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Madagascar Invasion Resisted

Japs Invade China From Burma

TIME OUT FOR SOME SODA POP



Visiting Fort Bragg, N. C., on a tour of inspection, General George C. Marshall (right), United States Army chief of staff, introduced Sir John Dill (left), British chief of staff, to the delicacies of an American soda fountain.

Tokyo Says Yungchang Is Bombed

In Less Than Two Months, Japanese Invaders Have Driven From Rangoon to China's Back Door, 90 Miles Past Lashio.

Chungking, May 5.—(AP)—Japanese troops invaded China's Yunnan province today after driving up the Burma Road and crossing the shallow Wanting river, 670 miles from this capital, a military spokesman said.

Bitter fighting is in progress in the area around the border town of Wanting, still in Chinese hands, the spokesman reported. He declared that destruction of the Chinese section of the Burma Road, which winds through sheer mountains and raging gorges, had not yet been necessary but that the Chinese would carry out their scorched earth policy if necessary.

(The Japanese claimed their air force already had carried the war far into Yunnan province with a heavy raid on Yungchang, about 100 miles inside the province where the Burma Road crosses the upper reaches of the great Mekong river. A dispatch to the Tokyo newspaper Omi, indicating that an air base had been established there, said the raiders destroyed nine planes, seven of which were grounded. The dispatch added that the town had been left in flames.)

Thus in little less than two months, the Japanese invaders of Burma had driven 500 miles from Rangoon to China's back door. The great Burma port, which the Japanese have since utilized as their main supply base, fell March 8.

The advance to Wanting represented a 90-mile drive along the Burma supply road from Lashio, the railhead which was wrested from the outnumbered and outgunned Chinese army commanded by United States Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell.

The army spokesman described the Japanese force as "small." The vanguard, however, appeared to pose a distant threat to the Chinese capital of Chungking, some 670 miles away across high mountains and deep gorges.

Typical War Mother



Mrs. Elizabeth Bowell

This is Mrs. Elizabeth Bowell, of Camden, N. J., who has two sons in the armed forces and another soon to be inducted. She was awarded the title of "Typical American Mother" by the Girl Scouts of Camden, N. J. Mrs. Bowell is shown at her spring fabrication machine at the RCA Manufacturing Co., where she is employed.

(Central Press)

RAF Bombs Skoda Plant At Pilsen

Widespread Air Raids Reach to Former Czechoslovakia, Southwest Germany and Vichy; Reds May be Launching Major Drive.

(By The Associated Press.)

British warplanes heavily bombed the great skoda armament works at Pilsen in Nazi-occupied former Czechoslovakia before dawn today, dropped flares and leaflets over Vichy, capital of unoccupied France, and attacked the 14 war foundries city of Stuttgart in southwest Germany.

Stuttgart (population 500,000) is the reported headquarters of the Bosch electrical works, the Daimler and Benz airplane engine factories, and other vital military targets.

A German broadcast said that the RAF "attacked" Vichy with incendiary bombs and that French anti-aircraft batteries went into action, but Vichy dispatches said the planes merely dropped pamphlets and illuminating flares.

The raiders also flew over Clermont-Ferrand, 30 miles from Vichy.

Other RAF planes, carrying out a widespread series of night attacks, pounded the docks at Nantes, France, and bombed shipping off the coast of Holland and Norway.

German night raiders struck back with a 30-plane attack on the English south coast, dropping incendiaries and high explosive bombs on Cowes and Eastbourne.

On the Russian war front, attacks by the Red army were reported in the Kurak, Kharkov and Taganrog sectors of the southern front in circumstances which suggested a major soviet offensive might have started before the Germans were able to launch one of their own.

The attacks, directed by Marshal Semyon Timoshenko, were reported from Stochholm quarters. Timoshenko previously has been reported leading large forces on Russia's southwest front, and it was noted that Moscow dispatches of yesterday said he sent this special message to residents of the German-occupied Ukraine:

"The Red army is on its way to liberate you! Meanwhile Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted that the Nazis had beaten off attacks by "strong enemy forces" and declared that "extensive offensive operations by German troops for the improvement of their own positions were carried out."

