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Allied Airmen Score Over Japs

Nazis Shoot More Hostages; Vichy Seeks Reprieve

Slave Labor in Occupied Russia



This photo, released in London, shows Russian peasant women working at their spinning wheels under the watchful eye of a Nazi guard (left background). The photo was made in a Ukraine village, occupied by the Germans, who forced the populace to work for them turning out wool for clothing for the Nazi troops. (Central Press)

St. Nazaire Executions Postponed

Smouldering fires of revolt against German rule in France's Vichy regime were reported seeking a reprieve for 20 hostages held under attack in St. Nazaire, where conspicuous aided British commandos in their spectacular raid on that Nazi-occupied base, March 28.

The Paris announcement said the victims, described as communists, Jews and accomplices, were shot in reprisal for alleged assassination attempts against German soldiers on April 2, 8 and 20. Advices reaching Bern, Switzerland, said that the St. Nazaire hostages, including several prominent residents, had been sentenced to be shot but that the executions were put off as a result of Vichy's intervention. Smouldering fires of revolt against Nazi conquerors were reflected anew as German authorities in Paris clamped down on 11 p. m. curfew and ordered all public places closed in the occupied capital until 5 a. m. Friday.

The Germans said these measures were taken in reprisal for the assassination of a German soldier in Paris Monday night. In the Russian campaign, Soviet dispatches reported that the Red army had broken a second hole through Finnish front lines in Karelia, northeast of Leningrad, knitting six miles deep into positions manned by reserves. An Associated Press correspondent who flew over the long battle front reported that the winter snow line was melting steadily now, leaving bare a large part of the fighting arena.

The correspondent said the Soviet Caucasus, probable target of Adolf Hitler's long awaited spring offensive, was already hard and dry under a warm sun. Non-axis reports recently have said Hitler's plans for a spring renewal of "blitz" warfare had been delayed several months by shaken morale, terrific losses in the Russian winter campaign and destructive blows delivered by the RAF against Germany's vital war foundries in the Reich. Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German and Rumanian troops in the Donets river industrial basin, in the Ukraine, had captured a series of reinforced Soviet strong points, and declared that Russian attacks had been beaten off on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts.

A Russian communique, again stressing the heavy German aerial losses, reported that 891 Nazi planes had been destroyed in the period of March 22-April 18, against a loss of 239 Soviet planes. On the north African front, action was limited to patrol routine.

Howard Case Nears Jury
Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—The trial in Wake superior court of Harry S. Howard, former cashier for the State Department of Revenue, on embezzlement charges was nearing conclusion today. The jury was expected to get the case, which has been underway for two days, early in the afternoon. Counsel for the defense and for the State concluded their arguments this morning, and Judge F. Donald Phillips began charging the jury at noon.

Womanpower for War Industries



One of the jobs at the North American Aviation plant, Inglewood, Calif., which demands highly skilled labor, is the operation of this engraving machine. Elsie Hendricks handles the assignment with painstaking care. That slack suit is the type worn by all women in the plant. (Central Press)

New Guinea Air Fight Score 4-0

'Everything is on the up and up in Developing Australia,' General Brett Declares; Other Pacific War News.

(By The Associated Press) Allied sky fighters defending the approaches to Australia were credited officially today with scoring a four nothing victory over Japanese "zero" planes in a battle over Port Moresby, New Guinea.

A bulletin from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia said United Nations airmen shot down four Japanese planes without loss to themselves at Port Moresby, and that other allied fliers set numerous fires among docks and buildings in an attack on Rabaul, New Britain.

Lieutenant General George H. Brett, U. S. A., chief of the combined air forces in the southwest Pacific, praised the aerial defenders for "doing a hell of a fine job" in hammering potential Japanese invasion bases north of Australia, and he declared:

"Everything is on the up and up in developing Australia as a base for long range operations." On the critical Burma war front, British headquarters announced the outnumbered British and Chinese troops again were forced to retreat under heavy pressure by Japanese invasion columns driving into the earth scorched Yennangyung oil fields in western Burma.

