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Hitler Recalls His Generals

Another Jap Cruiser Bombed

Heavy Ship Damaged In Attack

Quickening Enemy Aerial Thrusts Indicate Imminent Attack on Australia or New Zealand; Darwin, Port Moresby Raided.

(By The Associated Press.) Allied bombers striking to wreck Japan's sea-borne invasion forces were officially credited today with battering another Japanese heavy cruiser, while a quickening tempo of enemy aerial thrusts indicated that a direct assault on Australia or New Zealand may be imminent.

The cruiser was hit on the stern and left billowing smoke, it was announced.

Japanese warplanes again raided Port Darwin, on the Australian northwest coast, and struck anew at Port Moresby, New Guinea, dropping 40 bombs on harbor shipping in a 30-minute attack.

Dispatches to the Sydney Sun reported that a considerable force of Japanese troops was advancing overland toward Port Moresby, moving down the Markham valley from Lae.

Unconfirmed reports previously broadcast by the Vichy radio said that a 99-ship Japanese flotilla had been seen steaming southward from Java and that an invasion squadron had been sighted 200 miles off the west coast of Australia. There was no confirmation elsewhere, however.

Port Moresby, only 300 miles from the Australian mainland, would be a likely jumping off point for Japanese invasion forces.

Enemy planes also were spotted reconnoitering islands near Cape York, northeast Australia, and two attacks were directed against Tulagi, on Florida island, in the Solomon archipelago which stands down toward New Caledonia and New Zealand.

Strategically located off the southeast coast of Australia, New Zealand itself was girding to combat any invasion attempt, Defense Minister F. Jones, announced that strong reinforcements were being mobilized for the dominion, including United States and British planes and equipment.

Australia's prime minister, John Curtin, said allied forces blasted the Japanese heavy cruiser in an attack.

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Tom Jimison Testifies

Ex-Inmate of Morganton Hospital Tells Investigators of Conditions There.

Morganton, March 19.—(AP)—Tom P. Jimison, former lawyer and newspaper writer, repeated to a State investigating committee today the criticisms he made of conditions at the State Hospital for the Insane here in a series of newspaper articles which led Governor Broughton to order the investigation.

Natally dressed, the slim-ex-inmate of the institution was obviously completely at ease as he faced many questions from members of the five-man committee headed by Maxwell T. Spears.

As a starter, he described how he was committed to the hospital, where he remained for several months. Two doctors signed his certificate which was filed with the clerk of court of Mecklenburg county, he said, after which he spent two weeks in the county jail.

Talked to the institution by a deputy sheriff, he said, he was given a preliminary questioning by a clerk, bathed by two attendants, fitted out with state clothing, much too large and assigned to a cell (now No. 10 B), where he asserted conditions were

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American Troops En Route to Australia



This photo shows U. S. troops of a convoy taking their ease on piles of life jackets during their journey to Australia. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson recently announced that a large A.E.F. had been sent to Australia where Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been named the new supreme United Nations commander in the Pacific area.

U. S. Army Officer Commands Chinese

Lieutenant General Stilwell Placed in Command of Fifth and Sixth Chinese Armies by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The War department announced today that Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell of the United States Army had been put in command of the fifth and sixth Chinese armies operating with British forces defending Burma against the Japanese.

The action was taken by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China, a brief communique said.

General Stilwell went to China a few weeks ago and served initially as Chiang's chief of staff.

Military officials expressed belief General Stilwell's appointment represented the first time that an American army officer had been given command of a major body of Chinese troops, although American adventurers have commanded Chinese.

Stilwell has had wide experience in China, beginning with a four-year period as a language student in 1919-23. He served with the 15th infantry at Tientsin in 1926-29 and again was in China in 1932-39 as military attaché.

AERIAL RAIDS

Cairo, March 19.—(AP)—The RAF announced today that torpedo-carrying planes had staged a successful attack on enemy shipping in the central Mediterranean on Tuesday night, sinking one merchant ship on fire and scoring a hit on a larger vessel.

Allies Destroy Jap Planes

New Delhi, India, March 19.—(AP)—American volunteer groups and British pilots possibly destroyed 25 enemy planes in attacks on Japanese-held airbases in southern Burma yesterday, a communique from British headquarters in Burma reported today.

Japanese planes were said to have bombed a town in north Burma yesterday and today, causing some damage.

