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U. S.-Vichy Crisis Near Climax PHILIPPINE RAID PROCLAIMED AS BEGINNING ONLY

Hidden Base In Islands To Be Used

General MacArthur's Headquarters Announces 110 Tons of Bombs Dumped in Raid; Jap Planes Again Attack Corregidor.

(By The Associated Press) General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed today that 110 tons of bombs were dumped on Japanese soldiers, ships and planes and other military targets in the spectacular two-day assault by U. S. Army bombers against enemy bases in the Philippines.

Brigadier General Ralph Royce, volunteer leader of the bomber squadron, disclosed that the raiders used a base hidden in the islands, protected by fighter planes, and provisioned it for future use.

However, high allied officials confidently declared that the attack was only a forerunner of more and heavier blows in store for Japan's invasion armies.

"In this magnificent exploit, we see the tide of war turning against Japan," said Australia's supply minister, John J. Beasley. "This attack is the first drive in time it will be followed by vast air fleets."

While the invasion-threatened "down under" continent celebrated the safe return of twelve of the 12 big U. S. bombers which engaged at the Tokyo, Australian airmen lashed out anew at the Japanese base of Keping, on Dutch Timor island, before dawn today.

Prime Minister John Curtin announced that high explosives and incendiaries were rained on an air-drome.

Meanwhile, a Tokyo broadcast asserted that Japanese warplanes which attacked Corregidor island fortress, in Manila Bay, encountered "markedly feeble" resistance from guns of the bomb-battered citadel.

Significantly, the broadcast said the attack was carried out in "a driving squall."

In this connection, Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright's defenders on Corregidor expect the approaching rainy season to hamper Japanese bombing attacks although it may screen attempted sea-borne landing operations.

On the Burma war front, British

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LANGSTON JOINS ARMY AIR CORPS

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—W. Dorth Langston of Goldsboro, senior investigator for the paroles commission, has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Army air corps and will leave here Saturday for a six weeks basic course at the Miami Beach air base.

Bids Opened On Road Work

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission today opened bids on six road projects—but war priorities may prevent work from starting on at least three of the six.

Corregidor's Guns Score Hits On Jap Bataan Positions

Bill Proposes U. S. Seizure Of All Autos

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Senator Downey, Democrat, California, today introduced a bill that would give the President power to seize any and all privately-owned automobiles.

At the same time, the California senator recommended that immediate steps be taken to "remove some 10,000,000 cars from the roads and place them in a vast pool to meet a serious transportation crisis."

Downey said he was convinced that there simply will not be any tires for the 30,000,000 civilian automobiles for four or five years "even if we get all the synthetic rubber hoped for by Jesse Jones and others."

Downey said this lack of tires and the halt in car manufacture would cause a sharp curtailment in available transportation for workers, the mails and other necessary services.

Ship's Crew Fights Back

Machine Gunners Shoot Periscope From Attacking Sub, But Ship is Sunk Anyway.

New York, April 16.—(AP)—A machine gun crew aboard a United States merchantman shot off one of the periscopes of an attacking submarine which nevertheless sank their ship off the Atlantic coast, three of the ship's 38 survivors related today.

The sinking presumably cost the lives of seven men, listed as missing. One was believed killed by the first torpedo blast and six others probably drowned as two of the three lifeboats launched were sent under the second torpedo hit the starboard side.

The submarine apparently was not completely disabled by the ship's machine gun, for one survivor said that when he was struggling on an overturned lifeboat he saw the submarine on the surface. Naval authorities said that many submarines carried more than one periscope.

The machine gunners had only seven minutes to answer their attacker and save themselves before the ship plunged to the bottom of the Caribbean sea.

The submarine struck at 5:25 p. m. on April 5, the first torpedo smashing the radio aerial. The crew managed to repair it a few minutes before the second torpedo hit so that SOS calls could be dispatched.

The 38 survivors were picked up from a life boat and life raft by a rescue ship the following morning.

MARTIN PROPOSES ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SERVICE MEN

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Representative Martin of Massachusetts, House Republican leader, introduced a bill today to enable men in the armed services to vote by absentee ballot in the November congressional and state elections and also in primaries to pick the candidates.

Japanese Casualties Believed to Have Been Numerous; Fierce Fighting Continues on Cebu; Corregidor Bombed Heavily.

