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U. S. Seeks Martinique Guarantees

Asks Assurances That Islands Will Not Be Turned Over To Axis

TALKS ARE STARTED Admiral Hoover Is Authorized To Propose Caribbean Agreement

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The State department announced today that an American mission had been appointed to negotiate with the local government of Martinique...

Peru's President Visits F.D.R.



The president of Peru, Manuel Prado, is shown above, after his arrival in this country to visit President Roosevelt in Washington. Photo was taken at airport in Miami. —(NEA Telephone)

VON SPIEGEL MAY BE U-BOAT CHIEF

Believed In Charge Of Sub Operating In The Gulf Of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS, May 9.—(AP)—Standing on the bridge of a German submarine that had just torpedoed their ship a deeply tanned, shorts-clad officer called out Wednesday to the survivors "sorry we can't help you. Hope you get ashore ok."

DOUGLAS IS NAMED STATE C. D. CHIEF

Governor Plans To Appoint Successor To George Jeffrey

RALEIGH, May 9.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today named Ben Douglas, former mayor of Charlotte, as North Carolina director of the state defense program.

Reds Report Use Of Poison Gas By Nazis

Incident In Crimean Area Apparently Regarded As An Experiment

RUSSIANS TO REPLY Destroy 71 German Planes And Lose 26 Of Their Own Along Front

MOSCOW, May 9.—(AP)—Tass, official Soviet news agency, distributed for the first time in the Russian-German war today a dispatch reporting that the Germans had used poison gas on the Crimean front and the official communist party newspaper Pravda published the bulletin under a two-column headline.

SMASH JAP REAR

Strong Force Recaptures Former Allied Headquarters At Maymyo

DRIVES ON MANDALAY One Nipponese Column Is Wiped Out And Other Reported Encircled

CHUNGKING, China, May 9.—(AP)—A strong Chinese army force which the advancing Japanese by-passed in central Burma has smashed hard into the exposed rear of the Japanese, recapturing the former Allied headquarters of Maymyo and driving against both Lashio and Mandalay, the Chinese announced tonight.

MERCHANTS' C. D. BODY WILL MEET

Convenes Tuesday To Complete Plans For Protection Of Stores

The Merchants' Civilian Defense committee will meet Tuesday morning, May 12, at 10 o'clock in the office of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to complete plans for the protection of retail stores and public buildings.

WEATHER

FORECASTS: NORTH CAROLINA—Slightly warmer Sunday. SOUTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature Sunday. (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

AMERICAN NAVAL TRIUMPH SAVES AUSTRALIA FROM DREAD MENACE

OF IMMEDIATE INVASION BY JAPS; CHINESE TRAP ENEMY IN BURMA

Great Naval Battle Rages East Of Australia



Allied and Japanese warships have engaged in the greatest naval battle of the war in the Coral sea east of Australia. Allied headquarters said already 11 Japanese ships have been sunk and six badly damaged.

FIGHTING CEASES

Nipponese Warships Repulsed And Initiative Still In Allied Hands

TERMED FIRST ROUND

Eleven Enemy Ships Sunk And Six Others Gravely Crippled In Fight

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 9.—(AP) Australia counted herself saved tonight from the dread menace of immediate Japanese invasion, under which she has lived this past week, as General Douglas MacArthur announced that the enemy had been thrown back in the war's greatest sea and air battle at "relatively slight" cost to the victorious defending forces, chiefly American.

Japs Attack Chittagong For Second Time As They Push War Toward India

CHURCHILL WILL EXPLAIN MOVES

British Prime Minister Will Broadcast To World This Afternoon

LONDON, May 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill will broadcast to the world Sunday night (3 p. m. Eastern War Time) to explain the latest developments in the British Empire's fight for survival and victory on the second anniversary of his selection as prime minister and the start of the Nazi conquest of the Low Countries and France.

TESTING DEFENSES

Raids Are Third And Fourth Assaults Of War On Indian Mainland

By PRESTON GROVER NEW DELHI, India, May 9.—(AP)—Japanese bombers prospecting for new fields of conquest raided Chittagong, Eastern entryway into the industrial province of Bengal, today for the second time in 24 hours, bringing relatively close to the great Port of Calcutta the war that India has dreaded so long.

BRACELY INJURED BY HIT-RUN DRIVER

Young White Man Struck While Walking On Carolina Beach Highway

Robert Bracely, young white man, was struck and seriously injured by a hit-and-run motorist as he was walking along the Carolina Beach highway, near Legion stadium, about 10:45 o'clock last night.

Basic Gas Rationing Unit Is Set At Three Gallons

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that motorists whose automobiles use is classed as "non-essential" would be allowed three gallons of gasoline a week under the rationing plan beginning May 15 in eastern seaboard states.

LONDON PAPERS SOUND WARNING

'Spread' Coral Sea Victory News But Contain Note Of Caution

LONDON, May 9.—(AP)—Headlines proclaiming "Invasion Fleet on the Run" and "Tokyo Claims Fantastic" told London newspapers readers tonight of the repulse of Japanese naval forces in the great Coral sea battle.

Laurinburg-Maxton Air Training School Okehed

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The War department announced today authorization for construction of an air force training school at Laurinburg-Maxton, N. C., to cost in excess of \$3,000,000.

Federal Wholesale Price Control Effective May 11

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—At 12:01 a. m. (local time) Monday, government controls will be clamped on the prices charged by virtually every manufacturer and wholesaler in the United States.

British Stage Blistering Assault On Rostock Area

LONDON, May 9.—(AP)—With the renewed intention of smashing Nazi submarine nests and the German force as the necessary preliminary to invasion of the continent, the heaviest British bombers returned to a blistering assault on the Rostock area along the Baltic last night, the air ministry announced today.

MacArthur's War Bulletins Told Categorized of Allied Success, the Enemy Repulsed, the Initiative to Attack Still In Allied Hands.

United Nations leaders warned, however, that this probably was only the first round with greater battles "yet to be fought," as Prime Minister John Curtin put it, "as part of a struggle which must continue until the enemy is defeated or we are conquered."

U. S. Losses Light

(The Navy department announced in Washington that its reports up to Saturday afternoon failed to substantiate the loss of any U. S. aircraft carrier or battleship in the action. The Navy said that "reports of damage to our forces are incomplete" but that they would be announced when the information would not help the enemy.)

The feeling here at headquarters was that at the least United States and Australian sea and air power had blunted if not broken the spearhead of the first major Japanese attempt to resume the southward

spiraling living costs, is the highest price each charged during March. One week from tomorrow midnight, the overall March ceiling takes effect on prices that America's 1,900,000 retail establishments may charge the buying public for virtually everything consumers eat, use or wear.