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Philippine Defenders Fight On

REDS ENTER WHITE RUSSIA

Nazi Escape Corridor Threatened

Russian Drive Into White Russia Takes Place 75 Miles Northwest of Smolensk; In Libya, Fighting Increases in Violence.

(By The Associated Press) British and axis troops fought with increasing violence on the north African desert today, while on the Soviet front, Vichy radio reports via Stockholm said Red army troops had crossed the frontier into White Russia and were continuing their advance.

The drive into White Russia, a Soviet republic, was said to have taken place in a sector 75 miles north of Smolensk, between Vitebsk and Novol.

It continued, the thrust would be a serious threat to the important Vitebsk defenses guarding the flank of the German "escape corridor" from Moscow on the old Napoleonic road to Smolensk.

The Vichy radio, quoting German news agency dispatches, also reported mounting Soviet pressure in the Orel and Kharkov sectors, south of Moscow, and around Sevastopol, the long-besieged Russian naval base in the Crimea.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler, field commander, acknowledged heavy Red army attacks on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea, but declared they had been repulsed and that most armorers had knocked 32 Russian tanks out of action.

In north Africa, British headquarters reported that British troops in the renewed Libyan desert fighting had attacked two axis columns and set tanks on fire.

Italy's high command said new clashes between British and axis vanguards "resulted again in our complete advantage," and the German communiqué reported several British armored cars and guns destroyed or captured in the desert warfare.

The German account told of continued day and night assaults on bomb-battered Malta British stronghold in the Mediterranean, which has experienced more than 2,000 air and sea attacks.

In Russia, Soviet dispatches told of renewed bloody slaughter of German reserves, reporting 5,670 nazis killed. Two German divisions counter attacking on the Kalinin front—the broad, general region northwest of Moscow—were reported routed after a fierce battle.

Brest Faces Martial Law

German Authorities Warn Occupied French Coastal City to Prepare for Notice.

Vichy, April 10.—(AP)—German authorities notified the population of the coastal city of Brest on the English channel today to be ready for a proclamation of a state of siege without advance notice.

The state of siege would be proclaimed because of "the existence of elements which might, when the moment appeared favorable, permit themselves to engage in manifestations which could have unpredictable repercussions," the German notice said.

(The tenor of the German announcement indicated it was concerned with subversive activities among the French population of the German-occupied city rather than in preparation for meeting a possible invasion attempt by allied forces.)

The declaration, published in the newspaper Depeche de Brest, said the state of siege, it proclaimed, would last indefinitely.

ALL U.S. WOMEN MAY BE LISTED FOR WAR WORK

President Roosevelt Discloses Consideration Given to Plans for Voluntary Registration; Decision to be Reached Within a Week on Manpower.

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that, in connection with studies for mobilization of manpower for war industries, the government is considering voluntary registration for all women 18 to 65 years old.

Probably within a week, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, one decision will be reached on how to go about channeling manpower into war jobs.

One difficulty in registering women, he asserted at a press conference, is inherent in the number of persons who would come forward to enroll. This would create mechanical difficulties, he said, remarking that the preparation of cards alone would be a tremendous task.

He said there had been talk of a voluntary registration for women on the next registration day for men up to 65, on April 27. It, and he emphasized the if, it is decided to register women, a date will be set later on.

A cabinet committee which has been tussling with the problem of channeling it into war production activities thus far has made only an oral report, the Chief Executive said. But the question is discussed, he added, at nearly every cabinet meeting.

One of the real problems in setting up the machinery, after it is determined what is to be done with available manpower, Mr. Roosevelt explained, lies in a determination whether a completely new governmental agency should be created or whether there should merely be some central supervision of a great many governmental agencies already engaged in allocating and using manpower and womenpower.

MacArthur Pays Tribute

Melbourne, April 10.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur said today of the defenders of Bataan: "No army has ever done so much with so little."

The supreme commander, hero of Bataan's first successful defense, said: "The Bataan force went out as it would have wished—fighting to the end of its flickering, forlorn hope.

"No army has ever done so much with so little. "Nothing became it more than its last hour of trial and agony. "To the weeping mothers of its dead I only say that the sacrifice halo of Jesus of Nazareth has descended upon their sons and that God has taken them into himself."

Treasury Asks Change

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The Treasury renewed today its efforts to prevent corporations from avoiding taxes by means of employee pension funds and insisted that new standards be recommended would not impair the average pension plan.