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—The War department reported today that Corregidor's guns scored hits on troop concentrations and truck columns on the Philippine's Bataan peninsula, and that enemy ammunition dumps were hit and blown up.

Japanese casualties were believed to have been numerous, a communique said.

Fierce fighting continued on the island of Cebu, more than 200 miles to the south, where the Japanese last week landed an invasion force estimated at 12,000, which was supported by dive bombers and tanks.

Corregidor was raided five times yesterday, the communique said, but the defenders' anti-aircraft artillery forced the Japanese planes as on most other occasions to fly so high bombing was ineffective.

Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the Philippine commander, reported that in the week since April 9 the fortress is land had been raided 65 times, but the War department said that "despite the almost constant bombing, the damage to military installations has been relatively slight, and the morale of the troops is unimpaired."

The fortress island also was shelled intermittently yesterday by enemy batteries on the north and south shores of Manila Bay.

Since the Japanese invasion started, Corregidor had had 206 air raid alarms, the communique said.

Raiders were actually more numerous, since on some occasions when an alarm continued for half a day four or five separate attacks took place.

Batson Given Parole

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—A. Story Batson, who was sentenced in New Hanover county last May to eight months in prison for "an attempt to commit the offense of bribery," received a parole today from Governor Broughton.

The offense, which means the steering of litigation, was an unusual one in North Carolina, because of reprisals and an appeal to the State supreme court. Batson did not start serving his sentence until February 5.

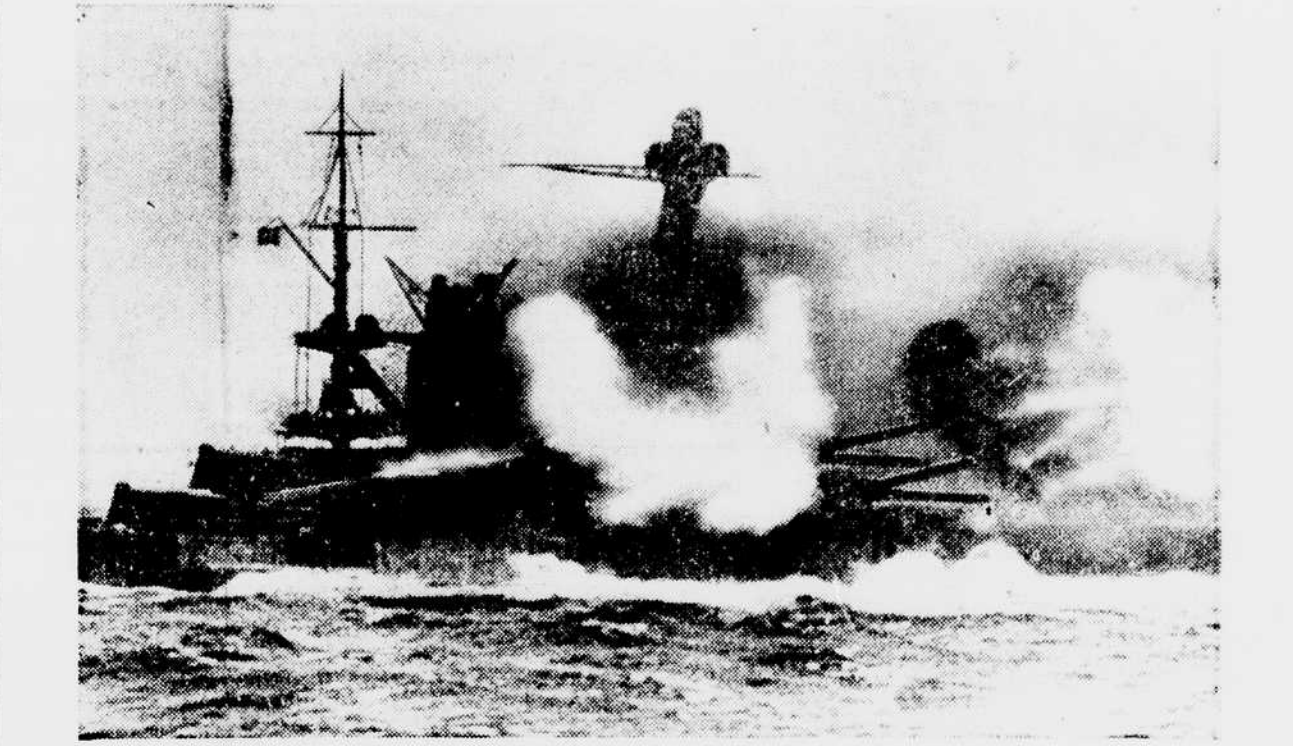
Other persons paroled today by Governor Broughton included: John B. Wallace, sentenced last February in Wilson to six months for violating the motor vehicle law.

