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### BRITISH FORCES ESCAPE JAPANESE TRAP IN BURMA

## Axis Heads End Two-Day Meet

#### Defenders Occupying New Sector

British Withdrawn to Positions Only 30 Miles Below Mandalay; Japanese Warships Concentrate in Marshall Islands.

(By The Associated Press) Escaping a Japanese entrapment sweep, British troops guarding the right flank of the allied line in Burma have fallen back 80 miles to a new defense sector only 30 miles below Mandalay.

Impelled by the Japanese thrust to Lashio, 130 miles northeast of Mandalay, the British were said today to have withdrawn to protect the overland routes to India.

While the crisis in Burma remained acute, with the Japanese invaders now standing at the gateway to China astraddle the Burma Road, a Chinese announcement declared the fall of Lashio would not halt the flow of Chinese reinforcements for the continued defense of north Burma.

Moreover, the Chinese said, alternative supply routes from India to China are already in working order.

Chinese dispatches said Lashio, captured by Japanese mechanized units Wednesday, had been reduced from a teeming boom town to smoking rubble heaps by Japanese bombing assaults, and the allies searched earth policy.

Other developments in the Pacific theatre included:

1. Japanese warships and troop transports were reported

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**JOSEPH M. SCHENCK GIVEN LESSER TERM**  
New York, May 1.—(AP)—The three-year sentence imposed last year against Joseph M. Schenck, former chairman of the board of 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation, for income tax evasion, was suspended today and he was sentenced immediately to a lesser term of a year and a day on a guilty plea to a perjury indictment.

#### Reds Sink Battleship

Soviets Report Sinking of German Battleship and Others.

Moscow, May 1.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today that a German battleship had been sunk by Russia's Baltic fleet.

This was the first Russian claim of destruction of one of Germany's few capital ships, and came in a resumé of operations in which the Baltic fleet was said to have sunk 447 German ships, presumably in the course of the whole war.

The battleship was not identified. Other German warships which the broadcast said had been destroyed included a cruiser, 16 destroyers, 18 submarines and 18 torpedo boats. Besides these 114 transports were reported sent to the bottom.

Planes and anti-aircraft gunners of the Baltic fleet were said to have downed 721 enemy planes.

#### Governor Pledges Sweeping Cleanup In Revenue Office

Steps Will Be Taken to Prevent Recurrence of Embezzlements; Maxwell Held Blameless for Situation in Department.

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Governor Broughton said today that the revenue department would be thoroughly reorganized to prevent a recurrence of embezzlements such as those disclosed during the trials here of former members of the department.

The governor did not state specifically that he contemplated any changes in personnel. However, he said the whole situation was being looked into.

"These unfortunate experiences have clearly disclosed a definite need

for improvement in method and system in the revenue department," Broughton said in a statement. "The whole situation in the light of facts developed from the investigation and the trial is being fully studied and the public may be assured that whatever is needed in the way of improvement and reorganization will be thoroughly done in such manner as to avoid a recurrence of such incidents."

Broughton asserted that A. J. Maxwell, revenue commissioner, was blameless for the embezzlements and his "long record of honorable public service is unimpaired and untarnished."

#### Explosion Wrecks Nazi-Used Factory

#### Nazi Losses High In April

London, May 1.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today that during April the German forces on the Leningrad front lost over 58,000 officers and men, killed and wounded.

During the same period, Soviet troops destroyed 109 guns, 113 trench mortars, 45 tanks, 4 armored cars, 25 trucks and large quantities of other arms and equipment, the Russian radio added.

#### Registration Of Women Cancelled

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that plans for voluntary registration of women for wartime activities had been dropped.

The Chief Executive disclosed this had been done after Paul V. McNutt, in charge of mobilizing man and woman power for the war effort, had consulted women members of the social security board's federal advisory council and had been told that over the country there are more women who want jobs than there are openings for them.

The President indicated to his press conference that the decision not to go ahead with a voluntary registration for women was not necessarily permanent and that such a listing might be necessary at some future time.

Almost 1,500,000 women, Mr. Roosevelt said, are registered with local employment service offices. Any woman can register at these offices, he said, and there are 1,500 of them.

#### AMERICAN PLANES BOMBARD RANGOON

New Delhi, May 1.—(AP)—United States planes carried out a night raid on Japanese-occupied Rangoon, in Burma, on the night of April 29, it was announced here today. Damage was done to the dock area.