Randolph Paul, tax adviser to Secretary Morgenthau, began a day-long House ways and means committee hearing by re-stating these proposed requirements before tax exemption would be granted:

1. Seventy per cent of employees of a company must be covered.
2. Benefits to an individual must not exceed \$7,500 annually.
3. An employee must receive some rights to the employer's contribution to the plan when he attains the age of 40 and has had 15 years of participation.

"The present treatment of pension trusts affords a tax subsidy to those trusts which meet the requirements set forth in the statute," Paul told the committee.

ANOTHER REYNOLDS ARRIVES IN CAPITAL

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—There was another Robert R. Reynolds today. A seven pound, six ounce baby was born last night to Mrs. Robert R. Reynolds, Jr., wife of the North Carolina senator's son.

Nehru Urges All India To Rally

Potent Hindu Leader Says Duty is 'To Serve and Defend India;' Stand Taken to Indicate Early Settlement.

New Delhi, April 10.—(AP)—Pandit Nehru told Indians today that their duty, "whatever the results of negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps," was to "serve and defend India to the uttermost."

The potent leader of the Hindu All India Congress party made his exhortation to his countrymen in opening a campaign to rally Indians to the defense of their country—another omen that the delicate, complex negotiations to give India dominion status after the war are nearing success.

Reports were heard of fresh hitches in Sir Stafford's negotiations. Certain members of the All India Congress party working committee were said to have found changes in the original British proposals unsatisfactory now that these have been fully explained. The committee's final decision is expected soon.

After long talks with the British envoy, Nehru conferred last night with Louis Johnson, President Roosevelt's personal emissary.

The Congress party was reported yesterday to have indicated its readiness to accept British's condition of a national government for India, now, with an Indian in the vital office of defense minister, and dominion status later.

The All India Muslim League, strongest voice of the Muslim minority, was said today to be ready to associate itself with a national government also, provided its people were given an effective share of power and authority.

Commerce Secretary Reported to Have Shaken Editor Whose Writings Displeased.

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The Evening Star said today that Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones last night shook Eugene Meyer, editor and publisher of the Washington Post, so that Meyer's glasses fell to the floor and were shattered after Jones earlier had expressed displeasure at a Post editorial aimed at him.

The action took place at the New Willard hotel at a meeting of the Alhambra club, one of Washington's oldest and most prominent good fellowship organizations.

The Star said Jones was leaving the gathering to keep a dinner engagement and as he walked toward the exit he met Meyer.

"Mr. Jones," the paper said, "addressed some words that came from deep in the heart of Texas, to Mr. Meyer, then took him by both shoulders and shook him. Mr. Meyer's glasses fell to the floor and shattered. Several observers, thinking at first that Mr. Jones and Mr. Meyer were merely over-enthusiastic in their greetings, smiled happily at the good fellowship thus displayed—for they are old friends. But with theinkle of Mr. Meyer's glasses on the floor, others sensed that action was needed. It came in a rush of friends to separate the gentlemen and lead them to widely separated seats."

British Subs Sink Vessels

London, April 10.—(AP)—British submarines, in one case defying a convoy's destroyer escort, have sunk four more axis ships—two schooners and two supply vessels—in the Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

One of the schooners, a communique said, was laden with sugar and other stores bound for Tripoli, the axis chief supply port in Libya.

Both supply ships were reported sent down by a submarine which slipped up on a convoy despite its warship protection, ramming home two torpedoes in one large supply ship and also sinking another, of medium size, in the same attack.

These thrusts, which followed closely on the sinking of an Italian heavy cruiser in the Mediterranean, may force Field Marshal Erwin Rommel to move faster than expected against British positions in eastern Libya, a unusually well informed London source said today.

Wild Torpedo Strikes Ship

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that a torpedo accidentally discharged from a motor torpedo boat in Narragansett Bay had struck the U. S. S. Capella, a 4,070-ton naval cargo vessel, yesterday afternoon.

The Navy's announcement of this mishap in Rhode Island waters did not say whether the torpedo had exploded but did note that the Capella, assisted by tug, "has been anchored in shoal water and is in no immediate danger."

The torpedoes, discharged because of a defective firing circuit in the torpedo boat, roamed a total distance of 10,000 yards through the bay before striking the cargo vessel. No further information regarding the incident was made available here.

ANTI-INFLATION FIGHT IS MAPPED

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The administration, President Roosevelt disclosed today, is mapping a general line of attack against inflation, but he supplied no details to his press conference.

The matter, he said, has not yet come to a head.

Cotton Prices Are Higher

New York, April 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 45 cents a bale higher.