Babson Sees Good News For American Industries

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright 1942 Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Washington, April 16.—Rationing is becoming a familiar word in our speech. Now standardization is to be its twin in the vocabulary of our war economy. We "ain't seen nothing yet" in the way of actual rationing or standardization. The necessity of doubling our industrial war production every twelve months and the importance of eliminating waste in luxury and non-essentials will shortly strip us of many things. Our heretofore free indulgence and mode of life, characterized by material abundance, should slowly but surely pass from the American family scene.

Face Facts, Forget Fancies. The U. S. A. has the greatest industrial production facilities in the world. It is also a large agrarian country although exceeded in this respect by India and Russia. Industrial activity in the past has been devoted to the production of goods of a peaceful nature. Almost overnight

Which Way Will Laval Turn Dunkerque's Guns?



This is the first published action photo of France's 26,500-ton battle cruiser, Dunkerque, firing from all her turrets. Return to power of pro-Nazi Pierre Laval has aroused grave fears the Dunkerque and other French warships will go to the Nazis.

R. R. Bridge Is Burned

Sabotage Suspected in Destruction of A. & E. C. Trestle Near La-Grange.

Goldsboro, April 16.—(AP)—Officials of the Atlantic and Eastern Carolina Railway announced today that a trestle over Bear Creek just west of La-Grange has been destroyed by fire last night.

A train leaving here at 6:15 a. m. for Morehead City, they said, found the trestle ablaze and so badly damaged that the train could not pass.

Plans for rebuilding at once were made. The line is engaged in making a large quantity of defense material to the Cherry Point Marine air base development.

Vice President Ed Duchan and several attempts had been made recently to wreck trains on the A. & E. C. About two weeks ago the company offered a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of any persons attempting sabotage against it.

Later, road officials announced that rebuilding of the burned portion of the trestle, about 78 feet in length, would probably be completed by tomorrow night.

Hereafter, they said, all trestles of the road will be guarded to protect them against sabotage.

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—Fred C. Hardy, director of the SBL, said today his office had not been asked to investigate a blaze on a bridge of the Atlantic and Eastern Carolina Railroad.

The FBI and naval intelligence officers recently investigated reports of sabotage of the A. & E. C. tracks.

British And Nazis Battle Over France

Daylight Raid Warning

San Francisco, April 16.—(AP)—San Francisco and the Bay area had their first daylight alert of the war today as listening posts flashed warnings of the approach of unidentified aircraft.

The alert, sounded at 9:57 a. m. (12:57 EDT) lasted only until 10:12 a. m. when the planes were identified as friendly.

Radio broadcasting stations were ordered off the air.

GOP Seeks Compromise

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—A Republican drive to break the congressional log jam on labor legislation started today with a move to obtain Senate labor committee approval of a modified version of the Smith anti-strike bill passed several months ago by the House.

Pressed by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, and Bill Borah, Minnesota, the Senate committee expedited with prospective action by the House naval affairs committee on a measure by Representative Yanson, Democrat, Georgia, to establish a 48-hour week with regular pay in war industries, freeze the status of open and closed shops, limit union fees and curb war profits.

Taft and Borah told reporters that if they succeeded in obtaining committee approval of a "moderate" measure they have substituted for the more drastic Smith bill they would seek to bring it on in the Senate on Monday, when that body agrees a motion to consider a plant seizure bill by Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas.

Thus they said they hoped, with some strong Democratic backing, to pave the way for final congressional action on a "reasonable" war labor policy.

As outlined by the two senators, their compromise measure calls for

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RAF Continues Around-the-Clock Schedule of Attacks, Bombing Ruhr During Night and Sweeping Over France in Daylight.

