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## The General Is All Smiles



Supremely confident, Gen. Douglas MacArthur beams as he walks through a cheering crowd in Melbourne, Australia. He is accompanied by Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, secretary of war under Herbert Hoover, and now U. S. minister to New Zealand. (Central Press)

# RAF Rules Skies Of West Europe In Greatest Offensive; Japan's Armies Strain To Beat Monsoon

### Premier General Tojo Acknowledges That 'War Still Has to be Fought'; U. S. Landing on New Caledonia Significant.

(By The Associated Press) Straining for conquest of Burma ahead of the wet monsoon coming in mid-May and jockeying with a fresh show of air power for southwest Pacific positions before the United Nations can strike back full force, Japan has a big job on her hands and little time in which to do it. Premier General Tojo himself acknowledged today that "the war still has to be fought" despite Japan's victories so far. "The war's coming stage will be a real test for the Japanese nation," he said in an address covered by the Tokyo radio. "Even we, who are behind the line, must be of the same mind as the troops at the front and be fully prepared to cope with any attacks on Japan herself."

### New Defense Board Meets in O. C. D. Headquarters



The first meeting of the War Board of the Office of Civilian Defense is held in the office of James W. Ladd, director of the O. C. D., and chairman of the new board. Seated, left to right, are: Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox; Earl D. Mays, of the American Municipal Association and Landon. Standing, left to right, are: Norman Davis, of the American Red Cross; Brig. Gen. L. D. Gosson, Director of Defense, Health and Welfare Services; Paul McCarr, head of the War Manpower Commission; former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, and Mayor Tobin of Boston. The plans of the board are still in the tentative stages. —C. P. Phonograph.

### British Aerial Drive Threatens Destruction of Centers of German Power; United States Planes Soon to Join British.

(By The Associated Press) The RAF ruled the skies of western Europe today in its greatest offensive of the war, a strategic factor upon which the whole course of the conflict may depend. It threatened devastation of centers of German power, one by one, in the deliberate manner of the last four nights of consecutive bombing at Rostock, a progress which no doubt would be speeded up when and if Germany gets under way against Russia. It was estimated that 1,600,000 pounds of explosives had been dumped on Rostock. To clinch this aerial sovereignty, the British had the promise that United States planes soon would be working with them wing to wing in a campaign which already has shattered Germany's own 1941 blitz. The prospects of United States collaboration in the work of destruction was not new. It developed from the recent visit to London by the United States chief of staff, General George C. Marshall. But American participation in the offensive was still in secretive preparation. Last night's RAF pounding at Rostock, Baltic port of exit for supplies and troops to the northern Russian front as well as a great plane building center, was followed up by another daylight sweep over the northern part of captive France. British air power was coming as close as it could to opening up a second European front while the Germans still dabbled with a great diversion of their air power, on the Russian front. In his reichstag speech on Sunday, Adolf Hitler dropped a hint of excitement that the war would go into another winter. "In the coming winter, wherever it finds us, German railways will be better able to meet their task than in the last winter." He spoke of Russia as the only front on which the war would be fought—whatever such a statement is worth. Franz von Papen, his ambassador to Turkey, appeared today to be trying to impress that thesis on the Turkish. Reuters, in London, quoted a French news agency dispatch from Istanbul which in turn quoted von Papen as having told friends that Germany could not open any new front this year; that she must defeat Russia before fall because she could not face a fourth winter. (Continued on Page Six)

## Corregidor's Guns Blast Jap Forces

### Troop Concentrations Broken Up and Enemy Trucks Set Afire on Bataan; Island Forts Have 250th Air Raid Alarm.

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—The War department reported today that artillery fire from batteries on Corregidor and other islands broke up a Japanese troop concentration on the nearby Bataan peninsula in the Philippines and set afire a number of enemy motor trucks. In the first communique covering fighting in the Philippines issued by the War department in five days, it was announced that Corregidor had experienced its 250th air raid alarm. Both Corregidor and Fort Hughes, on an adjacent island, were attacked by five bombers, which also bombed small harbor boats. Japanese artillery shells of Corregidor landed for four hours from positions on Bataan and on the south shore of Manila Bay. The communique disclosed also that United States troops who landed on the Pecos, Pecos Island of New Caledonia about 300 miles east of Australia were commanded by Major General Alexander M. Patch.

## Destroyer Is Sunk

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—The Navy announced today the destroyer Sturtevant had been sunk off the coast of Florida "by an underwater explosion within the past 24 hours. Loss of life was small, the Navy communique reported, and most of the crew of the old World War vessel reached port safely, indicating that the ship may have gone down quite slowly.

## Morgenthau Wins Point

### Treasury Secretary Wins Out in Opposition to Compulsory Buying of War Bonds.

By CHARLES E. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, April 27.—Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., has developed, since the war began, a streak of liberality that's a surprise to his associates. There's a perhaps natural tendency on the part of considerable national attention to meet the emergency by the adoption of some pretty dictatorial policies. It isn't an inconsistent view, either, among officers holders who get into positions of authority as outstanding friends of the "people," and undoubtedly mean to be so. It is rather notorious, in fact, that that kind of statesmen are historically inclined to boss talk around very peremptorily. (Continued on Page Three)

## Radio Under Freezing Ban

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—The federal communications commission today closed for the duration of the war all domestic radio construction with two exceptions. Chairman James L. Fly said the order applied to standard television, facsimile, relay and high frequency stations. The only exceptions to the freezing order were experimental high frequency and non-commercial educational stations. International broadcasting was not involved.