#### Chemical Plant in New Industrial District of Northern Belgium Destroyed; 250 Killed and 1,000 Persons Injured.

London, May 1.—(AP)—A chemical factory at Tessenderloo, in the new industrial district of northern Belgium, a particular zone of activity for the anti-German "white brigade" of the conquered Belgians—has been destroyed in an explosion which, according to the German radio, killed 250 persons and injured about 1,000.

Berlin belatedly relayed an announcement today of the Nazi-dominated Belgian government that not only the plant but a technical school and a number of nearby houses were destroyed or severely damaged by the blast two days ago. No cause was given.

The announcement emphasized that the factory produced artificial fertilizers of various kinds and washing preparations for the Belgian market only.

The Free Belgian news agency asserted, contrary to Berlin, that the factory turned out sulphuric acid, synthetic ammonia, and nitric acid for explosives and gas. It was reported equipped with modern machinery at which about 1,000 persons worked when Belgium was free.

Since the coming of the Germans, the Belgian agency said, production has been increased under German direction.

Much sabotage has been reported in this region, mostly credited to the secret armed organization, the "white brigade," seven of whose members were sentenced to death a week ago.

#### Crashed Plane Is Located

Albuquerque, N. M., May 1.—(AP)—A four-motored plane missing from the Albuquerque base since April 22 with seven men aboard was located from the air today at a point 15 miles southwest of Kimmerton, in northern New Mexico, the Army announced.

The plane disappeared while en route back to the Albuquerque base on a routine training flight which had taken it to Kansas City. The fate of the men aboard the ship was not known immediately.

#### Profits Tax Increases Agreed On

House Ways and Means Committee Approves Flat 94 Per Cent Excess Profits Tax Rate for Corporations.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee agreed today on a flat 94 per cent excess profits tax rate for corporations.

Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, announced the committee had voted for the flat rate and also had agreed to retain the present 24 per cent normal tax for corporations with income of more than \$25,000.

He said the committee hoped to vote later in the day on new surtax schedules which are either 6 or 7 per cent at present, depending on income.

Representative Cooper, Democrat, Tennessee, who explained the committee's action with Doughton, said the members also had agreed to revise the excess profits credit allowed corporations on their invested capital as follows: 8 per cent on first \$5,000,000 of invested capital, 7 per cent on second \$5,000,000, 6 per cent on the next \$190,000,000, and 5 per cent on the excess above \$200,000,000.

#### Zinc Output Restricted, Dobby Says

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—Allen Dobby, a special assistant attorney general, told the Senate today that the New Jersey Zinc Company was restricting production of high grade zinc while the nation faces an "acute shortage."

At the same time, Dobby declared, the company has encouraged unlimited production by its own patented processes in foreign countries, including Germany.

He said that after expected further curtailment of civilian consumption, war production board officials believe there will be enough high grade zinc for military purposes this year.

#### Nazi Leader Makes Appeal To Germans

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) May 1.—(AP)—Robert Ley, Adolf Hitler's lieutenant for labor affairs, appealed to the workers of Germany in a Nazi Day message today to make "a last supreme effort for victory."

Speaking of hardships of the past winter, he asserted the high qualities of the German soldiers and their allies have preserved our continent from being overrun by a second wave of vandals which would have meant the end of millions of people.

"It is the duty of all to help lighten the burden of the men at the front and avoid bloodshed as much as possible, for in this war it is not capital, not the dollar nor the pound, which will be victorious, but the most industrious and the bravest people."

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Continued warm, scattered showers.

#### FORT BRAGG TROOPS SENT TO HUNT MEN

Soldiers and Civilian Defense Volunteers Search for Three Parachutists Reported to Have Landed Near Bayboro; All Pamlico County Roads Blocked and Careful Check Made in Effort to Apprehend Suspicious Persons.

Fort Bragg, May 1.—(AP)—Army officers are investigating reports that unidentified parachutists landed today near Bayboro in Pamlico county, Brigadier General Preston A. Weathered, commander of the second district of the fourth corps area, announced this afternoon.

"Reports made by spotters and observers that parachutists have landed in Pamlico county are being investigated by specially assigned Army officers," General Weathered said.

So far, the general said, the Army has been unable to verify the report.

General Weathered said the North Carolina highway patrol had dispatched officers to aid in the investigation. He said the Army received reports that the unidentified chutists had landed about 12:30.

"There is probably nothing to the reports, and there is nothing to get excited about," General Weathered declared.

