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## Jap Invaders Swarm Into Cebu

### Dominant Indian Parties Reject British Proposal

#### Sir Stafford Says Offer Withdrawn

All India Congress and Moslem League Refuse British Terms and India Reverts to Former Status in British Empire.

New Delhi, April 11.—(AP)—Dominant Hindu and Moslem parties today rejected Britain's offer of dominion status after the war, and Sir Stafford Cripps, special emissary of the British war cabinet, announced that the proposal he brought to India had been withdrawn.

Cripps, in a farewell radio broadcast to the people of India said today: "I am sad that this great opportunity for rallying India for her defense and her freedom has been missed."

The historic mission of Sir Stafford failed when the All India Congress party, potent of the Hindu majority, and the Moslem League, strongest spokesman for the 77,000,000 minority Moslems, declared London's terms unacceptable.

With the Japanese threat to India increasing daily, the British offer envisioned post-war dominion status and greater autonomy for India in return for full and immediate support of the British war effort.

At a press conference, the British emissary said that although Britain and China had failed in their negotiations there was a "large and very important area of agreement as to the future freedom of India."

In announcing that the plan which he had brought to India was withdrawn, Cripps said that the status of India reverted to what it was before he came here.

"Informed quarters in London said

#### CHINESE SEAMAN KILLED IN RIOT ON BRITISH SHIP

New York, April 11.—(AP)—A Chinese seaman was shot to death today as he and eleven Chinese shipmates rioted aboard a British merchantman in New York harbor in an attempt to obtain shore leave.

Brooklyn police said the mutiny was quelled by ship's officers and white seamen who succeeded in subduing the eleven Chinese and locking them in the hold.

Lieutenant Detective Maurice Gaughan said the dead man was killed by the captain of the vessel after the captain had warned the excited Chinese he would be shot if he crossed a mark.

#### 54 Seamen Reach Port

Men Are Survivors of Two Merchant Ships Sunk by Submarine in Atlantic.

Brunswick, Ga., April 11.—(AP)—Fifty-four men who saved themselves with calm bravery reached this port after the submarine sinking of two medium-sized merchant ships in the Atlantic.

Twenty other crewmen were missing and feared lost and one died in a lifeboat en route to shore after the two ships had been torpedoed and shelled within a few minutes and a few minutes of each other. All survivors were picked up within a few hours.

The master of one of the ships said he believed that 7 of his ship's company of 37 were trapped in their

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#### ONE-MAN ARMY



You've heard a lot about Capt. Arthur Wehrmuth, the one-man army of Bataan, who is credited with personally taking care of hundreds of Japs. Here he is with his war paint on, pistols in holsters and a sub-machine gun under his arm.

#### U. S. Airmen To Aid Reds

Reliable Sources in London Declare Marshall Convinced of Immediate Need.

London, April 11.—(AP)—Reliable sources said today that American General George C. Marshall and Harry Hopkins, convinced that Russia was the decisive battlefield, were discussing with the British the most effective way to aid the Red army against the axis.

This aid, the sources added, is almost certain to include U. S. air force reinforcements of the RAF bombing of Germany.

The British and U. S. fleets are so busy conveying supplies for Russia's own land battles and the shipping situation is so acute that it probably will be some time before there will be transports for continental invasion—a fact which the U. S. chief of staff and Hopkins know as well as the British.

But the growing establishments which Marshall is inspiring and the increasing pools of U. S. planes in Britain are taken as an indication that American as well as British air forces will be bombing Germany in a month to retard and divert the German war machine.

#### None Killed In Air Crash

New York, April 11.—(AP)—A 21-passenger United Airlines transport plane overshot a runway in landing at LaGuardia airport in pre-dawn hours today and plunged into Flushing Bay. The three crewmembers were injured; six passengers were unhurt.

Quick action by two crash boats from the nearby Pan-American Airways clipper terminal averted further casualties by rescuing all nine occupants even while the plane was sinking under them.

The accident occurred at 5:37 a. m. as the plane, flight 12 originating in Oakland, Cal., completed the last leg of its trip from Chicago.

As the bay's incoming morning tide swept in toward the shore on which the airport fronts, it overturned the plane, and the craft began to sink in a first.

#### Day-Night Raids Blast Nazi Bases

Waves of RAF Planes Bomb 'Invasion Coast' As London Newspaper Hints at Allied Invasion of Continent to Come Soon.

(By The Associated Press) Waves of RAF planes blasted the German-occupied "invasion coast" of France today, capping heavy night assaults in which British raiders dropped hundreds of tons of high explosives and incendiaries on Germany's Ruhr valley war foundation, in one of the fiercest attacks of the war.

