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U. S. Planes Bomb Tokyo

RAF Drives Deep Into Germany

Augsburg Is Damaged By Bombers

Longest Daylight Offensive of War Sustained With Fresh Waves of Fighters Over Continent; New Lancaster Bombers Used.

London, April 18.—(AP)—The RAF, striving to hammer Adolf Hitler's new Europe out of shape, sustained its longest daylight offensive today with fresh waves of fighter planes while London assessed results of bold smashes into Germany and conquered territory within the past 24 hours.

A factory credited with production of half of Germany's submarine engines, the big Diesel works at Augsburg, was "heavily damaged," at dusk yesterday, informed sources said, although the RAF paid a high price for this deep thrust into Nazi land.

The Augsburg raid was characterized here as one of the most daring flights of the war and was the RAF's farthest daylight penetration of the reich. Once over their target, the raiders dived to chimney height to hammer home their blows.

Britain's new Lancaster bombers, about which little is known except that they are four-motored, carried out the Augsburg smash. Other planes set many a new fire in Hamburg during the night, the 89th raid on that important German port.

Spitfires and Hurricanes were hurled back across the English channel today for new fighter sweeps of the battered, occupied French province of Pas de Calais.

The eight bombers which reached the target were the survivors of a force of twelve which lost a third of its strength in an encounter with German fighters near Paris at the start of the outward journey.

CHARTER IS GIVEN INDIAN ORPHANAGE

Raleigh, April 18.—(AP)—Secretary of State Thad Eure today issued certificates of incorporation to a Charlotte textile firm, a Greensboro curb market and an Indian orphanage in Robeson county.

The orphanage was incorporated as The Robeson County Indian Orphanage, Inc.; non-stock; L. W. Jacobs, R. H. Livermore, Roy W. Maynor and others are the incorporators.

Laval Names His Cabinet

Laval Keeps Posts of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Information For Himself.

Vichy, April 18.—(AP)—Pro-axial Pierre Laval formed a new government aimed toward increased collaboration with Germany today and kept three key posts—foreign affairs, interior and information—for himself.

To assist him in the foreign ministry, Laval named two of his most trusted assistants, Count Bernard de Brinon, present Vichy ambassador to the German authorities of occupied France, and Jacques Benoist-Mechin, former American news correspondent and previously a Vichy representative in Paris.

Paul Marion, secretary of state for information, remains in his post. Laval drafted two departmental prefects to help him in the interior ministry, Georges Claret, interior administration, and Robert Bousquet, police.

Admiral Rene Platon, former minister of colonies, was also named as one of Laval's assistants and high

French Fate To Be Made Known Today

Laval Expected to Name New Cabinet and Issue Pronouncement of French Foreign Policy; Opposition Gains Strength.

(By The Associated Press.) Crafty, pro-German Pierre Laval was expected to disclose the fate of France today amid a highly explosive situation pointed up by reports of widespread hatred against Laval among the French population.

Hailed in the official Vichy press as a "fervent patriot," Laval was to announce his new collaborationist cabinet during the day, and with it a pronouncement of French foreign policy which was awaited with ominous misgivings in allied capitals.

Washington advisers said Laval's opponents in France were already planning to unseat him and that the new premier was prepared to go the limit in forcing the conquered nation to collaborate with the Nazis.

Simultaneously, a new beligerency in the French armed forces was reflected in reports from Casablanca, French Morocco, stating that French fighter planes took to the air yesterday when a British bomber circled over the naval base and airport and then flew off.

French officials said the twin-motored RAF bomber disappeared as soon as French pursuit planes rose to meet it.

Informed quarters in Washington said Laval might be expected to launch a military campaign to wrest

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EXPLOSIONS AT SEA HEARD ALONG COAST

Atlantic City, April 18.—(AP)—Residents were awakened at 2:30 a. m. EWT today by five reverberating explosions at sea.

Other explosions were heard last night. A store proprietor said they were of such intensity that "the board walk was shaking under my feet."

Free French Sub Is Lost

London, April 18.—(AP)—The Free French announced today that the submarine Surcouf was considered lost.

