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## INDIA'S MOSLEMS THREATEN TO REVOLT

### Naval Move By U. S. Is Expected

#### British Speculate On Shakeup

Assignment of Admiral Stark to Command of American Warships in European Waters Taken as Indicating New Strategy.

(By The Associated Press.) British naval circles, commenting on the assignment of Admiral Stark to London as commander of American warships in European waters, speculated today that the United States might be planning to increase its naval strength across the Atlantic.

The quarters declared it was obvious that an officer of Admiral Stark's high rank would not be sent to London unless some new development of naval importance were in the offing.

Other observers saw the possibility that powerful units of America's rapidly expanding Navy might be sent abroad to counter any shift in the European naval balance through absorption of French warships into the German fleet. Such reinforcements might also be used in protecting a British counter invasion of the continent to establish a "second front" against Germany, as repeatedly urged by Russia.

On the Soviet front, Russia's winter-frozen battle grounds were reported slowly thawing out with the approach of spring, but mud-clogged communications made it doubtful whether Adolf Hitler could launch his heralded offensive before the end of April or May.

Strong new Red army reinforcements were reported moving into the Staraya Russa sector, 120 miles southwest of Leningrad, where survivors of the battered Nazi 16th army were still trying to escape a Soviet trap.

Front line dispatches said the Russians were driving with new fury against German siege lines around Leningrad and report that heavy Soviet attacks were battering German fortifications between Volkov and Lake Ladoga, which guards the flank of the Nazi siege forces east and south of the old czarist capital.

On the Ukrainian front, the German-controlled Caucasus (French) radio said Marshal Timoshenko was throwing four to six divisions—perhaps 40,000 to 50,000 troops—against Nazi-held Taganrog, on the coast of Azov, and against the big industrial city of Staling.

Meanwhile, RAF bombers smashed heavily at the German industrial city of Essen, site of the great Krupp ammunition works, setting fires "of great size" in a five-sprong bombing offensive.

#### U. S. Officer Heads Staff In China

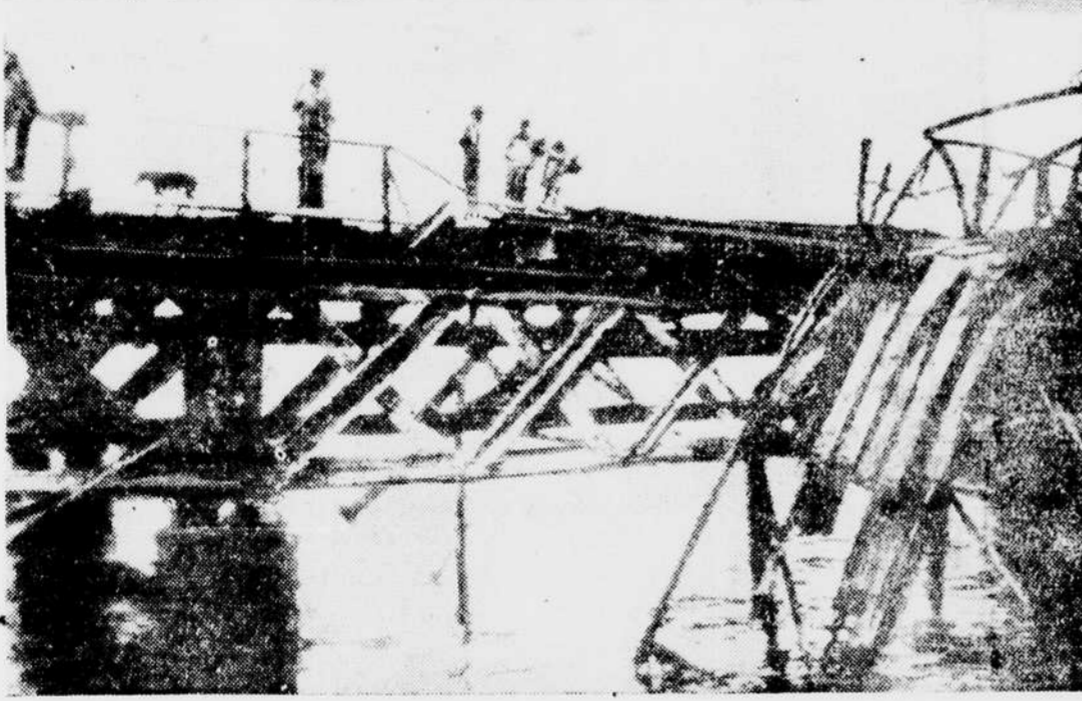
Chungking, March 10.—(AP)—A Chinese government spokesman announced today the appointment of Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell, former United States military attaché at Peiping, as chief of staff in the China theatre under Generalissimo Chung Kai-Shek.