## Five Killed in Accidents

Charlotte, April 27.—(AP)—At least five persons met violent deaths in North Carolina over the weekend, four of them in accidents involving motor vehicles. Jamie Yates Jones, 15, of route 3, Raleigh, was killed near there in a three-car collision. John Henry Cannon, of Wilmington, route 1, was killed when a load of lumber rolled on him. He was supervising the unloading of a car. Durant Alphin, 74, and Edwin T. Gill, 19, of New York, were killed in separate accidents near Kinston. Alphin was run over by a truck and Gill died in a collision. Private Raymond S. Lynch 26, of Goldsboro, was killed in a motorcycle accident near the Currituck-land-between county line.

## Chinese Army Takes Hopong

Chongking, April 27.—(AP)—Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese army announced today that it had recaptured Hopong, increasing the advantage of its position regarding Mandalay from the southeast. Hopong is little more than ten miles east of Taunggyi which was won back from the Japanese late last week. Both towns are approximately 100 miles southeast of Mandalay. On the Meiktila front, directly south of Mandalay, the Chinese forces reported they were fighting a strong delaying action against Japanese heads.

## Roosevelt Proposes Program To Combat Rising Living Cost

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that during the war "no American citizen ought to have a net income after he has paid his taxes, of more than \$25,000 a year" in proposing to Congress a seven-point program designed to combat the upward spiral in living costs. The President proposed stabilization of wages and salaries of individuals, saying "I believe that stabilizing the costs of living will result that wages in general can and should be kept at existing levels" and asked repeal of the provisions of the price fixing law which allow farm commodities to rise to 110 per cent of parity. (Parity is the price designed to give the farmer a return, based on industrial purchases, enjoyed in a 1909-14 base period.) "We must fix ceilings on the prices when consumers, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers pay for the things they buy," the President said as he outlined his plans to keep the cost of living down, and added "ceilings on rents for dwellings in all areas affected by war industries" to the steps that must be taken. The President will discuss the program for the masses who enjoy large incomes from sale and lease securities should be income from taxation while we are at war" and urged that state, municipal and similar bonds "be subject at least to surtaxes."

## Evidence By Listening Device OKed

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—In a decision which the justice department claimed had an important bearing on national defense, the Supreme Court held today that evidence obtained by FBI agents by means of a listening device that picked up and amplified conversations in an adjoining room may be used in a criminal trial. Justice Roberts delivered the seven-to-one decision, with Justice Jackson, a former attorney general, not participating, and Justice Murphy, another former attorney general, dissenting. Pointing to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the justice department told the Supreme Court that it was of vital consequence whether a military officer or other government agent may overhear or intercept the communications of suspected spies or saboteurs. The decision applied specifically to the conviction of three New York attorneys—Martin M. Goldman, Jacob P. Shulman and Theodore Goldmann—on a charge of conspiring to cause a bankruptcy petition to be filed fraudulently and then withdrawn in an effort to collect \$400,000.

## Drake Trial Postponed

Baltimore, April 27.—(AP)—The last of the current batch of revenue embezzlement trials, scheduled for this morning, was postponed until this afternoon today because of the absence of an attorney for the defendant. The massive Kenneth Boyd of Baltimore was at Fort Bragg, Va., in military examination prior to his induction into the Army as a colonel. Survivors in Wake superior court said they understood he would be in charge of the legal branch of the supply division. Boyd being informed of Boyd's absence, Presiding Judge F. Donald Phillips granted a postponement in the trial of Fred Brown Drake, former chief of the sales tax division, until 2 p. m. Drake has pleaded innocent to charges of embezzling \$100 and aiding and abetting in the embezzlement of other funds. Robert Lee Ward, Jr., dapper, bantam-sized ex-accounts chief of the revenue department, was convicted in 50 minutes Saturday for his part in the apparent wholesale loot of the

## Finns Lose Many Troops

London, April 27.—(AP)—Nearly 2,000 Finnish troops were reported killed last week in a Russian offensive in frozen Lapland as the Red army pushed forward in a spring advance likened to the one of two years ago which ended in Finland's defeat. The battle lines in the far north were thrown up well inside the Finnish frontier of 1939 and the Soviet troops were reported demonstrating all along the battle front that they held the initiative firmly. The Russians were pressing home telling blows against the disheartened Finns in an effort to knock them out of the war and protect the Arctic ports of Murmansk and Archangel. Leningrad reports of successful defense against raiding axis planes indicated the Germans were using every available aircraft in an effort to cripple the Red army while the Nazis prepared for an offensive. Mixed Finnish and German crews were used in the north by planes which bombed Leningrad, machine gunned troop concentrations and battered at roads, bridges and artillery batteries. (Continued on Page Three)

## Tube Train Jumps Track

Five Known Dead, 262 Injured in Accident; Motorman Charged With Manslaughter. Jersey City, N. J., April 27.—(AP)—The front car jumped the track as a heavily laden Hudson river tube train dived along a 75 foot underpass at the Exchange Place station at 9:40 p. m. EWT last night, speeding terror, claiming five known dead, and injuring 162. Daniel Casey, public safety commissioner, announced early today he had booked the motorman of the eastbound Hudson and Manhattan railroad's six-car train, Louis A. Veranone, 48, on a manslaughter charge. The derailment cut power lines, plunging the tunnel into blackness at the densest point on the line, just before the train burrows under the Hudson river. Aerid flames gushed from the storage batteries in the wrecked car, which left the track with a blinding flash and burst into flames. All but 100 of those injured were rescued from the medical center after treatment for superficial injuries. No North Carolinians were among the dead.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Little change in temperature tonight.