

ENTIRE ATLANTIC COAST TO BECOME MILITARY AREA

HITLER IS GRABBED LIFE, DEATH AND POWER OVER GERMAN PEOPLE

Fuehrer Apparently Disturbed Over Condition Of Home Front

PURGE IS HINTED

Winter Disaster Explained; Another Winter Of War In Prospect, He Says

By NOLAND NORGAARD LONDON, April 26.—(AP)—Betraying anxiety over the condition of his home front, Adolf Hitler today pointed to Russia as the decisive battlefield of the war and from a quiescent Reichstag received confirmation of his power of life and death over every German—an act which informed London sources said means that not even Nazi judges or army officers may now stand between the German people and the Gestapo.

In a speech of one hour and one minute in which threats, some hint of a peace offensive, admissions of a barely escaped catastrophe in the frozen drifts of Russia and plans "for the coming winter" were strangely mixed, Hitler unfolded no new master plan or smashing blow to stun the world.

But he proclaimed that Germany had won a defensive winter war, and promised these actions:

- 1. "Fighting in the east will be continued. The Bolshevik Colossus will be beaten by us so long and until such time as it has been smashed completely."
2. Against the mighty British air offensive now being waged against Germany, he promised resumption of mass air raiding of Britain—"Retaliation, blow by blow, such as happened in 1940."
3. Increased use of submarines, already "growing in rigid sequence and rhythm" in the Atlantic where U-boats "already by far have surpassed the highest number of submarines employed during the first World War."

Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering read to the cheering, uniformed deputies a new law giving Hitler the right without regard to any existing laws or decrees to compel any officer, soldier, official, judge or other man to do his duty by all means.

"The only reason for such an action must be that Hitler and his gang, including Himmler (Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo), fear civilian disturbances and are taking measures to deal with them," one informed London

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JOHN C. CALHOUN LAUNCHED SUNDAY

Ninth Liberty Freighter Slides Down Ways At Shipyard Here

The John C. Calhoun, ninth liberty ship built in the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here, was launched at brief exercises conducted yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

With the launching of the freighter, a ship has now been sent off each of the nine ways at the shipyard, which has been in operation a little more than a year.

Miss Jean Elizabeth Maclay, daughter of J. A. Maclay, superintendent of hull construction at the shipyard, was sponsor for the Calhoun. Her maids of honor were Miss Carolyn Holland, Wilmington, and Miss Elizabeth Lankes, Hilton Village, Va.

During the day a telegram was received by shipyard officials from Patrick Calhoun, Pasadena, Calif., a direct descendant of John C. Calhoun, distinguished statesman and parliamentarian, for whom the ship was named, expressing best wishes for the vessel.

Captain Roger Williams, president of the shipyard company, Mrs. Williams, and Borden Sparkes, were among those witnessing the launching.

U. S. Will Halt Sale Of Sugar At Midnight

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—(AP)—Beginning tomorrow at midnight, the nation will feel the first effects of the sugar rationing program.

From that time until rationing begins on May 5 retail sugar sales will be prohibited. Industrial and institutional sugar consumers will register Tuesday and Wednesday and this will be able to obtain their allotments under the regular rationing procedure, but individual consumers do not register until next week.

Cautioning that a heavy demand was anticipated immediately after the end of the "freeze" period a week from Tuesday, the Office of Price Administration has urged sellers to stock up to the limit of their May quota. In North-eastern states, where a scarcity has been evident, nothing but beet sugar will be retailed at the outset of the rationing program.

Beet sugar has been moved into the area by the defense

supplies corporation and sale of cane sugar will not be permitted until beet supplies are exhausted.

Restaurants and other food services next month will be allotted 50 per cent of the amount of sugar they used during May, 1941; bakers, confectioners, ice cream makers, dairy products companies, bottlers and other specialty industries will be given 70 per cent of their May, 1941, supplies.

All industrial consumers at the present time are receiving approximately 80 per cent of last year's consumption.

The individual rationing book of stamps will work this way: The first stamp will authorize its holders to buy one pound of sugar in the period May 5-16; the second will be valid for the May 17-30 period; the third for May 31-June 13 and the fourth, June 14-27. The amount allowed for each stamp after June 27 will be announced later.