The big Krupp armament works was the chief target of the night foray, the London air ministry said. Acknowledging the loss of 13 RAF bombers, German-occupied Le Havre also was bombed.

The Germans said twelve British bombers were shot down and acknowledged that "houses were damaged and there were casualties among the civilian population."

RAF daylight raiders apparently struck in the direction of Boulogne. Coincidentally, the London daily Sketch hinted at an allied invasion of the continent, declaring that conferences of General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief of staff, and Harry Hopkins with Britain's war leaders indicated that "our plans have gone beyond the production stage."

"The contemplated stroke may be of an unexpected character and an unexpected place," the newspaper said. "There is plenty of room for striking at Nazi-occupied Europe."

On the Russian front, Soviet dispatches reported that more than 3,000 Germans had been killed in the last few days around Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow, and declared the nazis were suffering terrific casualties in counter attacks aimed at relieving encircled German garrisons.

Hitler's field headquarters claimed equally heavy losses by Red Army troops "in successful German thrust" on the central (Moscow) front.

On the north African front there was still no indication that German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was developing his expected major offensive aimed at conquest of Egypt and a drive through the Middle East to Russia's southern flank.

#### Litvinoff Says Russian Front To Decide War

Philadelphia, April 11.—(AP)—The United Nations, says Maxim M. Litvinoff, can crush Hitler and win the war only on the battlefield of Russia—not by blockade or bombardment of German towns.

The Soviet ambassador, in an address before the American Academy of Political Science last night, declared the allies should use their united efforts to defeat Hitler in Russia, "on the only front where this is now possible."

"The Red army has shown that these (German divisions) can be beaten, driven back and destroyed," he said.

"Victory may be long in coming if one state has to exhaust its major forces in today's military operations, while another harbors them for possible operations at some indefinite time in the future."

#### MISS BAILEY WEDS IN RALEIGH TODAY

Raleigh, April 11.—(AP)—Miss Annie Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Josiah W. Bailey, is to be married to William Joseph Primus, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., here this afternoon.

The wedding is scheduled to be held in Christ church at 5:30 o'clock.

#### WHAT JAP PLANES LEFT OF A BATAAN VILLAGE



This is one of the series of pictures released by the War Department, showing the effects of Japanese bombing on Bataan. This village was almost completely demolished by the Jap airmen.

## STEEL WORKERS STRIKE

#### Air Lines To War Use

Representative Nichols Predicts Civilian Passenger Air Traffic to be Stopped.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Representative Nichols, Democrat, Oklahoma, predicted today that all commercial air lines in the United States would be operating exclusively for war purposes "very soon."

Nichols, chairman of a special House aviation investigating committee, forecast that all passenger travel by air, not connected with the war effort, would be eliminated to make way for air transport of vastly greater quantities of war freight across the country and to foreign bases.

One of the first steps in this new program, he said, would be diversion in the next few weeks of a "considerable number" of commercial planes to military use, to be operated under military direction by existing air line personnel.

Reports in private aviation circles that this diversion would involve 1,000 or more planes were "wrong," Nichols said, confining his estimate only to a "considerable number."

For military purposes he would not say what specific use would be made of these planes by the Army or what routes they would cover.

Reduction of the number of commercial planes for passenger use would, of course, increase existing priority control over seats, Nichols said.

Nichols has been conferring with interested government and private officials on the subject of diversion for several weeks. The United States now has 17 commercial air lines.

#### 64 German Aliens Nabbed

New York, April 11.—(AP)—Percy Foxworth, head of the FBI here, said today that federal agents struck at the Kytthauser bund in Brooklyn and Manhattan and seized 64 German aliens in the largest group arrest of enemy aliens in the metropolitan area since the United States entered the war.

The arrests, Foxworth said, were made yesterday.

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Slightly cooler tonight.

#### TCNS OF BOMBS RAIN ON WESTERN GERMANY

London, April 11.—(AP)—"Some thousand tons of bombs" were dropped on the Ruhr Valley, the Rhineland and other parts of western Germany in four nights of RAF attack this week, the air ministry news service said tonight.

#### Anti-Nazi Violence Flares Anew

New York, April 11.—(AP)—Fresh reports of violence and unrest came today from European countries dominated by Germany.

The British radio reported four Polish men sentenced to death for attacks on German military transport at the border of Poland and East Prussia.

Greek guerrillas, who recently wrecked a German troop train, killing or injuring 1,000 soldiers, were said by the BBC to have taken Nazi troops as hostages. The patriots were continuing to fight in the mountains, and one group recently raided a post, stormed the residence of the governor, killed him and carried off his guards.

Lansdowne sources at London said that more and more residents of the tiny border between Germany and France "are being sentenced to anti-German activity."

