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Planes Strike At Sea Bases

JAPS PUSH ONWARD IN BURMA

Invaders Heavily Reinforced

United States Bombers Raid Rangoon, Setting Docks Afire; Chinese Declare Stilwell's Forces Still in Fight.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Heavy Japanese reinforcements were hurried today into the drive northeast from ruined Mandalay in the Burma Road in an effort to take the war to China's poorly defended soil on a second front which already has been pushed through the mountains within 30 miles of the Yunnan province frontier.

At the same time a new penetration of invasion units inland across New Guinea was timed with increased Japanese air raids on Port Moresby and suggested that the Japanese might be ready for the big struggle for control of the important south coast of New Guinea, across the Coral sea from Australia.

United States Army bombers hammered home a new blow last night at the rear of the Japanese thrust through Burma, setting the docks of Japanese-occupied Rangoon afire.

A Chinese army spokesman emphasized that the Chinese troops under Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell were still in the fight. He declared that "only a part of the Chinese expeditionary force" in Burma had been in actual contact with the Japanese thus far.

The spokesman was that Stilwell had ordered his forces to hurl into the fight the mountains in a decisive battle until reinforcements reached the frontier.

Chinese forces were reported still holding out at Taunggyi, 100 miles northwest of Mandalay on the flank of the Japanese column which drove into the Yunnan and Burma Road, here and there indicating whether they were out of it.

Chinese air patches told of sharp attacks on Kweichow, 53 miles northwest of the Japanese advance, and of a Japanese advance into the Yunnan province in about 46 hours.

A British dispatch from Chungking said the Japanese were attacking the Yunnan border only 23 miles from the Yunnan border. The thrust to India to the west was understood to be a Japanese thrust on the Burmese Bay of Bengal and shipping in the Bay of Bengal, more than 100 miles from the Burma border.

Meanwhile the dominant All India Congress party's proposal of only non-violent non-cooperation to resist invasion was opposed sharply by C. Rajagopalachari, former president of the party, who called for a new national policy and a national army to meet India's foes.

On the island front north of Australia, United Nations lighter planes dropped an attack on Port Moresby yesterday by twelve Japanese bombers and eight fighters and, in a defensive battle which a communiqué described as brilliant, shot down three of the bombers and one of the fighters.

Fifteen other Japanese planes were reported down during other scattered battles over week-end in which United States and Australian fighters downed three Japanese transports, Rabaul, New Britain, and a four-engine flying boat in the Solomon islands.

Cotton Prices Hold Gains

New York, May 4.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 to 50 cents a bale higher. Prices dropped back as much as 10 cents per bale from the high, but gained net gains of 20 to 45 cents mid-day. July 1946, October 1946 and December 1946.

Awarded Navy Cross



Wearing the Navy Cross awarded to him by President Roosevelt is Lieut. Jim D. Miller. He received the medal for gallantry in the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. Miller and his gun crew aboard the Arizona fought off enemy attacks although surrounded by fires caused by bombs, thereby allowing wounded men to be evacuated from the ship to the safety of the shore.

Inventor Abducted

Two Men Charged With Kidnapping Chemist Who Claims Synthetic Rubber Process.

New York, May 4.—(AP)—Two New Jersey men were charged early today with assault, robbery and a kidnapping of a Brooklyn research chemist who told police he had perfected a process for the manufacture of synthetic rubber but that it had disappeared during a scuffle with his alleged abductors.

Detective James Kane said the victim, Samuel B. Sklar, told him he was lured into an automobile by two men who said they were taking him to "police headquarters" for questioning and that when he protested they struck him on the head.

Sklar managed to escape from the moving automobile a few blocks away from his home and his car was brought back and caused sounding of an alarm for the car, whose license plates had been noted by passersby.

A patrolman later spotted the car and arrested its occupants. After hours of questioning, the prisoners were booked on the three charges as Samuel Paris, 39, of Bradley Beach, N. J., who described himself as superintendent of a hosiery mill, and Julius Sisko, 35, of Patterson, N. J., who said he was a machine inspector at a shipyard.

Youth Charged With Murder

Kansas City, May 4.—(AP)—A first degree murder charge was filed today against George W. Welsh, Jr., after a circuit court judge had dismissed an indictment charging him with the butcher slaying of his 24-year old sister, Leila.

Japanese Thrust Along Burma Road Fiercely Resisted

War Spending Reaches Cost Of Last War

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Fiscal officials disclosed today that the United States already has paid out in cash for this war as much as it spent during World War I.

The cost of the first World War to the United States from 1917 until the peace treaty was ratified in 1921 was \$25,739,000,000 including loans to the allies.