With signs of Hitler's long-awaited grand offensive still missing, German newspapers took a grimmer tone and exhorted German war workers to speed up production for a "final gigantic struggle."

FAYETTEVILLE WOMEN LAUNCH VICE CRUSADE

Fayetteville, May 5.—(AP)—Fayetteville law enforcement officers were warned today that if vice conditions were not cleaned up by May 15 the Women's Committee on Health and Education for Defense would ask the federal authorities to intervene.

At a mass meeting attended by more than 400 of the municipality's leaders, the text of an ultimatum passed at a previous meeting, was announced.

Little Change In Stock Mart

New York, May 5.—(AP)—Buyers seemed fairly confident in today's stock market but leaders generally traveled a narrowly irregular path. Dealings were light from the start, with interest in the utilities and rails waning. Small gains were plentiful near the fourth hour although numerous issues were off a trifle or unchanged.

88 Survive Sinkings

Twenty-Three Persons Lose Lives in Two Torpedos off Atlantic Coast.

Cocoa, Fla., May 5.—(AP)—Eighty-eight survivors from two torpedoed freighters—one British and one of the United Nations—have reached safety with spectacular stories of a heroic naval rescue at sea and of a gun crew that risked death to keep firing upon an axis submarine.

The Navy revealed today that the two vessels fell victim to torpedoes off the eastern United States coast early Sunday morning. Twenty-three men lost their lives in the sinkings.

Fifteen of them died when a torpedo struck the Libby as it was being lowered over the port side of the medium-sized United Nations freighter. Another of the ship's crew was killed, and 46 survivors were brought to an east coast naval air station.

Five were killed in the engine room of the medium-sized British freighter, from which 42 survivors were brought to the naval station.

Two naval men, Ensign John E. Gray of Champaign, Ill., and Radioman James Wesley White of Jacksonville, Fla., were heroes in rescuing Thomas Jones, 27-year-old able bodied seaman of Birkenhead, England.

U. S. Bombers Raid Jap Base

New Delhi, May 5.—(AP)—Huge United States bombers drove through a heavy thunder storm early today and attacked a major Japanese air base just north of Rangoon where 70 enemy aircraft had been sighted.

The great multi-engine craft of Major General Lewis H. Brereton's command dodged a concentration of searchlights and ground fire to drop 250 and 500-pound bombs which caused many fires and large explosions at Mingaladon airdrom, a communique said.

Eight Japanese fighter planes were observed, but they stayed clear of the gun-bristling raiders.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Slightly cooler tonight.

Heads AEF in Africa



Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell, chief of the American mission in North Africa, disclosed that American service troops in increasing numbers are supporting the main British desert army and air forces against units of German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. One officer of the American mission is Major Elliot Roosevelt, second son of President Roosevelt.

(Central Press)

Bitter Fight For Island Is Raging

Pétain and Darlan Reported to Have Urged Troops to Resist Attack; British Report Little Resistance to Landing.

(By The Associated Press) Bitter fighting was reported raging today on the north end of 1,000-mile-long French Madagascar, the world's fourth largest island, as British sea-borne "invasion" forces attacked toward the Diego Suarez naval base after a surprise landing.

France's 86-year old Chief of State Pétain and Admiral Darlan, anti-British chief of French armed forces, were reported to have sent a message to the commander in chief at Madagascar urging the troops to "resist attack and defend the honor of the French flag."

London military quarters said the British, striking to forestall a threatened axis attempt to seize the strategic territory, had captured a French battery. A German broadcast said there had been French casualties and that fighting continued more than 36 hours after British troops landed early yesterday at Courrier Bay, ten miles across the isthmus from Diego Suarez.

The broadcast said it was not known yet whether the British landing operation had succeeded.

DNE, the German news agency, reported that a French submarine

London, May 5.—(AP)—British commandos, marines and infantry landed on the northern tip of Madagascar today, and a Vichy news agency broadcast that they were attacking the strong French naval base of Diego Suarez from the rear while warships and squadrons of airplanes assaulted the harbor frontally.

and a tender had been sunk at Madagascar resisting the British landing.