BBC reported also that the Archbishop of Vilna, Lithuania, had been arrested by the German occupational army and that soon afterwards the Catholic archbishop of Kansas, the primate of Lithuania, was wounded severely and a priest who was with him was killed. The German reported that the archbishop took place.

In Lyon, unoccupied France, the first death sentence was pronounced for black market dealings in bread. The sentence was passed in absentia because the black marketers were still at large.

#### Nazis Claim More Sinkings

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) April 11.—(AP)—A special announcement said today that, since a report of April 8, German U-boats had sunk twelve merchant ships, including four large tankers, off the east of America.

The high command said the ships totaled 94,000 tons.

(An average toll of four ships a day was implied. Adolf Hitler's headquarters announced April 8 that German submarines had sunk 13 vessels totaling 94,000 tons in continued attacks on United States and British shipping.)

#### Murray Asks Men To Work

Wage Dispute Said to be Involved in Stoppage of Work at Naval Ordnance Plant.

Charleston, W. Va., April 11.—(AP)—A walkout of members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) halted all operations at the \$90,000,000 South Charleston naval ordnance plant today.

CIO President Philip Murray quickly asked all the men to return to work, and Governor Matthew M. Neely visited union headquarters to make a personal appeal.

President J. L. Perry of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, which operates the huge armor plate factory under lease from the Navy, said at Pittsburgh the strike is "unauthorized as far as we know."

Neely and State Labor Commissioner Satter walked into a crowded union hall where William Mac Kay, sub-regional director for the SWOC, was presiding at a meeting. Outcries were heard.

A Carnegie-Illinois spokesman said the strike involved a wage dispute that was "so complicated it would take an engineer to explain" it. A union source declared the disagreement was over a wage increase from \$1.25 to \$1.40 an hour demanded by some workers, affiliated with the SWOC.

#### ROXBORO BICYCLIST KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Roxboro, April 11.—(AP)—Oscar Long, Jr., 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Long, was fatally injured today when his bicycle and an automobile were in collision. He died in Community hospital of his injuries two hours after the accident.

#### Sales Tax Held Likely

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—House ways and means committee members said today that any administration request for an increase in its \$7,000,000,000 tax program would make some form of a sales tax certain.

Stressing reports that President Roosevelt might revise sharply upward his tax request as a means to help control inflation, the committee members said that in that case some kind of consumer tax—already in

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#### Philippine Campaign In New Phase

Sea-Borne Invaders Estimated at 12,000, Supported by Tanks and Dive Bombers; Corregidor Suffers Heavy Bombardment.

(By The Associated Press) Japanese invaders swarmed into the island of Cebu in a new phase of the Philippine campaign today while their warships and planes blasted at Corregidor in an attempt to knock out the last bastion of resistance in Luzon and gain control of Manila Bay—the finest harbor in the western Pacific.

In the central Philippines, a War department bulletin reported, small American-Filipino forces defending Cebu island inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese sea-borne invaders, estimated to number 12,000, who landed from a fleet of four warships and ten transports. The enemy was supported by tanks and dive bombers.

The communique said the defenders continued to resist stubbornly, holding the Japanese to an advance of only a few miles.

The War department reported that Japanese planes and artillery subjected Corregidor fortress and nearby Fort Hughes to intensive new bombardments, but inflicted few casualties and minor damage.

With the Stars and Stripes still flying, the island fortress was manned by 3,500 U. S. Marines and blue-jackets who escaped from Bataan in the final hours of the bloody peninsula fighting and by the regular garrison of American and Filipino soldiers.

In addition, there was a sprinkling of nurses and troops still dazed by the shock of battle, who swam through shark-infested waters of the channel between Bataan and Corregidor or rode in small boats under a hail of bombs and aerial machine gun fire.

These rescued from Bataan three days ago.

Dorel, the Japanese news agency, said other sea-borne were attempting to find refuge among the archipelago's 7,000 islands.

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#### U. S. Sub Lost At Sea

Navy Reports Submarine Perch Overdue for a Month; Last in Action in Java Sea.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—The U. S. submarine Perch has been overdue for a month and presumably is lost in the western Pacific, the Navy announced today.

The Perch, commissioned six years ago, last was reported operating in the Java sea.

She was under command of Lieutenant Commander David Albert Hunt, 38, of Pounds Mill, Va.

She was the fourth submarine reported lost or missing by the Navy department since the war began. The others were the Shark, reported overdue in the western Pacific, the S-26, which went down after a collision off Panama, and the Sea Lion, demolished at Cavite in the Philippines.

Loss of the Perch brought to 26 the number of naval vessels announced as lost since December 7.

The announcement said the next of kin of all members of the crew have been notified, but gave no estimate of the total personnel.