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RAF Bombs Suburbs Of Paris

Japs Score New Gains On Java

'Too Little, Too Late' Again True

Danger of Loss of Island so Great That Major Part of Scorching Earth Policy is Carried Out; Defenders Far Outnumbered.

(By The Associated Press.) Japan's invasion forces scored new gains against outnumbered American, British and Dutch troops in the critical four-day-old battle of Java today, and the danger was now so acute that NEI headquarters announced the major part of a scorching earth defense policy had already been carried out.

A Tokyo radio broadcast said Japanese mechanized units this morning reached a point west of the big Dutch naval base at Soerabaja, in eastern Java, and there clashed with allied forces trying desperately to halt the Japanese onslaught.

Once again, a tragic story of allied numerical inferiority—in planes, ships and men—emerged from the struggle for the last United Nations stronghold in the Indies.

Dutch quarters in London said that only about 50,000 allied troops, among them "a few thousand Americans and British," were fighting at least 85,000 Japanese and that the United Nations naval forces had suffered "a crippling blow" in attempting to halt the Japanese invasion forces.

Previous reports said the Dutch had an army of 100,000 to 200,000 troops, reinforced by "many thousands" of American, British and Australian soldiers, to combat the enemy's sea-borne attack.

A bulletin from NEI headquarters conceded that the invaders "succeeded in making some headway at"

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Blasts Shake Honolulu

Honolulu, March 4.—(AP)—Three heavy explosions shook Honolulu today, immediately after becoming air raid sirens awakened the city at 2:10 a. m.

Army officials said, however, there was no air raid and that the sirens sounded inadvertently. The cause of the explosions was not disclosed.

Honolulu police said a number of windows were broken by the concussion.

EMDEN RAIDED

London, March 4.—(AP)—The German naval port of Emden was raided and mines were sown by air in enemy waters last night while the RAF was making its major blow against Paris, the air ministry disclosed today, listing two planes as the night's total losses.

Cripps Urges All-Out Drive

London, March 4.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, government leader, in the house of commons, appealed to the United Nations to follow the all-out example of Russia in the world fight against nazism and fascism in a broadcast speech to the United States today.

"We now are all allies together to drive aggression and fascism from the world," Sir Stafford declared. He warned repeatedly that the allies' recent heavy setbacks would be followed by further reverses, but insisted that "modern war, on the gigantic and far flung scale upon which it now is being waged, is not finally won or lost as the result of territorial gains here or there."

Arrested in Gas Tank Area



Some of the forty-seven Japanese aliens taken into custody by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Olive Tree Inn in New York are shown being taken to the police station for questioning. The raid took place after a Japanese was arrested when police saw him prowling around Consolidated Edison gas tanks near the East River.

(Central Press)

Japs Infiltrate Los Angeles Area

ACTIVITY RENEWED IN LIBYAN SECTOR

Cairo, March 4.—(AP)—A British column has "successfully engaged" German forces south of Timimi in the Libyan battle zone, a headquarters communiqué announced today.

It said the RAF supported the British advance forces and reported that artillery fire had forced the withdrawal of several axis outposts and patrols.

Tax Plan Gains Favor

House Ways and Means Committee Generally Favorable Toward Proposal.

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The dangerous income tax increases proposed by the Treasury for both individuals and corporations got an unexpectedly favorable reception today from House ways and means committee members, although some thought the boost might prove too steep.

Those who thought the increases were apt to be too severe expressed the opinion that "a more painless method"—such as a general sales tax might be decided on to help raise the \$7,000,000,000 in new general revenue which President Roosevelt has asked.

It was evident that the committee intended to go ahead with plans to write its own tax bill independent of the Treasury's, even though the most part appeared in general accord with the broad features of the recommendations submitted yesterday by Secretary Morgenthau.

GEORGIA LAW SCHOOL DROPPED FROM ASSN.

Bloomington, Ind., March 4.—(AP)—Suspension of the University of Georgia law school from the Association of American Law Schools, effective next fall, because of the "gross political interference with the University of Georgia by Governor Eugene Talmadge" was announced today by Bernard C. Gavit, secretary of the association.

New Contingent Of U. S. Troops Reaches Ireland

AIR RAID ON PARIS CALLED LEGITIMATE

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The British bombing of factories in the suburbs of Paris was a legitimate measure of war, acting Secretary of State Welles told a press conference today.

Welles was asked for comment on a London report that the bombing might mean the end of allied attempts to coax the Vichy government away from collaboration with Nazi Germany.