London, April 16.—(AP)—British and German fliers fought bitter air battles high over France today as the RAF still hitting on an around-the-clock schedule, smashed back in a daylight offensive following heavy attacks on the Ruhr last night.

Two Nazi planes were reported authoritatively as having been shot down in the dog fights this morning.

The air ministry news service said three others were damaged by RAF fighters during the sweep in which bomb-bearing Hurricanes scored hits on railroad sidings and the dock area of Dunkerque.

None of the British Hurricane bombers or their Spitfire escorts was hit during the sweep, the service said.

In one six battle, it reported, a wing of Spitfires engaged twelve FW-109s at 20,000 feet and "probably destroyed" two of the German planes.

The Spitfires were so high, however, that their pilots could not see the end of their victims.

In another, still higher battle, it said, the leader of the RAF fighter squadron drilled another FW-109 which "rolled over and went steeply down with smoke pouring from it."

The service also reported that a wing of Spitfires, on shipping reconnaissance, spotted a 200-ton German torpedo boat in the channel and dived on it from 3,000 feet with cannon and machine gun firing.

It said the boat was damaged in the dive attack, when the pilot kept up until his plane was almost touching the water.

The night attack on the Ruhr was the second large scale penetration of Germany in as many nights.

Solidarity Declaration Is Expected

French Fleet May Soon Be Turned Over to Germany; Americans Urged to Leave Unoccupied France; Other News.

(By The Associated Press) The Washington-Vichy crisis mounted sharply today amid general expectations that France would proclaim her solidarity with Germany and that Adolf Hitler might soon get his hands on the French fleet.

U. S. consular officials urged all Americans to leave unoccupied France as soon as possible.

Vichy's ambassador, Gaston Henry Herve, had an appointment to meet Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today, and Washington observers expressed belief that he would deliver official notification of an openly pro-Nazi collaborationist policy by Pierre Laval's new regime.

Laval himself, now France's most powerful figure, with the aged Marshal Petain only a figurehead, returned to Vichy from Paris where he was said to have conferred with Hitler's agents—presumably receiving the Führer's orders for the future government of France.

He was immediately received by Petain.

In Washington, senators gloomily forecast that the French fleet—once Europe's second largest—would soon bolster axis sea power.

Other major developments: Russian war front—Soviet dispatches reported that Red army shock troops who smashed through the first line of German defenses around Bryansk, 200 miles south of Moscow, had surged forward and occupied a dozen settlements abandoned by the Nazis.

London military quarters said the

PETTICOAT BRANCH PROPOSED FOR NAVY

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Legislation to create a women's auxiliary reserve in the Navy to release thousands of men for seagoing service was passed today by the House on voice vote.

Under the terms of the bill, the petticoat branch of the Navy would be opened to any woman over the age of 20. The House previously passed a bill, now pending in the Senate, to establish a women's Army auxiliary corps and the naval measure also went to the Senate.

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Death Ends Liquor Trial

New York, April 16.—(AP)—Death stepped in where the law could not yesterday and claimed a defendant in a bootleg ring trial who had gone under a surgeon's knife allegedly to put off further appearance before the bar of justice.

Anthony Barrocata succumbed to a blood clot in the lung less than a week after an operation for removal of gallstones which he insisted were bothering him but which, according to affidavits by two attending physicians were non-existent.

On the doctors' statements that Barrocata "exaggerated his condition and simulated great pain and insisted he was in need of emergency surgical relief" and that they would not have allowed the operation had they known he was on trial, Federal Judge Grover Moscovitz had declared Barrocata a fugitive and ordered the trial to continue in his absence on April 20.

But since Barrocata's ten co-defendants have pleaded guilty the trial will now be closed.

CHURCHILL PLANS REPORT TO HOUSE

London, April 16.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill will make a statement on the war situation to an early session of the house of commons which probably will be secret. Foreign Minister Anthony Eden told the house today.

TO RING DOORBELLS IN BOND SALE DRIVE

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today the Treasury plans to "ring every doorbell in the country once a month in an effort to increase voluntary purchases of war savings bonds."

He made the statement to the House ways and means committee, as he advocated a continuation of the voluntary savings program.

SUGAR RATION SET AT HALF-POUND PER

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—A government announced today that the nation's first sugar ration allowance would be half a pound a week per person.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued mild tonight, slight night temperatures.