In the land fighting, the communique reported a fresh encounter between Chinese forces holding the extreme left flank of the British-Chinese line and Thai troops under Japanese officers. The Chinese inflicted some casualties.

MacArthur's Left Bataan In Fast Boats

New York, March 19.—(AP)—Small but fast motor torpedo boats carried General Douglas MacArthur, his wife and child and a small group of aides on the perilous first leg of their journey from Bataan peninsula to Australia, according to a copyrighted Melbourne dispatch published today by the New York Herald-Tribune.

The correspondent, Allen Raymond, learned that the MacArthur party left Bataan by night on March 11 and traveled south along the coast to the Panigama island for two nights hiding in bays and during the daylight hours reach the rendezvous with the big plane which carried the group to Australia.

Three days of the one-way journey were spent in waiting for the plane, it was said.

At times, the little boats were pounded by heavy seas, Raymond learned. He quoted a member of the party as saying: "We took a terrific pounding—in spots it was like riding in one of those outboard motor racing boats."

The point of their arrival in Australia, Raymond wrote, naturally is secret, but the planes which landed the MacArthurs and their party in Australia March 17 left clear of Darwin, northern Australian port which has been under repeated air attack.

Burma Front Little Changed

London, March 19.—(AP)—Reuters news agency reported today that no official advisers received from Burma said that British imperial forces had withdrawn from Tharrawaddy, 60 miles northwest of Rangoon on the road to Prome.

A military spokesman declared, however, that there was no actual change in the general situation in Burma although the Japanese continued to test British defense lines.

One attack, he said, was launched by the Japanese around Kanyutkwin, 100 miles north of Rangoon and 40 miles south of Toungoo on the road to Mandalay.

This onset was supported by recently bolstered Japanese air strength.

Nelson Says Labor Laws Not Needed

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board took the stand today that new war labor legislation was not needed, that "we can get increased production without use of force."

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Australian Given Post

Precedent Smashed by Appointment of Casey to Middle East Diplomatic Post.

London, March 19.—(AP)—Britain smashed all precedents today by choosing Richard C. Casey, Australian minister to Washington, as minister of state to represent the war cabinet in the Middle East.

The announcement that for the first time in the empire's history a dominion statesman is to become a member of the home government was made by Prime Minister Churchill in the House of Commons and won a prompt applause from all members.

Churchill gave no explanation for the surprising move, a recognition of Australia's own critical role in the war. But sections of the British press have expressed alarm over Australia's recent tendency to carry her troubles to Washington rather than to London.

During the first World War, David Lloyd George was assisted as prime minister by an imperial war cabinet, but no dominion representative became a member of the government itself.

Churchill said Casey would conclude his affairs at Washington, including conference with recently-arrived Australian representatives, then come to London for consultation before going to Cairo.

There his job will be one of coordinating all the Middle East war effort, aside from actual military operations.

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BATTLE BREAKS INTO NEW FURY OFF AUSTRALIA

Allied Planes Attack Japanese at Several Island Points; Japs Raid Australia and Solomon Islands; Jap Troops Led by Nazi Missionaries.

Melbourne, March 19.—(AP)—The battle about Australia's northern border broke into new fury today with allied air attacks on the Japanese at several island points, Japanese raids on northern Australia and the Solomon Islands, and sensational reports that German missionaries are leading an overland Japanese invasion in New Guinea.

Messages from Port Moresby, on southern New Guinea, said the German missionaries, and their mixed native squad, were

aiding the Japanese on a drive from the north coast.

The Germans were charged to have built and secret radio transmitter and a factory for making aviation gasoline and flaps of their machines around Funafuti and Alexandria.

Australian authorities reportedly smashed one train matter and seized more than 400 tons of goods.

Northern New Guinea, said a German raidery before the World War. A 1939 census showed 473 Germans there.

Shipyard Workers 'Filter Off' Jobs

Richmond, March 19.—(AP)—Approximately 1,000 shipyard workers "filtered off" the late afternoon to midnight shift last night at the Todd-California Shipbuilding Corporation and the Richmond Shipbuilding Corporation, plant officials reported today.

"We just checked some of the men who walked out after an informal meeting at the Todd yard, and they said their action was in protest to the recent inauguration of the seven-day week," Tom Evans, company publicity director, said.