He replied that it was entirely clear that the bombing of factories in occupied France making war materials for Germany was a legitimate measure of war.

Japs Again Raid Darwin

Details of Damage Not Available; Bombing Follows Attacks on Two Other Cities.

Sidney, March 4.—(AP)—The Japanese have carried out another raid on Darwin, on the north coast of Australia, Prime Minister John Curtin announced today, but no details are as yet available.

The new raid on the far northern harbor, of potential prime importance to the United States fleet in the Pacific, followed two enemy air assaults yesterday on the Australian mainland.

At Broome, 700 miles down the western coast from Darwin, an RAF communiqué said the Japanese inflicted some casualties. There were no casualties at Wyndham, 100 miles down the west coast from Darwin, which also was raided.

Death Penalty Is Upheld

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—The North Carolina supreme court today denied a new trial to Jess Manning, Bertie county white man who was sentenced last August to death for the slaying of Paul Best, a store clerk.

In an action which had the effect of upholding the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the court held that certain employees could not force the railroad to revise a seniority roster.

Among the opinions were: Daniel vs. Casualty Company, Wilson, new trial; Coley vs. ACL, Wilson, affirmed; Hawkins et al vs. Land Bank, Halifax, reversed; Elmore vs. Amusements, Halifax, affirmed.

Frenchman Blames U. S. British Report Burma Success

Rangoon, March 4.—(AP)—British headquarters announced today that tank-supported British infantry units "have been in contact with the enemy northeast of Pegu" and have inflicted casualties.

(This fighting presumably was along the Sittoung river, which runs from northeast of Pegu into the gulf of Martaban.)

The communiqué said RAF fighter planes attacked the Japanese positions "in close support of our land forces" today, while British bombers were credited with successful low-level attacks yesterday on enemy transport columns, particularly staff cars.

One British bomber was reported shot down in an encounter with a strong flight of Japanese fighter planes, one of which the RAF shot out of the sky.

No Details Released Regarding Arrival of Additional Troops; Soldiers Transferred From Ireland to London.

London, March 4.—(AP)—Several hundred United States troops arrived in London today from northern Ireland.

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The arrival of additional American troops in northern Ireland was announced today by the War Department.

The strength of this contingent, as in the case of the first contingent, which arrived in northern Ireland January 26, was not disclosed.

In a special communiqué, the department said no information would be made public as to designation of units, their composition and strength, the point of embarkation, sailing date or other details of the movement.

The arrival of the first contingent under the command of Major General Russell P. Hartle was announced by the department on January 26, and the following day Major General James E. Chaney, who had been stationed in London with an American mission for several months, was designated as commanding general of all United States Army forces in the United Kingdom.

Small Firms Into War

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—Production Chief Donald M. Nelson ordered the Army and Navy today to bring thousands more of the nation's 200,000 factories into war production by suspending competitive bidding on arms contracts.

"Perfectly capable small firms" had been blocked from getting into war production, Nelson explained, because "under competitive bidding large concerns which already hold extensive war contracts are often able to undercut small manufacturers who are not doing any war work at all."

Nelson, in the directive he issued last night, said that noncontract simple, standardized articles must be ordered by the armed services and the maritime commission, from smaller concerns, leaving the larger plants free to concentrate on accelerated production of such items as tanks, planes and big guns.

More Blows Promised

London, March 4.—(AP)—Sir Archibald Sinclair, air minister, declared today that the RAF would synchronize hard blows at German industry and transport with the expected Nazi spring offensive in Russia and, aided by United States-built fighters and dive bombers, will demonstrate superiority over the German air force "in the not distant future."

At the same time, he served notice that Britain would not allow "German production of tanks and tank engines, aero engines and lorries to go on unhindered merely because it is situated in occupied territory of France." Last night's attack on industrial targets in the suburbs of Paris in which he said some buildings were blown hundreds of feet into the air represented no change of RAF policy, he said.

BLACKOUT.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 4.—(AP)—This territorial capital was blacked out today from 3:05 a. m. to 3:40 a. m. There was no immediate explanation.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Continued rather cool but with slightly higher temperature tonight; light rain beginning in the mountains in early morning.

Reward for Vigilance



Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Lockard, of Williamsport, Pa., shown working at radio apparatus, warned of approaching Japanese aircraft at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. He passed his information to a superior officer, who ignored it. As a reward for his vigilance the sergeant has been sent to the Officers Training School, Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he may qualify for a commission.

(Central Press)

MacArthur Scores Anew

Two Enemy Ships and Several Smaller Craft Sunk in Surprise Air Raid.