The Surcouf, a vessel of 2,880 tons, was the largest submarine in the world and accommodated a seaplane in a small deck hangar.

Free French naval headquarters issued this communique: "Free French naval headquarters regret to announce that the submarine Surcouf is considered overdue and must be considered lost."

Traffic Volume Is Declining Even Faster Than Expected

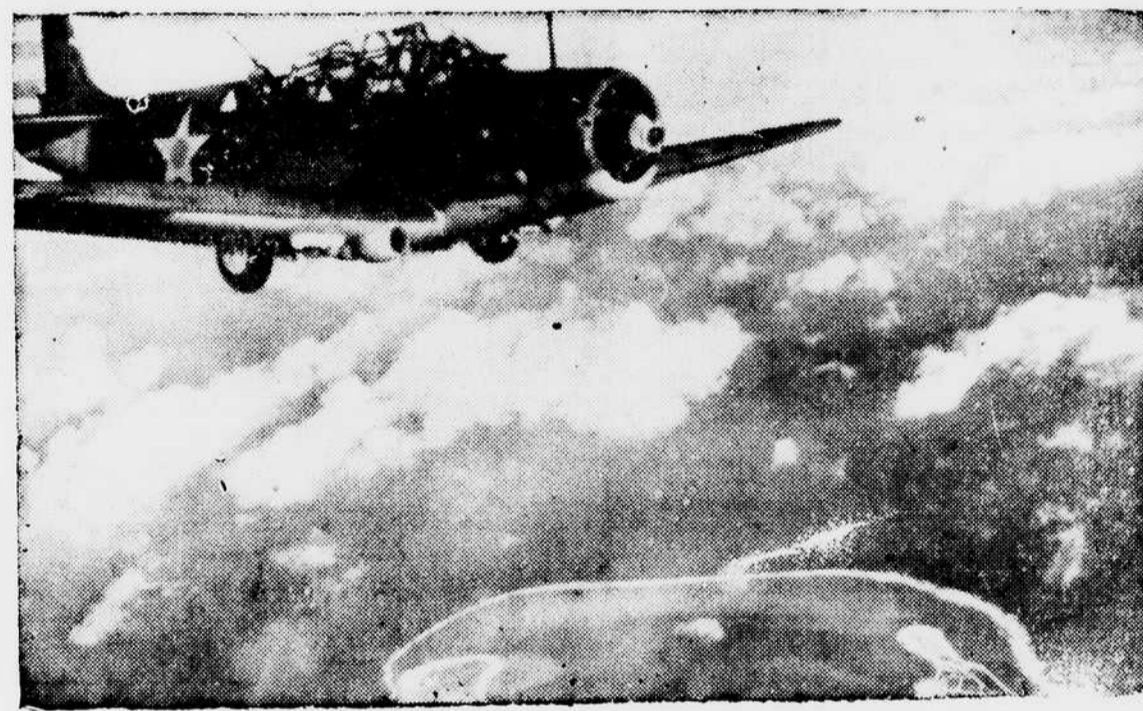
Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, April 18.—"Magic eye" traffic counters placed at strategic points along the main highways of the state show that the volume of traffic is declining at an even greater rate than highway officials had forecast.

Traffic on 24 main highways last month was 16.1 per cent below the volume of March, 1941. The April count is expected to show an even greater drop. By fall a reduction of at least 50 per cent is almost certain. Members of the highway commission who a few months ago were laughing at the department's pessimistic and statistics engineer, James Burch, because of his pessimistic prophecies, are now wondering if he was not a prognosticator in his delirium.

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U. S. Fighter Plane Over Pacific



This Official U. S. Navy Photo shows a United States fighter plane operating from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Emblazoned on its side is the Red, White and Blue star which struck terror to the hearts of Japanese in Tokyo, who thereby identified as American planes the raiders which showered high explosive and incendiary bombs on Tokyo, Yokohama and other cities in the island kingdom.

More Aid To Russia

Lease-Lend Shipments Greatly Increased, White House Reports; All Allies Get More Materials.

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—The White House today reported a sharp upsurge of lease-lend aid to Russia, saying that two and a half times as much was sent in March as was sent in February.