Congressman Clark Dedicates USO Club

Citizens Called Upon To Organize To Give Service, Put Forth United Effort

Speaking at the dedication of the Federal Community building, located at Second and Orange streets and operated by United Service Organizations, Congressman Bayard Clark urged citizens, to organize, to give service and to put forth united effort.

Declaring that "we all know before America is able to fight her way out of the present situation it will be necessary for many American boys to die on the field of battle, Congressman Clark said Jews, Catholics and Protestants, both black and white, will have to mingle together in defense of the Stars and Stripes and added "I don't think there should be any question of creed, or race or religion."

In opening his address Congressman Clark explained that the USO is a corporation formed at the request of President Roosevelt and composed of six agencies which served during the World War. The organizations are: National Catholic Community Service, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, Y. W. C. A., Traveler's Aid and Jewish Welfare Board.

"Realizing these agencies would be called on to render even greater service than during the World War and believing they would give better service united, the President called on them to form the United Service Organization.

"The government furnished the money for the physical property—erecting the buildings and furnishing them—and to more greatly humanize this thing for its objective citizens were called on to give funds for the operation." He added that citizens would be called on again soon for funds for operation of the clubs.

Greater Organization After explaining that now is a great day for organizing, Congress-

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Chinese Take Taunggyi To Score Second Success

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, Apr. 26.—(AP)—The Chinese veterans under U. S. Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell have scored a second triumph in Burma by the recapture of Taunggyi, 100 miles southeast of Mandalay, the Chinese announced today. Their first big success was recapture of Yenangyaung.

At the same time, however, they admitted that they had been forced to fall back rapidly on the Sittang front to the west where the Japanese made a forty-mile thrust through Pinyinana and Taikon, capturing Yamethin and reaching

the vicinity of Pyawbwe, but 85 miles south of Mandalay. The Chinese retirement on the Sittang front along the Rangoon-Mandalay railway may have been in the nature of strategic straightening of the lines, however.

8,000 WILL ANSWER CALL HERE TODAY

Men, 45 To 65, Through Nation Are Called To Register For Possible Service

Approximately 8,000 men—those between the ages of 45 and 65—are expected to register in New Hanover county Monday in the fourth national registration of men for Selective Service, according to an estimate by state headquarters officials.

Nineteen places have been designated for registration and local officials said they expected about 1,000 men to enroll at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company. City and county boards have received enough supplies to register 5,000 and 3,500 men, respectively.

Officials stated that men are not compelled to register at their precinct places, but are asked to register there if it is convenient, though in many cases it will not be.

The place of residence given by the registrant will indicate the board which has control over him, draft officials explained. (For example, if a man lists his home as Columbia, S. C., his registration card is automatically sent to the board there. All transactions must, thereafter, be carried on with the Columbia board.)

The upper age bracket men should register at the appointed places and not at local draft boards, it is stated. If a man required to register is out of the city Monday, he may register wherever he may be, and the card will be sent to Wilmington.

Disabled men who cannot appear at the registrations are being notified it is their responsibility to notify the draft board or

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Rostock Laid Waste In 3rd Raid By RAF

English Bombers Swarm Over Three-Quarters Of Germany In Big Raid

SKODA WORKS RAIDED

Bombers Make 1,500-Mile Trip To Blast Munitions Plant In Czechoslovakia

By J. WES GALLAGHER LONDON, April 26.—(AP)—Great swarms of huge British bombers dropped tons of high explosives onto the smoking ruins of Rostock for the third night running last night, blasted the great Skoda munitions works at Pilsen and numerous other targets in southern Germany and occupied France in the RAF's greatest offensive so far.

The mounting fury of the non-stop attack was widened to cover three-fourths of Germany and came as close as air action could to opening a second European front against Hitler.

American-built Boston (Douglas) bombers, accompanied by vast escorts of swift fighters, took up the offensive at dawn crossing the channel in relays almost before the great four-motored night raiders—some of which lugged 16,000 pounds of explosives to Hitler's reich—were tucked away in their hangars.

Heavy explosions bombed up from captive France in the direction of Calais and Dunkerque, indicating the invasion coast was being softened with TNT. The Dunkerque docks and airfields in Northern France had been attacked during the night.

Violent air battles were fought above the channel and French coast throughout the day, some four miles in the air. The sky was dark for miles with British planes streaking back and forth in their missions of destruction.