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—Two enemy ships and several smaller vessels were destroyed in a sudden surprise attack by General Douglas MacArthur's small air force on Japanese installations and shipping in Subic bay, north of Bataan, the War department announced today.

Large fires were started on the docks of Olongapo, former United States naval station in Subic bay, and on Grande island, a communiqué reported. Heavy explosions among enemy stores followed the fires.

One ship of 10,000 tons and another of 8,000 tons were destroyed, the department said, and also two motor launches of 100 tons each. Many smaller vessels were damaged.

Mountaineers Dig Out

(By The Associated Press.) Communications and transportation systems quickly returned to normal in western North Carolina today after snow and ice storms which broke all records in some sections.

Average snowfall in some cities of more than 10,000 population, which was cut off from work the outside world, following the storms, resumed communications within 48 hours yesterday and has since had normal operations, although several hours behind schedule. The snowfall there was 16 inches.

More than 22 inches of snow fell at Banner Elk, and at Boone 19 inches was reported. Winston-Salem had 6.7 inch fall while Mt. Airy reported six inches. Elkin had 15 inches and Wilkesboro eleven inches.

Vessel Sunk In Collision

Philadelphia, March 4.—(AP)—An allied nations freighter of 3,915 tons was rammed and sunk by a 5,000-ton tanker just outside the Leves, Del., breakwater today. Five men are missing.

The fourth British district announced the naval freighter Gypsum Prince was sunk in collision with the tanker, Voco, shortly after 6 a. m. EWT.

Six men were picked up from a raft and 13 additional men, including the pilot, were rescued by Coast Guard boats.

The Voco, owned by the Standard Transportation Company of London was chartered by the Socony Vacuum Oil Company.

Many Killed And Injured In Attack

Two-Hour Raid Directed at Industries Equipping Hitler's Armies is Described as Warning Against Collaboration.

(By The Associated Press.) British bombers smashing at war factories in the suburbs of German-occupied Paris were reported today to have inflicted a toll of 142 to 150 persons killed, more than 1,000 wounded and 250 houses destroyed in a two-hour attack described as a warning against further collaboration with Germany.

Authoritative London quarters said the assault, carried out last night in brilliant moonlight, was the first of many blows Britain would deliver against plants helping to equip Adolf Hitler's armies.

A London spokesman said the attack was directed against numerous plants in the booming Paris industrial belt, particularly the huge Renault motorworks.

British sources said the Renault factory, which employed 20,000 workers in peacetime, had been operating 24 hours a day, manufacturing 40-man "division planes" for the Germans to be used in an eventual all-out assault against the British Isles.

Informed London quarters said the attack might indicate the end of the long continued allied attempt to coax Chief of State Petain's Vichy government away from a policy of collaboration with the reich.

Immediate speculation arose as to the Vichy government's reaction, particularly whether Petain would now turn the still powerful French fleet over to Germany or even plunge France headlong into war against Britain.

While the British emphasized that the raid was aimed strictly at war factories, Marshal Petain issued this statement:

"The bloody attack of the night of March 3-4 striking only at the civilian population will arouse general indignation and take on the character of a national catastrophe."

On the Russian war front a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German troops had "annihilated" Red army forces attempting to break through Nazi siege lines at Sevastopol, in the Crimea.

Italian Subs Are Reported Off U. S. Coast

Boston (By The Associated Press.) March 4.—(AP)—The Italian high command reported today that Italian submarines operating off the United States coast had sunk merchant shipping totaling \$750,000.

This was from a list of 100 ships that the command said were operating off the U. S. coast. While a large number of ships have been sunk, the command said, the Italian submarines in the western Atlantic, they said, are believed to have been German U-boats. Nazi commanders of U-boat operations in the Atlantic have made no mention of Italian submarines.

Confession In Killing

Smithfield, March 4.—(AP)—Two police officers arrested today that Joseph J. Ellis, 19, had confessed the brutal hammer slaying of Mrs. Joseph Brewer, manager of the Salvation Army home here.

Police Chief J. A. Massey and Patrolman J. V. Peterson said a photograph record was made of the Jersey City youth's confession. The record was not introduced.

Nellie Peeler, 16, who resides at the Salvation Army home, testified she found Mrs. Brewer's body. Previously, she said she had heard Mrs. Brewer tell Ellis he must leave the home where he was staying.

The jury was sent yesterday. The solicitor said he would press for a death sentence for Ellis, who had been befriended by Mrs. Brewer.