He said China was sending a military mission to Washington and also announced that China and India would exchange diplomatic representatives. They will be commissioners with ministerial rank.

General Stilwell arrived in Chungking March 4 on what was announced as a special mission for President Roosevelt.

**CHARLOTTE FIRE DOES BIG DAMAGE**  
Charlotte, March 10.—(AP)—A \$60,000 fire swept through a brick building occupied by the Morgan Heat company and the Supton Waste paper company here early Monday morning.  
Red flames leaping high in the sky attracted more than 1,000 spectators in the early morning.  
No one seemed to know how the fire started.  
A considerable quantity of baled waste paper was destroyed.

#### Australian Bridge Wrecked by Japanese Bombs



C. P. Radiophoto

A heavy Japanese bomb damaged this bridge in Port Darwin, northern Australia, during a Japanese air raid, made by planes apparently based on the island of Timor, some 400 miles away. Darwin is now of vital importance to the United Nations, in that it may become their naval base of operations. This photo was radioed from Australia to London and relayed to New York.

#### Pork Prices Are Frozen

#### Henderson Sets Wholesale Prices at Highest Levels of March 3-7 Period.

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—The government temporarily froze wholesale prices of 90 per cent of the nation's pork products, including ham and bacon, today at the highest levels prevailing between March 3 and March 7.

The ceiling, effective March 23, applies to dress-hog and wholesale pork cuts, and Price Administrator Leon Henderson declared it was expected to help importantly in holding down the cost of living.

Last year, consumers spent more than \$2,000,000,000 for pork and other hog products.

Neither farmers nor retail outlets are covered directly by the emergency price schedule, but Henderson asserted both would feel its effects. When prices are fixed on dressed hogs or pork cuts, prices which the packer may pay for farmers' hogs automatically are limited.

#### Italy Prepares For Attack

Stockholm, March 10.—(AP)—Italian newspapers are discussing the possibility of a United States-British offensive against Italy, the Rome correspondent of a Stockholm newspaper reported today.

The allied plan, according to the fascist press, is to gain control of the Mediterranean and take the way for a direct assault on Germany.

The correspondent said Italy was taking all precautions against such a move.

#### Four Jap Carriers Sunk

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Four Japanese aircraft carriers have been sunk or damaged since the start of the war, Navy figures disclosed today.

#### France Says Ships Not Given Germany

#### Truck Blast Victim Dies

Smithfield, March 10.—(AP)—The death toll of the munitions truck accident and explosion rose to seven known victims today.

Dr. E. N. Booker, Johnston county coroner, announced that Mrs. R. L. Holloman, 60, manager of the Tallon hotel, which was completely demolished and burned by the blast, had died early this morning.

#### Riom Trial Dencounced

Riom, Unoccupied France, March 10.—(AP)—Leon Blum, socialist leader of France's popular front government which came to power in 1936 and one of six defendants in "war guilt" indictments, condemned today his contention that the trial is and will be political.

Blum disputed bluntly a statement by President Justice Pierre Casau that politics do not enter into the hearings and asserted "the basis of the charges is purely political."

The former socialist premier, whose demand that the court be declared unconstitutional had previously been overruled, said that his popular front administration received the largest number of votes in the 1936 election and "sovereignty belongs to the majority of the voters."

In reply to accusations that his government was responsible for French unpreparedness, he answered, "I was a republican minister and I carried out my duties as a republican minister."

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A communique issued late yesterday said American submarines last week had sunk or damaged six Japanese vessels including one carrier.

Previously the Navy had reported sinking one carrier and the Army had reported damaging a third.