Score Many Hits Afternoon raiders scored many hits on switching yards and the railway station at Hazebrouck and struck at the railway station at St. Omer, authoritative sources said.

The air warfare reached its peak intensity for the year as the Germans struck back with increasing strength at fashionable old Bath and other points from Scotland to Southern England.

The British said there was "rather heavy damage" and casualties at Bath where incendiaries and demolition bombs started quickly uncontrolled fires. Numerous homes and buildings were wrecked by explosives. Rescue squads combed the debris of Bath throughout Sunday in search of trapped victims.

The great new Stirling bombers, which Britons proudly call the most deadly plane on earth, winged across the heart of moonlit Germany on a 1,500 mile round trip to bomb the Skoda works in occupied Czechoslovakia for the first time in a year and a half.

The Skoda plant is second only to the battered Krupp works at Essen as a Nazi arsenal. The last attacks were made by small forces of bombers late in 1940, and since then Skoda has been supplying a great share of munitions for Hitler's war against Russia.

Despite extremely heavy defense fire and the danger of a bomb exploding a big munitions dump, the air ministry said each of the Stirlings dumped its eight tons of concentrated destruction from "very low levels."

Hundreds of miles to the North on the Baltic coast, the still smoldering city of Rostock was raided once more by "a strong force of bombers." Rostock, plane manufacturing center and chief Baltic port for dispatch of troops and material to Northern Russia and Norway was that near-by Luebeck lies in RAF ruins already had been blasted in two of the heaviest raids in British bombing history Thursday and Friday nights.

The extensive Heinkel aircraft factory again was the chief target. An indication of the violence of last night's attack was the air ministry announcement that virtually every type of night bomber participated. The new Lancasters Stirlings, Halifaxes, Manchesteres, Wellingtons, Whiteleys and Hampdens deposited tons of bombs on

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Small Meteor Streaks Across Heavens Here

Mrs. W. J. Parks, Jr., Lake Forest, last night reported seeing a meteor at about 8:45 o'clock moving low across the heavens in a southeast to a northwest direction.

She said it was small, but bright, being reddish in color. The meteor appeared rounded and smooth in front with scattered sparks spreading out in a narrow fan-shaped tail, the sparks being a more dull red than the light from the main glowing particle.

The weather bureau reported that several persons witnessed the phenomena.

TORPEDOED SHIP'S CREW IS LANDED

Not A Life Lost On Ship Torpedoed After Fire Breaks Out Aboard

PORTLAND, Me., Apr. 26.—(AP)—Thirty-five shells of a single torpedo fired by a German submarine blasted a medium-sized American freighter to the bottom of the North Atlantic the night of April 20, the Navy disclosed today after the vessel's entire crew of 35 arrived here uninjured. All but 4 were Americans.

Crew members revealed that a fire in the freighter's smokestack, which spread to tarpaulins, five minutes before the attack, made the ship an easy target for the submarine.

Able seaman William R. Gibbons, 21, of New York, said the blaze "illuminated the ship like 42d street."

"The fire ignited tarpaulins over the hatches and the stern looked like a sheet of flames," Gibbons said. "I was afraid the ship was going to be torpedoed then."

During the fire, believed caused by ignited cannon, Seaman Frank Black, 25, of Tiger, Ariz., said to Gibbons, "if we don't get it now, we never will," the sailors related.

Captain Antone Anderson, 61, of Baltimore, Md., said all hands went calmly to their stations after the torpedo struck forward on the starboard side, and were in two lifeboats 17 minutes later.

Radioman Frank Kilgore, 42, of San Francisco, flashed two distress messages and "got an acknowledgment" before leaving the ship, according to Chief Officer Frank M. Jasper, 46, of Minneapolis, Minn. It was Kilgore's second torpedoing in as many successive trips.

Captain Anderson said he did not see the submarine before the attack, but from the bridge saw the wake of the torpedo which lost him his first ship in 44 years of seafaring.

The lifeboat carrying Capt. Anderson and 17 of his crew was picked up by a "United Nations warship" 17 hours after the ship was abandoned and two hours later the other lifeboat was found.