Exact figures on Russian aid, which President Roosevelt ordered sped up several weeks ago, were not disclosed but Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the report showed "very favorable progress."

Early told reporters he did not know whether the March report meant that shipments to Russia were now on schedule. At the time the President ordered the speedup shipments were reported running behind.

The monthly report showed that lease-lend aid to all United Nations passed the \$3,000,000,000 mark by the end of March, an increase of \$1,000,000,000 in two months. Total aid to the United Nations during March amounted to nearly \$600,000,000.

MRS. WHITNEY DIES AFTER HEART ATTACK

New York, April 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, internationally known sculptor and co-inventor of one of the largest esthetic ever recorded, died today in a New York hospital after a heart attack. She was 65 years old.

Mrs. Whitney, whose marriage to Harry Payne Whitney in 1896 combined two of the great fortunes in America, was left, with her three children, \$100,000,000 on the death of her husband in 1930.

Red Forces Smash Finn Resistance

GENERAL MARSHALL IN NORTH IRELAND

United States Army Headquarters in Northern Ireland—The United States Army chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, with staff officers, and accompanied by Harry Hopkins, advisor to President Roosevelt, arrived here today.

They were accompanied by W. A. Harriman, lease-lend expediter in London.

Showdown On Work Law

Administration Leaders Decide to Fight Out Whole Question Next Week.

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—Administration leaders have decided to fight out the whole question of work-labor policies on the floor of the Senate next week, possibly aided with an expression by President Roosevelt opposing enactment of restrictive measures, an authoritative source said today.

In line with this decision, members said the Senate labor committee was likely to approve Monday a bill by Senator Bill, Republican, Minnesota, providing relatively mild restrictions on wages and union activity.

The bill would establish a labor-disputes commission which could approve increases in wages equivalent only to advances in the cost of living or where the increase did not carry the wage above the prevailing scale for that type of work elsewhere. The same conditions would apply to increases in salaries above \$5,000 yearly.

Besides setting up mediation and arbitration machinery, the measure would ban the institution of closed shops except where an employer had been found by the labor relations board to have engaged in unfair labor practices within the preceding two years, or where a change was made by voluntary agreement.

DESTROYER BUILT IN 60 DAYS TIME

Portsmouth, Va., April 18.—(AP)—The destroyer Shubrick, built in the record time of 60 days, was launched at the Norfolk Navy yard today.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cooler tonight.

Important Center Captured on Northern Front, With Heavy Losses of Men; Russians Advance Elsewhere Along Front.

Moscow, April 18.—(AP)—Soviet forces on the northern front have captured a center of resistance whose fall constitutes a major defeat for the Finns, Tass said today in a dispatch broadcast by the Moscow radio.

In two days of fighting the Finns have lost more than 1,000 officers and men and a very important defense line, the Soviet news agency declared. It reported that Soviet troops had consolidated their operations and were now continuing pursuit of the Finns.

Kuibyshev, April 18.—(AP)—A report from Smolensk province today said that in nine months Russian guerrillas had killed 11,000 of the enemy including five generals. Twenty districts of the province were said to have been cleared of Germans in the last three months.

The Soviet information bureau said of phases of other action in a communique broadcast by the Moscow radio.

"On the western (central) front our men in one sector smashed enemy resistance and occupied a number of enemy defense points," it said. "Hundreds of enemy dead were left on the field."

Kalinin front fighters were declared to have destroyed 35 German depots, ten earthworks, two tanks and various weapons in a day's operation which cost the invaders more than 800 men and officers killed.

A Tass report from the southern front declared Red air force squadrons had fought German fighters to a standstill in extensive engagements over the Sea of Azov coast, frustrating a Nazi effort to gain aerial superiority there.

N. C. Congressmen Oppose Increased Tobacco Taxes

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, April 18.—Telegrams received from seven of North Carolina's 13 men in Congress indicate that although the delegation is opposed to the proposed increase in the federal tobacco tax the members will not be surprised if such an increase is enacted into law.