#### RAF Raids Taper Off

London, May 1.—(AP)—RAF offensive operations tapered off to armed reconnaissance flights overnight after eight straight nights of smashing blows at air bases and supply centers, but the British destroyed a total of eleven German bombers over England and France, authorities said today.

Three Nazi planes were sent crashing to earth over their French bases, doubtless by British fighters which followed them home or circled over the airfields awaiting their return.

Eight were shot down in scattered attacks along the northeast coast and in eastern England, the government announced, and the ratio of destruction of these raiders far exceeded the goal of ten per cent set by detaching gun and plane crews.

Five out of 20 raiders were reported destroyed in the German attack Tuesday night on York.

Up to noon today it was reported there were only slight patrolling activity over the English channel in daylight operations.

The Nazi forays last night caused some casualties, including a small number of persons killed, but no extensive damage, it was said.

#### 37 Survive Ship Sinking

Lewis, Del., May 1.—(AP)—Blasted by a single submarine torpedo, a small freighter sank within five minutes off the Atlantic coast Tuesday and apparently carried six men to their deaths, the fourth naval district announced today.

Thirty-seven of the crew of 43, including the master, were rescued by a Navy craft after drifting two hours in a lifeboat. The survivors were landed here, four suffering minor injuries.

The ship's chief officer said the undersea raider attacked without warning about 9:30 a. m. It did not surface. Some of the missing were believed

#### Reports Say Nazis Seek Air Truce

German Announcement Say Hitler and Mussolini in 'Perfect Accord'; London Paper Says Hitler Ready to Cry Quits.

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met in a two-day conference ending yesterday at Salzburg, Austria, it was announced officially today while from a roundabout route came first report that Germany might be seeking a truce in the cross-channel bombings that have wrought havoc with German cities in recent weeks.

The London Daily Mail hinted that Germany was seeking to cry quits on aerial warfare with England, climaxing thunderous blows by RAF warplanes against Nazi-dominated Europe.

The Daily Mail quoted a Berlin dispatch to a Swiss newspaper as saying:

"It is semi-officially stated here that Germany will call off the bombing of English towns if the RAF will change its methods of bombing German cities."

"The present bombing duel is highly unpopular with the German people," the dispatch added.

But authoritative British quarters, commenting on the purport-

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#### ITALIANS REPORT BRITISH ACTIONS ON LIBYAN FRONT

Rome (From Italian Broadcasts), May 1.—(AP)—The high command said today an attack against Italian lines at the Libyan town of El Meidi had been successfully repelled. British and Greek were reported bottled up by the RAF.

Armored forces made the attack east of El Meidi and left in our hands several prisoners and dead on the ground," the high command said.

#### House Gets Pay Measure

Bill Provides for Service Men, Doubling Buck Private's Pay.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—Viewed by many as a forerunner to the induction into the armed services of men with dependents and government payments to their families, a bill hiking the pay of lower paid service men was sent to the House today by its military committee.

As approved by the committee late yesterday, the measure would double the pay of buck privates and apprentice seamen, give service nurses substantial increases, and boost the base pay of officers and non-coms from corporals up to and including second lieutenants and ensigns. A buck private would get \$42 a month, and a second lieutenant's base pay would be boosted from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

The total estimated cost to the government, based on January 1, 1942, figures, would be \$282,412,221 annually.

#### Drop Bombs In Suez Canal

Cairo, May 1.—(AP)—Bombs dropped in the Suez canal and Damietta areas in an air raid last night, said a communique issued by the Egyptian ministry of interior.

Damietta lies on a mouth of the Nile, about 30 miles northwest across Lake Manzala from Port Said, the Mediterranean mouth of the canal.

The damage was slight, the communique said, but six persons were injured in the canal area. Raid warnings were sounded in other parts of the Nile delta region.

#### DERBY ENTRIES

Louisville, Ky., May 1.—(AP)—Seventeen horses—16 colts and one gelding—were entered today for tomorrow's 68th running of the Kentucky Derby.

#### NAMED CHAIRMAN

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Edwin A. Penick, Episcopal bishop of Raleigh, has been elected chairman of the North Carolina commission on inter-racial cooperation, the executive committee of the organization announced today.

#### George And Jacoby Killed By Wild Plane

Allied Headquarters, Australia, May 1.—(AP)—Brigadier General Harold H. George of the United States Army air corps and Melville Jacoby, Time and Life magazine correspondent, were killed at an advanced airbase when struck by a fighter plane which got beyond control as it was taking off, allied headquarters disclosed today.

Their deaths were announced yesterday when it was stated the accident occurred Monday.

General George and Jacoby were

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