Chief Officer Jasper related that shells fired by the submarine, after surfacing, finally left the freighter in flames. The submarine commander, Jasper said, maneuvered his craft close to his lifeboat and an officer, speaking good English with a German accent, inquired if anyone had been killed, and asked the name and destination of the freighter.

"Some of the men in my boat were scantily clad," Jasper continued. "Some were without shoes and some even without pants."

"After the lifeboat's sail was hoisted, its canvas cover was cut up and shoes and other clothing improvised to help keep the men warm."

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA - Continued warm Monday with scattered showers in mountains. SOUTH CAROLINA - Continued warm Monday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: (By U. S. Weather Bureau) High 64.4; Low 33.2; Rain 0.0; Snow 0.0; Clouds 100; Visibility 10; Wind S 10-20; Gusts 20-30; Barometer 30.2; Humidity 65; Dew Point 57; Moonset 3:26a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Sunday at 8 a. m., 9.50 feet. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 8)

Soviets Beat Off Terrific Nazi Attacks

Germans Throw Planes, Tanks, Flame Throwers Into Action

2,800 INVADERS SLAIN

Enemy Repulsed At Tremendous Losses On Kalinin Front

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Apr. 26.—(AP)—Russian soldiers engaged in what the Army newspaper Red Star called the "most serious recent battle" on the central front have beaten off many German attacks on a river position in which the Germans threw tanks, planes, flame throwers and smoke screens into action, it was reported tonight.

The scene of the action was not located other than that it was a wooded sector along a river but front-line dispatches indicated it was important tactically to both sides.

The Germans were said to have moved upon the position with three regiments last Friday. Fierce fighting followed but the Russians said all attacks failed.

The Moscow radio reported that 2,800 Germans were killed in the last two days of fighting on the Kalinin front.

(This apparently referred to another engagement as the Kalinin sector is northwest of Moscow and is not a part of what the Russians call the western, or central, front.)

A supplement to the midnight Moscow communique listed 300 more Germans killed and prisoners taken by Red forces in repulsing a Nazi tank battalion on the Kalinin front.

On the central front 160 Germans were reported slain and several block houses destroyed by Soviet artillery and in another sector of this front Soviet batteries dispersed an enemy tank column.

The official account said 17 blockhouses were destroyed by Soviet units and heavy casualties inflicted on the Germans in a tank clash on an unstarred sector.

The communique reported the sinking of a German submarine in the Barents sea and destruction of 21 Nazi aircraft yesterday against 10 Soviet plane losses.

The Germans also pounded Leningrad from the air today for the third successive day, sending 63 heavy bombers to raid Russia's second city.

With all the surge of activity on the long, thawing front, the feeling prevailed here, 650 miles from the fighting line, that two of the world's greatest armies, who have participated in no major scale activity for 43 days, might strike with all their pent up fury at any moment.

It was said that both sides were bringing up huge reserves and were feeling out one another in sometimes fierce minor engagements, scouting every mile of the front by air.

Throughout the last 43 days and under some of the worst fighting conditions of the war—snow, and cold and thaw and mud—the Red army has moved forward. Its progress has been slow but it has not lost the ground it had reconquered.

Confidence Increases One factor is apparent—the increasing confidence of the Russian press, the Red army and the Russian people about events to come. All evidence here points to the fact that the main German force still is a powerful army but it is believed that the reserves are inferior in quantity and quality to those of the Red army.

The Russians consistently report capturing coldiers who are in their

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ARMY WILL PUT IT INTO EFFECT AT EARLY DATE

Vichy Protests U. S. Occupation Of New Caledonia

VICHY, Unoccupied France, April 26.—(AP)—Gaston Henry-Haye, French ambassador to the United States, has been ordered to protest to the State department against the landing of American troops in New Caledonia, it was officially announced today.

"Even if French rebels against the Fatherland took over New Caledonia in September, 1940, this does not authorize American troops to land there," a government communique said.

"De Gaulle (Free French Leader Gen. Charles De Gaulle) or his representatives have no right to speak in the name of France."

TWO JAILED HERE FOR TIRE THEFTS

Men Accused Of Stealing Cars And Stripping Them Of Rubber

Two men, charged with stealing two automobiles and abandoning them after stripping them of tires, tubes and wheels were arrested early Sunday morning by Harry E. Fales, superintendent of New Hanover Bureau of Identification, and Detective Sergeant W. D. Thompson of the City police department.

