" but "does not solve the

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'Motoring As Usual Out' But Slim Ration Doubtful

By FRANK LEMAY
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—(P)—The severity of card rationing of gasoline in the East, effective May 15, became a matter of conjecture tonight after petroleum coordinator Harold L. Ickes labeled as "without justification" a semi-official prediction that motorists would get only 1.2 to 5 gallons a week.

All officials dealing with oil and transportation agreed, however, that the government no longer would risk lives of American seamen "so someone will have gasoline to go to a bridge party or a ball game."

Price Administrator Leon Henderson who operates the government's rationing program, announced last night that curtailment of gasoline consumption by use of eastern would begin May 15 in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, and a source in Henderson's organization said each

Lack Of Materials Forces Nazi, French Plants To Shutdown

STOCKHOLM, April 23.—(P)—A lack of raw materials, power and transport facilities is causing many French and northern German factories to shut down, reports reaching here said today.

From the Nazi standpoint the closings have provided an added inducement to Frenchmen to answer the call to work in Germany, as well as removing production from the more immediate areas of danger from RAF bombs, it was said.

But in France industrial circles regard the development as the first step toward transformation of that defeated nation into an agrarian state. (A Paris dispatch received via Vichy said the 150,000th French workman had gone to Germany as a "volunteer laborer.")

In Germany, the government ordered the closing of a number of textile factories as part of a drive to release workers for more direct war labor and to reduce production of consumers' goods.

GUARD IS CALLED TO COMBAT FIRE

Governor Says Pisgah Forest Fire Has Reached Critical Stage

WEST JEFFERSON, April 23.—(P)—Governor J. M. Broughton today ordered sweeping measures taken to combat forest fires in the Pisgah National forest, mobilization of one more guard companies for use in the area, and the use of civil air patrol planes to spot new fires as they start.

Declaring there was "definite evidence" of incendiaries in connection with the fires which have destroyed 14,000 acres of timberland since Sunday, the Governor also ordered the state bureau of investigation to send agents to the area to seek the firebugs.

In addition, he directed that additional state highway patrolmen be assigned to the region, and appealed to CCC and WPA authorities to send any available men as reinforcements to the fire fighting crews now engaged.

He authorized adjutant General J. Van B. Metts at Raleigh to mobilize the necessary state troops.

Reports from the Pisgah forest area, the Governor said, indicated the situation was still critical, although newspaper reports had said officials in charge considered conditions as better, with some signs noted that the fires were being controlled.

The situation, the Governor said, is "so extremely critical" that industries of the vicinity are being jeopardized, and "the beautiful national forest" seriously damaged.

The Governor came here to enjoy a day of trout fishing and to deliver the commencement address at the Jefferson high school tonight. He caught eight trout before interrupting his outing to take action on the fire situation.

He sent instructions to Theodore S. Johnson, state director of civil defense, at Raleigh to arrange for the air patrol of the forest area.

While he was moving to halt the Pisgah fire, 300 men were fighting another woods fire near here, in Wilkes and Alleghany counties where an estimated 15,000 acres of timberland, much of it near the Blue Ridge parkway, have been burned over since Sunday.

This fire ate its way slowly forward. Some of the acreage burned over in the Blue Ridge park area, a scenic park of 50,000 acres near Laurel Springs.

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Italians Decorate Admiral Raeder

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts) Friday, April 24.—(P)—Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, commander in chief of the German navy, and Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the army high command, have been awarded the grand cross of the military order of Savoy by King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy, the Berlin radio said today in a Rome dispatch.

Build Folks, Then The City, Chamber Told

Charles W. Phillips Speaks At Annual Meeting Of Trade Organization

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Accomplishments Of Past Year Cited In Report Of Secretary Morris

Reverse the order in "building a community" by building folks first, building character and stamina, and then, if they are necessary, build roads, industries and other physical facilities, Charles W. Phillips, member of the faculty and director of public relations of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, advised members of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Thursday night at the first annual dinner meeting of the organization in Hotel Cape Fear.

Think of building a community in a more real sense—not in more miles of pavement, not in more skyscrapers, not in more smoke stacks—but to stand the test by enlarging the spirit of things and the development of character, Mr. Phillips declared.

"Not many years ago, in the pages of history, we began our country on the shores of North Carolina and Virginia—of course, Boston claims a small share—to build a community to have the things we were not accustomed to have lived in before. Our fathers began to build our country from settlements at Manteo and Roanoke Island and continued to go across to the west. I can imagine what difficulties settlers at Manteo had with mosquitoes and Indians. Those fellows didn't lie down and quit. Those type fellows began our country and went west somehow. Not so long ago they reached the other side and ten years ago newspapers, speakers and radios said

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HEARING ON POWER RATES SET TODAY

Large Delegation In Raleigh To Protest Against Charges By Tide Water

RALEIGH, April 23.—(P)—Protests by officials of Eastern North Carolina communities that rates of the Tidewater Power company are too high will be heard tomorrow by the State Utilities Commission.