The two Richmond shipbuilding plants have been operating on a seven-day week basis with three eight-hour shifts daily since last Sunday.

Evans said the men who walked off the job apparently were not acting in the direction of any of the unions controlling workers at the two plants. Union officials and professional workers were not available for comment.

Budgeting Is Advised

Babson Says Careful Planning of Finances Necessary to Every American Family.

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright—1942 Publishers: Financial Bureau, Inc. Boston, Mass., March 19.—Income taxes this month hit a larger group than ever. Thousands of individuals, after making payments, see the need of giving more careful thought to their personal expenditures for the balance of the year.

For the first time they are considering making up a budget. Probably, however, few individuals have ever stayed with a budget to the bitter end and won a decision. However, many charitable calls and the absolute necessity of buying of time bonds, more than the ordinary amount of planning is now needed to "make ends meet."

AUSTRIAN INVENTOR RELEASED TO ARMY

New York, March 17.—(AP)—The Herald-Tribune said today that Antonie Garda, Austrian inventor who was arrested December 9 as an enemy alien, had been released in custody of the war department because the Army considers his talent for gun making and his inventions essential to the war effort.

Garda came to the United States a year ago with the exclusive manufacturing rights of the Gerlikon gun developed by the Gerlikon machine tool works at Zurich, Switzerland, which he headed.

Two Ships Sunk By Subs

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a Yugoslavian freighter, the Trepa, had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast and that a large Norwegian merchant vessel, otherwise unidentified, had been torpedoed off the southeast United States coast.

The torpedoing of the Norwegian vessel occurred several days ago, the Navy said.

In the case of the Trepa, naval officials explained, the complete identity of the ship was given out, contrary to the Navy's usual policy of not announcing names by authority of the Yugoslavian minister.

A 3,402-ton ship, the Trepa was built in England in 1930 and owned by the Yugoslavenski-Lloyd Steamship company and its last known home port was Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia.

Lone Wolf Leadership Abandoned

Nazi Military Leaders, Including Von Brauchitsch, Help Plan Spring Offensives; Russian Advances Continue.

(By The Associated Press.) Climaxing three months of bloody retreat, Adolf Hitler has abandoned his lone wolf role in ending the destiny of German arms, it was reported today, and has called back his generals to help plan the Nazi spring offensive.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily (Southwest) National Zeitung said Hitler had summoned nearly all the German officers, including Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch, who were posted or assigned after the drive against Moscow, failed last December.

Hitler at that time announced that his "situation" had led him to take over supreme command of the German army.

The correspondent said the Nazi spring offensive might be expected soon, with the theater and his generals now mapping strategy at a series of staff conferences.

The question of throwing Russia's winter steam roller into reverse still remained to be solved, however, and today's German high command communique acknowledged that the Red armies were attacking relentlessly and that "heavy defensive fighting" is in progress.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters noted continuing Russian pressure on the Kerch peninsula, in the Crimea, as well as fierce Soviet thrusts in the Donets river sector of the Ukraine, where the Russians are battering at the gates of Klarkov.

In the north, Soviet dispatches reported that Russian guerrilla forces had regained control of 6,000 square miles of territory behind the German siege lines around Leningrad and declared that they were so strong that the Germans could not enter the region.

Russian appeals for opening of a second front against Germany were renewed today by the Moscow News, now published in Kuibyshev, with a declaration that anti-Hitler forces "can and must determine the future progress of the war."

From a recent continental base, the German freedom radio said German troops and laborers were strengthening Netherlands defenses and "these preparations show Hitler actually expects a landing by British and American troops."

Gas Cards To Be Issued

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today a rigid gasoline rationing system would be instituted in the east and Pacific northwest as soon as the cards can be printed—which he estimated would be within six weeks.

The card rationing would supplant the rationing program instituted over the same area today through reduction by 20 per cent in the supplies of gasoline delivered to filling stations.

Ickes said he could not say now whether the more rigid system would be severer than the present one-fifth cut in consumption, but expressed the hope that the card system might be instituted quickly because of the increasing urgency of the supply situation in the two coastal areas caused by the sinking and war diversion of tankers.

"We will go on a card rationing system as soon as Mr. Henderson, the price administrator, can get around to it," the petroleum coordinator said. "He will do the rationing."

Operations of approximately 100,000 filling stations in the area were limited to a twelve-hour day six-day week.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued rather cool tonight.