Arrested on the charges were Russell Moore, Cape Fear Tax i driver of 121 South Second street, and D. C. Howard, manager of the Cape Fear Service station, of 117 Monroe street, Sunset Park.

Moore is charged with taking an automobile owned by Walter L. Carter, of 73 Pine Crest Parkway, from the residence Thursday night. The car was abandoned at Summer Hill after the tires, tubes and wheels were taken off of it.

The tires later were found on a taxicab belonging to the Cape Fear Taxi company which was being operated by Moore.

An automobile owned by Dr. H. K. Thompson, of 102 Live Oak Parkway, Oleander, was taken and abandoned between Oleander and Blythe's Bay after it had been stripped of the tires, tubes and wheels. The tires and tubes were found in the garage of D. C. Howard at 117 Monroe street.

Moore and Howard were placed in jail under \$1,500 bond each.

The officers said they had recovered 25 tires, 15 tubes and eight wheels in the raid all of which—except those found in Howard's garage—were found either on cabs of the Cape Fear Taxi company or in the company's storage room.

Some of the tires, which originally had white side walls, had been painted black and the serial numbers effaced. Also the serial numbers had been chiseled from the other tires. The maroon wheels on Carter's automobile had been painted black.

Officers said Mrs. Mary Geldenbach, owner of the company, and her husband, Jack Geldenbach, told them they knew nothing of the tires found on the cabs and in the storage room.

Mr. Fales and Sergeant Thompson, who began investigation into tire thefts in the city several days ago, said the investigation was be-

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Roosevelt Will Confer With His Leaders Today

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has called his congressional leaders to the White House for a conference tomorrow before he sends to the capitol his omnibus program for combating rising costs of living.

Although Mr. Roosevelt follows a practice of having weekly talks with legislative leaders, the meeting took on special significance because of belief that it would deal chiefly with the question of what new legislation would be needed to effect his program.

Most legislators anticipated that the greater part could be carried

Action Will Be Taken As A Wartime Security Measure, Says General Drum

NO MASS EVACUATIONS

Blackouts, Dimmed Lights To Be Ordered For Some Sections Of The Coast

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—The early establishment of an eastern military area covering the entire Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida as a wartime security measure was announced today by Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the Eastern Defense Command and First army.

As a first step, control over all sea coast lighting already has been assumed by the commanders of the four corps areas within the military area, the announcement said. This means that there will be direct military control over all coastal lights in an effort to prevent further silhouetting of ships and their consequent destruction by enemy submarines.

No effective date was set for establishment of the area other than an assertion that it would be accomplished at "an early date."

The announcement emphasized that mass evacuation of enemy aliens from the area was not contemplated but that selective processes of evacuation might be required in some instances.

"The object of prescribing a military area is to facilitate control so as to prevent subversive activities and aid being given the enemy such as by lighting along our coasts," General Drum's statement said. "The military area system is an important and necessary adjunct to the defense of our eastern seaboard."

General restrictions and orders designed to control the conduct of enemy aliens or others deemed dangerous to the national security will be issued from time to time by headquarters of the eastern defense command.

To Watch Aliens While it was emphasized that the plan did not seek to interfere with the lives of "the great mass of loyal Americans," the statement said nevertheless that it was the determination of military authorities to prevent any enemy sympathizer, alien or not, from committing any act detrimental to national security.

The corps areas through which control will be exercised are the first, with headquarters at Boston; second, with headquarters at Gov-

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11 JAP PLANES ARE SHOT DOWN

Allies Blast Raiders At Darwin, Fend Off Attacks On Moresby, Solomon Isles

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, Apr. 26.—(AP)—United States and Australian pilots shot down 11 Japanese planes which raided Darwin Saturday and fended off other attacks on Port Moresby and the Solomon islands, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said today.

Air raids on the Manila Bay fortress of Corregidor increased and artillery dueling continued, the communique added. The small and out-numbered American and Filipino forces on Panay and Cebu in the Philippines continued to harass the invader, and on Mindanao the situation was said to be unchanged.

Darwin, strategic naval fueling port on the northwest coast, was raided by 24 bombers escorted by fighters in the first bombing there in three weeks.

One dispatch credited American pilots with all of the 11 planes shot

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