Since July 1, 1940, when this country started preparing for the present conflict, the government has paid out approximately \$26,000,000,000 for war purposes. The Treasury paid out \$24,509,000,000 and the RFC and other corporations doing defense work spent about \$1,500,000,000 cash.

With spending running over \$3,000,000,000 a month, moreover, it won't be long before cost of World War II exceeds the aggregate cost of the last war, including expenditures not only up to the peace treaty but also for pensions, compensation, bonuses and other purposes since. Counting these extras, the first World War cost about \$45,000,000,000.

Seven Dead On Highways

Large Number Injured in North Carolina Over Week-End, 16 in Bus Accident.

Charlotte, May 4.—(AP)—Seven persons died in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways over the week-end and a large number were injured, 16 of them in a bus accident.

Felix Chambers, 19, of Draper, and two brothers, Cleo Moore, 19, and William Moore, 21, of Greensboro, were instantly killed and Vince Scoggins of near Summerfield was seriously injured when their car left the Greensboro-Reidsville highway near the Rockingham county line and overturned several times in a field.

Army Bomber Is Found

Spokane, Wash., May 4.—(AP)—An Army bomber, missing since yesterday afternoon on a flight between Boise, Ida., and Spokane, has been located, apparently crashed, near Baker, Ore., Captain Joe Bush, press relations officer at Geiger Field, said today.

British Troops on Allied Flank Before India Drop Back Slowly to Prepared Positions, Chinese Communique Says.

Chungking, May 4.—(AP)—Chinese troops fought fiercely through the night 60 miles up the Burma Road from Lashio to stem the Japanese driving toward China proper, while the British on the allied flank before India dropped back slowly to prepared positions, a Chinese communique said today.

The Japanese thrusting up the once great supply line to China continued to advance "in an attempt to attack Chinese positions near Tutkai," the Chinese communique said.

Tutkai is 40 miles from Yunnan province, but the Japanese, adept with encircling tactics, might conceivably be much closer to China.

One column which attempted to flank the Chinese positions was repulsed, the Chinese said officially. Fighting continued in the Monywa area of the Chindwin river valley, where another Japanese column had driven to within 100 miles of India.

Chinese forces were slowly falling back along the Irrawaddy river north of Mandalay.

Rubber-Borne Transportation Under Control

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Specific control over all rubber-borne transportation facilities, including passenger automobiles, busses, taxicabs and trucks, was lodged by President Roosevelt today in the office of defense transportation.

Mr. Roosevelt issued an executive order conferring on the office the additional responsibility and Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, said he understood the primary purpose was to permit his office to determine the policies governing controls over automobiles.

Eastman told reporters, however, he had not seen the completed executive order. But he said he believed that it provided for "closer control over all rubber-borne transportation."

Axis Reports U. S. Warships In Far East

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) May 4.—(AP)—The Berlin radio today broadcast the following Rome dispatch:

"Referring to President Roosevelt's announcement that United States navy units already were operating in the Mediterranean, Monday's Il popolo di Roma stated that the battleships Washington and North Carolina, each of 35,000 tons, entered the Mediterranean at Gibraltar and again left it at Suez in the direction of the Indian ocean.

Romance in a Blackout



Equipped with infra-red bulbs and blackout film, the roving cameraman caught this bit of romance right on Times Square during the blackout which darkened the Great White Way. This sailor and his girl friend look as if they are enjoying the proceedings. Note girl at left, completely unaware of what's going on.

Further Rationing Of Gas Held Likely

ITALIAN SUBMARINE IS BELIEVED SUNK

Rome (From Italian Broadcasts), May 4.—(AP)—The Italian high command announced today that an Italian submarine was overdue at her base and must be considered lost. The missing craft was not identified by name.

Brazilian Vessel Sunk

Rio de Janeiro, May 4.—(AP)—The Brazilian freighter Parahayba has been torpedoed and sunk near the island of Trinidad and a Spanish liner has picked up one lifeboat with 23 survivors, it was announced officially today.

The Parahayba was the sixth vessel lost by Brazil, apparently by axis action, in three months. Two lifeboats with an undetermined number of men aboard are missing.

The Parahayba, 6,692 tons, was sunk May 1, while bound for New York, the official announcement said.

The Spanish vessel which made the rescue searched the vicinity fruitlessly for the missing men.

The 23 survivors, including the captain, were reported well.

AXIS SHIP LOSSES ARE 1,273,000 TONS

Alexandria, Egypt, May 4.—(AP)—The British announced officially that 1,273,000 tons of axis merchant shipping had been sunk in the Mediterranean since Italy entered the war.

The latest foray against shipping in what Mussolini once called "Mare Nostrum" was made by RAF planes Saturday night. A RAF communiqué issued at Cairo said a direct hit had been scored.