A New Delhi communique said the allies completed a fighting withdrawal across the Puchang river "but not without losses of personnel and equipment." The communique said fighting continued "in and around Yennangyung, implying that the Japanese had swept back into the town after being driven three miles to the south by counter-attacking Chinese troops.

The latest several dampened hopes that the British-Chinese allies might hold the invaders in a "second Bataan," and indicated that the Japanese were now pouring heavy reinforcements into the campaign before the arrival of the monsoon rains. Evidence that Japan's millions still were pitted over the prospect of new American landing means came to light in a second and stronger warning by the Tokyo government against spreading rumors, which it said would be "henceforth a punishable offense."

Apparently attempting to quell unrest, the government first cautioned the people against "baseless rumors" immediately after announcing last Sunday's surprise raids on Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

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U-Boat Wins In Tag Game

New Orleans, April 22.—(AP)—Survivors of a United States merchant vessel, torpedoed and sunk April 12 in the Caribbean, told today how their ship played tag for twelve hours with a submarine, trying unsuccessfully to run it, before the U-boat won.

The only person missing among the 63 passengers and crew members was the ship's physician, Dr. Benjamin A. Price, 64, former county health officer of Jefferson county, Idaho.

Price was seen aboard the ship as it plunged to the bottom after taking three torpedoes into its hull during the submarine's midnight attack. Thirty-nine survivors, in lifeboats and rafts, were picked up by a United Nations warship and landed at Jamaica, coming here later on a transport. The other survivors were landed at Haiti.

Loss of the merchantman was announced today by the eighth naval aircraft

Commandos Invade Occupied France

NOTED AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER IS SUNK IN BAY OF BENGAL

Melbourne, April 22.—(AP)—The loss of the destroyer Vampire, 1,699-ton Australian flotilla leader with a long record of sea exploits, was announced today by Prime Minister John Curtin. The Vampire went down in the Bay of Bengal as the result of enemy action but all of her crew were saved except for six who were killed another who died of wounds and two who are missing.

The Vampire, built in 1917 and mounting four four-inch guns and six torpedo tubes, had been in the back of this war's fighting from the Mediterranean to Malaya and from Australia to the Bay of Bengal.

Gas Ration Coming Soon

Government Officials Say Each Motorist to Get 'Around Five Gallons a Week'

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Informed government officials said today a plan for rationing gasoline on the eastern seaboard would be announced soon, to become effective some time in May and allowing each motorist "around five gallons a week." Details of the plan were withheld, but an OPA spokesman predicted the cut in gasoline supplies would be "drastic."

The plan would be applied by each motorist would be cut off on presentation of a ration book to a ration mart but the ration books to be issued under the sugar distribution plan would not be used, it was understood. A reduction of one-third in deliveries of gasoline to service stations was ordered only a few weeks ago because of an increasing shortage of tankers.

Affected by the rationing plan will be the 17 eastern seaboard states and the District of Columbia now included in the rationing "restriction area" extending from Maine to Florida. Three separate rationing plans have been developed by the OPA after weeks of study, officials said with the ultimate choice depending upon the supply picture.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Not much change in temperature tonight

Japs Gain On Panay

Heavy Japanese Attacks Force Defenders to Withdraw on Philippine Island.

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—The War department reported today that increasingly heavy Japanese attacks on the island of Panay had forced the American Filipino troops to withdraw from Lambunao, a town in the interior where the enemy drive had been held up for a time by fierce resistance.

In Antique, the west coast province of Panay, enemy troops from the sea were attacking defense positions near San Remigio and Valeriano, a communique said. It indicated that the enemy intend to expand its attacks on the central and southern Philippine islands were seen to report that the Japanese were making an air reconnaissance of Cebu, which lies between Panay and Mindanao.

Enemy attacks on the Manila Bay area last night were limited, the communique said, to a few strafing runs on Port Hughes and the airport. There was no report of casualties or damage.