Mayor Hargrave Bellamy of Wilmington one of the leader of the delegation that will appear, said representatives from more than 20 eastern counties will attend the meeting.

"We are going to request an immediate, drastic reduction in rates, so the people of Eastern North Carolina can enjoy the same advantages of equitable, competitive rates as other cities in the state," Bellamy declared.

WEATHER

FORECAST:
NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—Little change in temperature. Friday except slightly warmer along the coast.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):
By U. S. Weather Bureau
Temperature:
1:30 a. m. 50; 7:30 a. m. 48; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 62; maximum 72; minimum 43; mean 58; normal 64.

Humidity:
1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 47; 7:30 p. m. 58.

Precipitation:
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., .00 inches; total since the first of the month, .087 inches.

Tides For Today:
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):
Wilmington High 4:02a, 11:35a. Low 4:30p, 11:49p.
Masonboro Inlet High 1:25a, 8:04a. Low 2:08p, 8:26p.

Sunrise 5:50a; sunset 6:50p; moonset 12:31p; moonset 1:22a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Thursday at 8 a. m., 9.95 feet.

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PILOT LOSES BEARINGS, MAKES FALSE LANDING, BROADCAST DECLARES

Citizens Asked To Use 10 Per Cent Of Income Monthly For War Bonds

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—(P)

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau tonight launched a campaign to get 50,000,000 Americans to invest at least 10 per cent of their income every month in war bonds.

Morgenthau participated in a radio program over the Blue network in which the campaign was endorsed by Lieutenant Commander Edward H. O'Hare naval pilot who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for shooting down five Japanese bombers, and leaders of labor, agricultural and business.

Morgenthau said, "You and I, as civilians, are just as deeply involved in this war as Lieutenant Commander O'Hare when he fought those Japanese bombers.

"It is now high time for us civilians, as individual, to make our own declaration of war against the enemy—to fight, to work, to save with all our heart and soul. . . .

"All of us who get a regular income should set aside at least 10 per cent of it every pay day for war savings bonds, and those who have been earning especially high pay in the war industries are going to set aside even more. . . . We have got to enlist an army of 50,000,000 war bond buyers."

At the same time, the Treasury made public quotas which each state and territory is expected to fill in order to boost bond sales to \$600,000,000 in May, compared with a monthly average of \$437,951,243 in the period from July, 1941, to January, 1942, inclusive. The

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Price Ceiling Placed On Household Goods

War Against Increases Carried To Kitchen, Cupboard And Closet

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—(P)—The government carried its campaign against rising living costs into the kitchen, cupboard and closet today by placing price ceilings on China and pottery and a long list of cotton products including sheets, blankets, diapers, towels and gingham.

In addition, a permanent price lid was put on used egg crates, an element in the cost of eggs. The two major orders affected prices at the manufacturers' level and, in the case of cotton, should bring about "considerably lower" prices than those prevailing, OPA said. The chinaware order, governing hundreds of china and pottery items, including cups, saucers, dishes, plates and bowls, was in effect a denial of a price boost requested in February.

The cotton products action, supplementing seven existing price orders on cotton yarns and goods, brought practically every product of the cotton textiles industry under price control, price administrator Leon Henderson said.

Effective May 4. It is effective May 4 and bases prices on the levels prevailing July 21 to August 15, 1941. The ceiling is a flexible one, designed to let prices fluctuate with raw cotton quotations.

Additional finished articles affected include bedspreads, tablecloths, napkins, corduroys, flannels, cottonades and chambrays, and among the unfinished goods covered are shirting, satens, gingham, industrial fabrics, ducks, and wide goods of 42 inches and over.

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CITY GETS BERRY FREEZING PLANT

Operations Will Be Carried Out Here By J. E. Townsend Co. For Birds Eye

A contract for the quick freezing of strawberries in Wilmington by J. E. Townsend, Jr., Co., of New Castle, Del., for Birds Eye Frosted Foods, of New York, was announced last night by Joseph E. Quinane, production manager for Frosted Foods Sales Corp. Announcement of the acquisition of this industry was made through the Great Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on the project with Birds Eye officials since September of 1941.

The industry has leased more than 10,000 square feet of floor space in the Southeastern Shipping Service building, from M. M. Riley.

The negotiations which began in September were followed by several conferences between Birds Eye and Chamber of Commerce officials, and were conducted both here and in New York. The site, said by Birds Eye officials to be ideal for this operation, was located by the Chamber of Commerce and negotiations for its acquisition began in December.

Since that time various contacts have been established and further surveys carried out by Townsend Company and Birds Eye officials, leading to the signing of the lease. Actual operations are expected to start next week.

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