French reservists were said to have been called up, with orders to fight the British.

The island, 800 miles off the east coast of South Africa, commands all the sea lanes to the Middle East, India and China.

A British war office communique said the landing force consisted of regular troops and a small contingent of "special service troops"—identified as commandos—and met little opposition.

The Washington statement last night declared the dawn landing was made with "the full approval and support of the government of the United States" and hinted at active American military aid against resistance.

Nazi Threat To Hitler

Group of German Generals Reported to Have Warned Fuehrer He Must Win Soon.

London, May 5.—(AP)—A group of Adolf Hitler's generals headed by Field Marshal Guderian was reported today to have told the Fuehrer bluntly that if his 1942 campaign in Russia fails, they will try to institute for Germany an alternate plan of their own calling for abolition of the Nazi system.

A responsible source with unusually reliable information about conditions inside Germany said Hitler had accepted this challenge calmly and had appointed von Brauchitsch a member of the supreme command. Hitler relieved von Brauchitsch as commander in chief last December 21 and announced that he himself relying on his "intuition," had assumed direct command of his army.

Hamlet Chief Of Police Shot To Death By Negro

Posse Hunts Will Dawkins, Who Killed Chief J. B. Fallow and Four Negroes and Wounded Two Others at Hamlet.

Johnston Succumbs

Ashville, May 5.—(AP)—Judge A. Hall Johnston, special superior court judge, died at an Asheville hospital early today following a heart attack suffered yesterday afternoon. He was 60 years old.

Considered one of the most able trial lawyers in this part of the state, Judge Johnston was first appointed to the superior court bench in 1937 by Governor Hoy and in 1941 by Governor Broughton.

Judge Johnston collapsed as he was entering the office of his physician here yesterday afternoon, shortly after he said good bye to his youngest son, William, who was to leave Thursday to enter the U. S. Army.

Four States Hold Voting

Candidates to be Picked Today in Alabama, Florida, Indiana and South Dakota.

(By The Associated Press) Voters of Alabama, Florida, Indiana and South Dakota expressed their choice for candidates today in primary elections marked by an absence of international issues and little disagreement over domestic questions.

The polling is expected to show a decline in interest in politics due to the preoccupation with the war. The decline was shown last month in the Illinois election, the country's first wartime primary.

In the four states, candidates will be chosen for 28 House seats and two in the Senate. Senator Bankhead of Alabama has no opposition. Senator Bulow of South Dakota is seeking Democratic renomination with a pledge of support for President Roosevelt on the war program but a reservation to oppose any domestic policies he believes unsound. Thomas Berry, state party chairman and an all-out Roosevelt supporter, and Edward Prechal, attorney and former state legislator, are running against Bulow, who has remained

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Japan Talks Of Long War

But Stewart Says Gloomy Forebodings are Sensed as Basis for Suggestion.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Centr. Press Columnist
Washington, May 6.—Gloomy forebodings as to the future, rather than grim determination, are sensed by international diagnosticians as responsible for Japan's suggestion of the possibility of warfare's continuation throughout another century or more.

Nippon goes into a conflict with lots of pep but its staying qualities aren't very good, probably because its scanty resources play out pretty fast and it realizes that it's got to win in jig time or presently be licked flatter than a pancake.

The military crowd's completely reckless. Starting a fight's an almost overpowering urge with 'em, and, once in it, they positively insist on dying in preference to defeat. The average Jap, though, likes to go on living as long as he can. And there are millions more average Japs than there are Jap militarists. The civil government (what we call the administration here) represents mainly the

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Nelson Urges Uniformity In State Laws

Washington, May 5.—(AP)—Douglas M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, demanded of state government representatives today removal of non-essential laws and regulations which hamper transportation or conservation of war materials.

Speaking to a conference of 230 state representatives called by President Roosevelt, the WPB head said "we are repeatedly finding that our struggle to save these materials is being tripped up by some non-essential local or state law, not only in transportation or building construction but all across the board."

Nelson said one of the principal problems was the confusion of state and local laws which limit the size, cargo, and other features of commercial trucking.