Two Killed In Bragg Crash

Fort Bragg, April 22.—(AP)—Lieutenant Barton B. Heggitt and Captain Frank E. Bragg, of the Army transport plane at Fort Bragg here yesterday.

The seriously injured, Maj. L. A. Walsh, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Sgt. August Mannoff (address not given).

Sgt. Percy C. Adams of Mississippi, and Sgt. Harold A. Wiedeman, St. Paul, Minn., suffered minor injuries, the announcement said. The accident occurred as the plane was coming in for a landing. No further details were announced.

Work Hours May Be Altered To Avoid Jams

By Dispatch Bureau In The Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON
Raleigh, April 22.—Preparatory to the day when the masses of private automobiles will be used "for the duration" and the bus lines will have a congestion problem, the

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Peace Offensive Reported In Italy

THREE MEN ARRESTED FOR STARTING FIRES IN NATIONAL FOREST

Asheville, April 22.—(AP)—Nantahala National Forest officials announced today the arrest of three men on charges of being responsible for a forest fire which started by Graham County April 6 and burned for three days at an estimated cost of \$14,000 and the temporary interruption of operations essential to the national war effort.

The three, all of whom were reported to have been placed in the Rex City jail, were listed in an FBI report to the Nantahala authorities as James Henry Martin, 18, of Haywood; Gus Hugh Holt, 35, of Young Harris, Ga.; and William A. Barnes, 19, also of Haywood.

Nazis Face Near Famine

U. S. Agriculture Department Reports Shortages of Food and Fiber Crops in Europe.

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—The Agriculture department, in a summary of recent cables on European food developments, told today of increasing difficulties confronting Germany and Nazi-occupied countries in producing and supplying their people with food and fiber crops.

Unoccupied France was said to be facing six breadless weeks before the new wheat harvest because of diversion of grain by the black market, illegal use of wheat for feeding livestock and poultry, counterfeited ration cards, and failure of farmers to deliver the quantities expected.

The department said reports coming out of Germany indicated that stringent measures were being taken against violators of food rationing regulations.

Recent restrictions upon the milling of wheat and rye indicated, the department said, that German grain stocks have declined to a level where economies must be effected in order to insure against a poor crop at home this year and the possibility of supplies from southeastern Europe falling below expectations.

Agricultural production in Denmark, which in 1941 was less than half of normal, was said to be seriously threatened this year by the late spring shortages of fertilizers, seed and labor.

Roundabout Dispatches Indicate Axis Member Sicken of War, Awaiting Chance to Propose Separate Peace.

London, April 22.—(AP)—Roundabout dispatches quoting sources in contact with Italy disclosed what may prove a new phase of an axis peace offensive today.

The News-Chronicle's Ankara correspondent said that according to a "diplo diplomatic message" secret negotiations were being undertaken in Italy for a separate peace.

The Lisbon correspondent of the same paper quoted a South American diplomat just arrived from Rome as saying "if the country (Italy) were not occupied by the Germans a separate peace with the allies would be the easiest thing that could happen."

The Ankara dispatch and the exchange of British and Italian prisoners recently, and the transfer of Italian residents to Italy from British-occupied east Africa "have encouraged the Italians to believe that Britain still does not hate the Italians in the manner in which the Nazis are hating and despising."

"Italians feel that the coming of the summer months, when the Germans will be fully occupied on the Russian front, may be the moment when Italians may safely launch their peace plans because the German will not be in a position to check the Italians by force."

"It is a fact that most Italians want peace at any price and Mussolini's prestige now is so low that if the royal family decided upon a peace offer neither the weakened fascist party nor the Germans could prevent the offer from being made."

Allies Plan To Guard India

London, April 22.—(AP)—A British source declared today that the United Nations' objective in the Indian ocean was to erect a barrier guarding India against the Japanese and to prepare to take the offensive when the time is ripe.

The British are developing naval docking facilities in Africa and Indian ports to cope with the Japanese moves in the Indian ocean, this informant said.

Ships formerly on their own after reaching Capetown now are being conveyed to India, Australia and the Near East from that south African port, putting an additional strain on the British navy, he said.