A telegraphic poll of the delegation's attitude on the proposed increase in tobacco and gasoline taxes was attempted immediately after Governor Broughton appeared before the House days and means committee in Washington. Both were included because the governor in a

Raid Alarms Ring Over Large Area Of Island Kingdom

Raid Opens Offensive, Solons Say

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—Chairmen of the House military and naval committees maintained today that the bombing of Japanese cities, as described by Tokyo, meant the start of an offensive war by the United Nations in the far Pacific.

"It is the beginning of a general offensive," asserted Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, chairman of the military committee. "While it is hard for me to believe anything Japan says, this bears out my prediction of ten days ago that Tokyo would be bombed shortly."

Representative Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, chairman of the naval committee, elated by the report of the aerial attacks, declared that "it appears to me that the allied nations are beginning to take the offensive."

Although Tokyo said its observers were convinced "the raiders were United States warplanes, the Army and Navy here said they had no confirmation of the reported foray.

Corregidor Hits Back

Island Fortress' Guns Silence Japanese Batteries on Bataan; Cebu Occupied.

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—The War department reported today that Corregidor's guns silenced several additional enemy batteries and blasted roads and bridges on the nearby Philippines Bataan peninsula.

Siege fire continued through yesterday, a communique said, but its intensity decreased somewhat, and little damage was declared to have been done on Corregidor.

Cebu, the island's second city, has been occupied by the invaders, the War department said reports indicated. The city was reported to be burning but here, fighting continued on the island of the same name on which the city itself is situated.

On the island of Panay, also in the central Philippines, enemy invasion forces meanwhile were being "vigorously opposed" by the invaders, the communique said.

ANTI-NAZI ATTACK BRINGS REPRISALS

Vichy, April 18.—(AP)—German occupation authorities announced today a new attack against Nazi headquarters at Arras, in the occupied zone, took place April 15.

Reprisal measures against the civilian population in Pas de Calais department, in which Arras is situated, have been ordered by the Germans, the announcement said.

Japanese Identify Planes Positively as American Army or Navy Ships; Tokyo Claims No Military Damage Done.

(By The Associated Press.) Allied warplanes bombed Tokyo for the first time in history today, blasting the matchbox heart of Japan with incendiaries and high explosives in a bold daylight assault which stirred bitter outcries from the Japanese people.

The Tokyo radio, in a Chinese language broadcast, identified the planes which attacked the Japanese capital as American.

"American planes raided Tokyo for the first time, bombing hospitals," the broadcast said.

The radio asserted that the attackers dropped bombs "on the Tokyo suburbs where there are no military objectives but residences, houses, and schools."

Yokohama, chief port of entry to the Japanese capital 18 miles away, also was attacked.

Japanese eye witnesses said the raiders were undoubtedly United States warplanes, with the red,

white and blue star insignia plainly discernible.

This would mean that the planes were flown by United States Army or Navy fliers, and were not merely American-made planes flown by Chinese or other allied pilots.

The destructive hail of fire and explosive bombs and fear of the raiders' deadly cargoes set air raid alarms ringing across more than 800 miles of the island empire.

"The imperial family is safe," a communique said.

Striking widely over the island empire, the raiders pounded Kobe, a seaport of 1,200,000 which lies 576 miles below Tokyo, and the manufacturing center of Nagoya (population \$1,400,000), while air raid warnings shrieked in several other regions of Honshu, the main island of the Japanese archipelago.

A Japanese broadcast acknowledged damage and casualties in the densely populated Tokyo region and asserted that nine planes had been shot down.

"The enemy planes approached from several directions," Emperor Hirohito's imperial headquarters announced, indicating that the raiders

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Glad To Pay \$1,000 Prize

Birmingham, April 18.—(AP)—Louis Britz, department store owner, said today he was "only too glad" to have the opportunity of paying off a \$1,000 reward he offered to the first American pilot to bomb Tokyo.

"I only wish I could have been in the plane myself," he added.

U. S. Planes Raid Rangoon

New Delhi, April 18.—(AP)—A squadron of U. S. heavy bombers raided Japanese-occupied Rangoon in Burma Thursday, it was announced officially today.

Docks and harbor installations were bombed heavily, a communique said.

The raid occurred during the night and the raiders returned unscathed, sustaining neither damage nor casualties.

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