Mid-day prices were 5 to 20 cents a bale higher, with May at 19.60, July 19.79; December 20.02.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cooler tonight, much cooler over southeast portion.

U. S. Army Chief Greeted In London



Gen. George D. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, (left) and Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right) were met by Vice Admiral Robert L. Greenley, U. S. special naval observer in Britain, on his arrival in London on a mission of the "Herald of Enterprise." The Chief of Staff was accompanied to London by Hugh H. Hays, head-base administrator, and special military adviser. He had a two-hour conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill shortly after his arrival.

All India Congress Party Rejects Plan

San Francisco, April 10.—(AP)—Wireless communication with Cebu, where a Japanese invasion force has gathered, was suspended at 8:50 a. m. PWT, 4:50 a. m. EDT, the Radio Corporation of America said today.

A fleet of ten transports, supported by five warships, was off the island of Cebu, the War department had announced.

The RCA radio station is in the city of Cebu. When the principal station went off the air it was assumed here the city was under siege.

It was the first time since start of the war that the Cebu station could not be worked.

Air Forces On Offensive

London, April 10.—(AP)—The British air force is now on the offensive against the Japanese, the War department announced today.

The Japanese air force is now on the defensive, the War department said.

General Brett Declares Offensive Against Japanese Will Be Increased.

Melbourne, April 10.—(AP)—"We've taken the offensive against the Japanese in the air and will continue to increase it," Lieutenant General George H. Brett, air chief and deputy commander under General Douglas MacArthur in the southwest Pacific, declared today.

In an interview, Brett said, "the only limitation is equipment."

"My plan is clear cut. I was assigned the task of limiting and expanding allied air forces. "The goal of my limited command is to smash Japan in the air."

Planes and equipment are flowing here at an ever increasing rate. They have to come a long way, but

Flag Still Flies Over Corregidor

Japanese Report Hostilities Continuing on Bataan Itself; American Torpedo Boat Sinks Jap Cruiser Off Cebu.

(By The Associated Press)

Corregidor's big guns still blazed defiance in Manila Bay today, and the Japanese reported at 6:50 a. m. EWT, that hostilities were continuing on Bataan peninsula itself, despite previous assertions that Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright's heroic defenders had "begged" for a truce.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, said Japanese vanguards were pressing forward against American and Filipino positions on the peninsula and had captured the towns of Limay and Lamao on the east coast, capturing several thousand prisoners.

In Washington, the War department communiqué said that American torpedo boats sank a Japanese cruiser off Cebu in the central Philippines, but that on the Bataan peninsula fighting apparently had ceased.

"General Wainwright declared that our flag still flies on the beleaguered island fortress of Corregidor," the War department said.

The cruiser reported sunk was one of a fleet of five warships and ten transports which the War department said apparently comprised an invasion fleet landing troops in Cebu.

The fleet was attacked by the torpedo boats, which had dealt effective blows in the tow before being transferred south from the main fighting area.

Coincident with the news that General Wainwright's men still battled grimly on—24 hours after the War department in Washington conceded the probability that they had been overcome—Japan claimed heavy new blows against British sea power in the Indian ocean.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted that Japanese naval and air forces yesterday sank the 10,850-ton British general carrier Hermes, two destroyers, a destroyer, a patrol vessel, and six other ships in an attack on Trincomalee.

Trincomalee is a big British naval station on Ceylon, just off the southern tip of India.

The Japanese communiqué said another British cruiser was heavily damaged and 32 planes destroyed.

In London, the admiralty acknowledged that the aircraft carrier Hermes had been sunk in an aerial attack, 380 miles off Ceylon, but declared that the Japanese claim of having sunk two additional destroyers was known to be quite untrue.

An allied strip of midnight success by the American and Filipino soldiers on Bataan, Japanese dispatches said a violent earthquake rocked the whole peninsula during the final stages of the battle, collapsing Filipino huts and starting landslides.

With General Yamashita's strong forces freed from Philippine operations, War department quarters studied these possibilities:

1. A surprise Japanese attack on Shanghai.
2. A combined drive into Burma and India.
3. An attempt to finish China.
4. Invasion of Australia.
5. A grand scale assault on Hawaii.

Stock Market Is Stronger

New York, April 10.—(AP)—What brokers termed an oversold stock market today attracted enough support to retrieve fractions of Thursday's sharp decline.

The list displayed mild resistance at the start. Stronger bids then came in for steels and motorgs, weak spots in yesterday's proceedings, and, near the fourth hour, modest advances predominated. Dealings were sluggish on the remainder.

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