At the start of the war Japan had from seven to nine fleet carriers and an undisclosed number of converted merchant carriers. The communique did not say which type had been hit in the newest attack.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Slightly higher temperatures tonight.

#### Authoritative Circles in Vichy Deny Soviet Report That 40 French Warships Have Been Turned Over to Controvers.

Vichy, March 10.—(AP)—Authoritative circles today denied that 40 French warships had been turned over to the Germans, as reported in a Tass (Soviet news agency) dispatch yesterday from Cairo.

The Tass dispatch said 40 warships, including the 20,000-ton battleship Clemenceau and an 8,000-ton cruiser, which were still being built by the French at the time of the armistice, had been made available to the Germans.

The story said an agreement provided the original transfer of a large part of the French navy to the Germans.

#### Japs Claim Sea Victories

Tokyo (From Japanese Headquarters), March 10.—(AP)—Imperial headquarters reported today that Japanese forces had sunk or damaged 26 enemy vessels, had captured 134 and had destroyed 1,161 airplanes since the beginning of the war in the Pacific.

The communique, presenting "brilliant military results" by Japanese armed forces, said enemy losses in dead airmen amounted to 79,996 up to the time Japanese forces penetrated Jolo in the Malayan campaign.

It also claimed 119,023 prisoners of war.

#### Veto Power Bill Favored

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, told the Senate today that he would ask that the President be given power to veto separate items in appropriations bills, after reading a letter from President Roosevelt supporting this system.

President Roosevelt wrote Vandenberg that while some believed a Constitutional amendment was needed to give the Chief Executive authority to veto a part of an appropriation (Roosevelt) believed only a simple amendment to an appropriation measure was needed. In any event, the Chief Executive said, such an amendment would clear the issue.

#### Atrocities Are Charged To Japanese

Eden Vets House of Commons of Wholesale Atrocities in Hongkong, Basing Assertions on Accounts of Eye Witnesses.

London, March 10.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden charged in the House of Commons today that the Japanese cruelties in Hongkong had been "a catalogue of wholesale atrocities in the occupied crown colony and declared that the Japanese emperor and government and the whole Japanese people were to blame.

Party British officers and men were bled and shot and then surrendered to death following the capture of Hongkong women, both European and Asiatic, were raped and murdered, and one whole Chinese district was declared a breach without exception for the status of any of the inhabitants, Eden declared.

These happenings, previously reported to the government, were not made public until it had confirmation from reliable eye witnesses, recently escaped from the colony, Eden said.

"Their testimony established the fact that the Japanese army at Hongkong perpetrated against their helpless military prisoners and civil population without distinction of race or color the same kind of barbarities which aroused the horror of the Nanking massacre of 1937," Eden continued.

He referred to the Japanese capture of the former Chinese capital on December 13, 1937.

#### Allied Troops May Occupy Madagascar

London, March 10.—(AP)—Unofficial quarters disclosed the possibility today that allied troops might soon be sent to occupy the Vichy-controlled island of Madagascar in the western part of the Indian ocean, close to Africa's east coast and in a strategic position to control allied supply lines.

They pointed out that since the fall of Singapore the importance of Madagascar has been doubled and that such an allied move might have a serious effect on Japanese occupation of the island.

They emphasized, too, the fact that a Japanese mission is reported to have been in Madagascar for the past six weeks.

#### JACK EDWARDS FILES TO RUN FOR HOUSE

Greenville, March 10.—(AP)—Jack Edwards of Greenville today filed his naturalization papers with the state board of elections to run for the U. S. House of Representatives in the next congressional district.

Two others already have filed for the post.

The other two are Herbert Banner of Washington, president and Marvin K. Blount of Greenville.

#### Some Stocks Are Higher

New York, March 10.—(AP)—War news handicaps persisted for the stock market today but assorted favorites managed to make a little headway.

#### Returns from London



John G. Winant, U. S. Ambassador to England, is interviewed upon his arrival in New York. He immediately left for Washington to make a report to President Roosevelt.

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#### Tax Measure Is Opposed

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—House ways and means committee opposition to Secretary Morgenthau's new tax program became so widespread today that members began to predict that his goal of \$7,610,000,000 in new revenue would not be achieved.