BRITISH BOMBERS RAID JAP COLUMN

New Delhi, May 4.—(AP)—A smashing attack by British Blemheim bombers was made on a concentration of Japanese barges moving up the Chindwin river in Burma and direct hits were made on the boats, an RAF communiqué announced today.

Ickes Declares Non-Essential Uses May Be Cut 'Right Through the Bone'; Reserves in East Continue to Dwindle.

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes told a congressional committee today that, if necessary to preserve the nation's petroleum stocks, "non-essential motoring, boating and flying must be cut right through the bone into the very marrow."

Testifying before a special House committee investigating the petroleum situation Ickes said the supply situation in the east had been under continuous study and, "on the basis of these studies, we expect to be able to make recommendations tomorrow as to the degree of gasoline curtailment which we believe is necessary for the east coast at the present time."

Recalling that he had appeared before the same committee ten weeks ago, Ickes said the situation then "was not good" and "since then, it has become worse."

Inventories of crude oil and petroleum products on February 1, he said were 7,221,000 barrels below what they had been a year ago, and on April 11, they had fallen to 15,216,000 barrels below.

PRIME MINISTER OF DENMARK DIES

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) May 4.—(AP)—Thorvald Stauning, 66, prime minister of Denmark, died in a Copenhagen hospital Sunday.

Ill for some time, he fell Thursday and was taken to the hospital. He became unconscious Friday night and remained in that condition until his death.

King Christian X appointed Finance Minister Orla Buhl to succeed Stauning. Buhl will retain his financial post also.

Stauning was a Danish politician who rose from leadership of a cigar workers' union to serve as prime minister of the government of King Christian X for almost two decades, including two years under German occupation.

Stocks Again On Upgrade

New York, May 4.—(AP)—The stock market enjoyed its fifth successive recovery session today with displaying a great deal of vigor.

The rallying utilities of last week again were the liveliest performers in generally sluggish dealings. A few senior issues were up one to three points. Gains generally ran to minor fractions near the fourth hour and top marks were reduced in most cases.

Nazis Claim Heavy Toll From Convoy

RAF Sets Hamburg's Docks and Shipyards Afire While German Air Force Attacks Alexandria; Shipping to Russia Attacked.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) In a battering exchange of blows at sea power, the British declared today that the RAF left Hamburg's docks and shipyards ablaze and pounded the Nazi U-boat nest at St. Nazaire last night, and the Germans said their airforce raided Alexandria, British eastern Mediterranean fleet base.

The German high command said that in other operations off Europe's far northern coast German warships, submarines and planes fought a running battle "for days on end in storm and high sea and ice" against strongly guarded allied convoys along the supply line to Russia.

With the allied account of the sea fight yet to be told, the Germans hurried in first with their version which claimed that during the attack a 10,000-ton British cruiser was sunk by a submarine and six of the convoyed ships, totaling 37,500 tons, were sent to the bottom.

Several destroyers and four supply ships were damaged in the attack which involved more than one convoy, the German version said.

It was reported that one German destroyer in a flotilla said to have "accepted battle with a superior force of enemy destroyers" was damaged seriously.

The RAF, continuing day and night attacks as spring permits, struck back over the English channel after daybreak on the heels of the night raids.

German night bombers, attacking about 30 strong, concentrated on the southwestern English cathedral town of Exeter for the second time since the start of raids which Berlin communicates flatly call reprisal bombings. The British said five of the raiders were shot down and two others were knocked from the sky over northern France.

Air alarms which sent ground defenses into action shortly before dawn in the French port of Marseille and the big French naval base at Toulon, 40 miles farther east on the French Mediterranean coast, added a note of mystery to the night's aerial operations.

Some observers suggested that the alarms might have been caused by British planes scouting for information on the location of French fleet units which, if they fell into German hands, might upset the whole lineup of naval power in the Mediterranean or even the Atlantic.

Nine Killed In Air Crashes

Pendleton, Ore., May 4.—(AP)—A flying fortress bomber crashed into the wooded Blue mountains near here Sunday, killing six of the eight army fliers aboard.

Technical Sgt. Wesley E. Wallace, Philadelphia, who survived the crash without losing consciousness, struggled in a dazed condition through two miles of forest to reach a highway and give a motorist word of the tragedy.

Rescue crews from the Pendleton army air base, from where the Boeing B-17 plane had taken off on a training flight, were directed to the scene by Wallace, and found Sgt. John H. Kerr, Littleton, Mass., unconscious and in a critical condition from spinal injuries.

Tacoma, Wash., May 4.—A U. S. army bomber crashed at McChord Field, yesterday, killing three men and seriously injuring the fourth, the army reported.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cooler tonight with thunder-showers extreme east portion.