They said that no one could yet tell whether the committee would accept the Treasury secretary's principal recommendation for raising more than \$8,000,000,000 in greatly increased individual and corporation taxes but they said clearest opposition had developed to less important suggestions. Hearings on the program continued today.

Apparently there had been a considerable change of heart since the program was first presented, for then individual members of the two committees, including a generally favorable attitude toward the broad purposes of the Treasury's proposal.

It was learned, however, that President Roosevelt had been advised that overwhelming opposition already had developed to Morgenthau's program and that many income tax officers and that Congress end the practice of permitting oil well operators to deduct up to 27 1/2 per cent of their income annually as a depletion allowance.

Morgenthau said the committee would not recommend that these two changes would yield \$300,000,000 in new revenue.

#### PRICES FOR FOOD CONTINUE TO RISE

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—The price of flour and wheat today fell but other grains continued to advance because the last half of February's crop reports showed seasonal declines.

On the spot of surveys in 11 other price items disclosed about three cents a pound, orange prices rose about 8 per cent and canned tomatoes about 7 per cent.

The department noted, however, that a new item, dehydrated potato flakes, showed a 9 per cent advance and that new items, such as frozen, sweet corn, showed "small increases" were reported for wheat flour, most chick and dried beans.

#### WPA Fund Voted Down

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Chairman Cannon, Democrat, Missouri, announced today that a House appropriations subcommittee had rejected by a vote of 7 to 5 to approve a special \$100,000,000 WPA appropriation for unemployment compensation benefits to war displaced workers.

President Roosevelt had recommended the direct grant of funds for aid to persons made jobless by conversion of factories to arms production.

#### Churchill's Statement Is Awaited

Allied Nations' Effort in Far Pacific Further Complicated by Indian Move; Japanese Drive on Past Rangoon.

(By The Associated Press.) Threats of a "revolt" by British-ruled India's 77,000,000 Moslems further complicated the allied effort in the far Pacific war theatre today as Japanese troops surged on westward beyond Tallinn Rangoon toward the Irrawaddy oil fields and the fabulous riches of India.

Rangoon is in the Burmese capital, was a city of fire blackened ruins.

On another front:  
1. The battle for Java was apparently a closed chapter, with Japanese forces occupying Bandung, former allied military headquarters, and presumably the big Soerabaya naval base.

Dutch army officers said it was believed the Japanese had landed 50,000 reinforcements on Java last week.

London, March 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill will make a statement on the government's India policy at the next sitting of the house of commons, Sir Stafford Cripps, lord privy seal, announced today.

(The statement may come tomorrow since commons usually meets on Wednesday.)

Setu and now had three divisions (perhaps 75,000 troops) near Soerabaya alone.

Blocked-out communications hid the extent of any fighting which might be continuing.

Aneta, the Dutch news agency, said NEI officials were working out plans for continuing the struggle against Japan from outside the over-run India and declared "new machinery" for that purpose would soon be set up in "certain parts of the world."

2. In the Philippines, a Japanese light cruiser shelled the port of Cebu on the island of the same name in the central Philippines, the War department reported today, but only slight damage was inflicted on the city.

Meanwhile, Japan's assignment of her most successful army commander to lead the campaign against General Douglas MacArthur's heroic defenders indicated that a supreme attempt was forthcoming to wipe out American-Philippine resistance on Luzon peninsula.

Lieutenant General Yamashita, commander of Malaya and Singapore, was appointed commander in chief of the invasion forces, succeeding Lieutenant General Homma, who was reported to have committed suicide in charge over his failure to crush MacArthur's little army.

3. Australian planes kept sharp watch for the expected approach of a Japanese invasion armada toward Australia from New Guinea, where the enemy had already established two beachheads on the Australian-managed island.

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#### War Effort Calls Women To Factories

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—An official war inventory of the nation's human resources declared today that millions of women would have to be shifted from housework to munitions factories in the expansion of war industry.

The survey was made by the bureau of census. It contained no specific mention of proposals that American women be drafted into factories as women are in England, but asserted:

"The maximum movements into the male labor force can hardly exceed 2,000,000 men. A large expansion of the total labor supply evidently can be achieved only by drawing millions of women into the labor force."

The report said that 16,500,000 housewives between 18 and 44 years old represented the principal reserve from which additional war labor might be drawn.