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Americans Capture Maknassy

DAMAGED MADAME X GETS FACIAL



AT AN ADVANCED AIR BASE in the South Pacific, an Army Air Force ground crew is shown repairing damage on the Madame X, a big U. S. bomber that suffered damage in a recent raid on the Japanese. The U. S. Amazon has been in ten bombing missions on the Japanese, and a warship during Midway Battle. (International)

Japs Are Cleared From Mambare

Report Says Jap Losses Are Heavy

At Least 700 Japs Killed, 100 Taken Prisoner, Others Die in Swamps

(By The Associated Press) American and Australian jungle fighters were officially credited today with killing at least 700 Japanese troops, capturing more than 100 prisoners and clearing the enemy from the entire Mambare river valley on the northeast coast of New Guinea.

A communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said many other Japanese were believed to have died of starvation and disease in the swamps where they hid after a disastrous landing attempt on December 13, 1942.

The Mambare valley lies 40 miles north of Buna, scene of the allied breakthrough against the Japanese in the New Guinea campaign, and 100 miles below the Japanese base at Salamona which is now the target of a United Nations offensive.

In the days, allied airmen continued to pound Japan's vast ring of bases above Australia, dropping 2,000-pound bombs on the airfield at Gwede, New Britain, and bombing and machine gunning the enemy-held towns of Lae, Finschhafen and Mubo in New Guinea.

On the China front, imperial Tokyo headquarters made an unconfirmed claim that Japan's invasion armies had lost only 192 killed while the Chinese lost 10,500 killed and 25,269 captured and 76,590 voluntarily surrendered up to mid-March in Hunan and northern Chinese provinces.

On the Italian front, RAF bombers began last night's raid on the city of Bari in the Adriatic, an important port of the Italian navy, and bombed enemy positions in other districts.

Meanwhile, Navy Secretary Frank Knox held a press conference in Washington that the Pacific theater was very quiet at the moment but "it may be the calm before the storm."

Bus Driver Dies In Crash

Elizabeth City, March 22.—(AP) The person who killed and mangled himself yesterday when a Norfolk Southern bus on route 2500 overturned, was Elizabeth City, N. C., a tree trimmer.

Fayetteville Hotel Faces OPA Charge

Raleigh, March 22.—(AP)—State OPA Director T. S. Johnson said today the Prince Charles Hotel of Fayetteville had been condemned from alleged violations of rent control regulations. He added that the hotel also allegedly filed a false registration statement for face period rentals.

Norman Shepard, state OPA attorney, obtained the restraining order from Federal District J. M. Shepley. A hearing was set before Judge Alexander in New Bern on April 5.

Johnson said that "this is the first of what may be a series of such actions. We intend to keep hotels in rent areas, mostly near Army camps—in line for benefit of members of the armed forces and their relatives and friends who visit them."

McNUTT DISCUSSES MANPOWER PROBLEM



DIRECTOR OF THE MANPOWER COMMISSION Paul V. McNutt, is shown in his Washington office, as he discussed the complex manpower problem with farm, labor and manufacturing officials. Standing, l. to r.: Philip Murray, C.I.O. president; Eric Johnston, head of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; James Patton, F. Crawford, president, National Farmers' Union, and A. S. Goss of the National Grange. Seated, l. to r.: F. Crawford, president, National Ass'n of Manufacturers; Paul V. McNutt; A. O'Neal, president Farm Bureau Federation; and William Green, president American Federation of Labor. (International)

Axis Plans New Order

Berlin and Tokyo Radios Announce Full Agreement On Post-War Plans

(By The Associated Press) The Berlin and Tokyo radios announced with enthusiasm last night completion of conferences in Tokyo by representatives of Japan, Germany and Italy, at which, it was said, complete agreement had been reached on "creation of a new world order based on justice and guaranteeing eternal world peace."

The broadcast was received by the Associated Press.

A cable broadcast from Tokyo reported that the Japanese had participated in the talks, the absence of any special envoys from the European axis powers made it appear that little more than routine diplomatic exchange actually had taken place.

At the same time axis and neutral news indicated the diplomatic job of setting in Europe, where German and Italian committees were working out details of a German plan to take over the French Government. It was reported to have mentioned Vichy Laval to a conference in strained relations between the two countries.

LARDEN IS NAMED TO STATE BOARD

Raleigh, March 22.—(AP) W. A. Larden, electrical inspector of the city of Raleigh, was appointed by Governor Brantley today as a member of the State board of examiners of electrical contractors for a term ending April 15, 1944. His appointment was made to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of B. S. Nichols, now in the armed forces.

Nazis Knew In Advance

Ankara, March 22.—(Delayed) (AP)—The British commando raid on Tobruk last September failed disastrously because axis defenders of north Africa had full advance information about the raid, it was reported today by British prisoners exchanged Sunday at Mersa for Italians and Germans.

The boy was related by 200 men from the British destroyer Sikh, which was sunk during the raid. They were among 747 British prisoners exchanged at Mersa and Italians and Germans.

It was in the Tobruk raid that Larry Allen, Associated Press correspondent with the British Mediterranean fleet, was captured. He was aboard the Sikh when it was sunk.

So complete was the defenders' knowledge in advance of the British raid, the Sikh survivors said that a German intelligence officer at Tobruk taunted them with being half an hour behind their schedule.

Russians Capture 50 More Villages

BRITISH RECAPTURE STATION IN TUNISIA

London, March 22.—(AP)—A Reuters reports from allied reconnoiterers in north Africa said today the British first army had recaptured Neta station, 47 miles west of Bizerte and two miles from the important hill position of Djebel Aboud. It was disclosed only yesterday that the British had lost the station.

Agent Faces New Charges

Viereck Is Indicted On Six Counts Alleging Violation Of Foreign Agent Act

Washington, March 22.—(AP)—George Sylvester Viereck of New York, a German propagandist, was indicted today on six counts charging violation of the foreign agent registration act, specifically that he failed to disclose that he was acting for the Nazi foreign office in this country.

Viereck recently was freed from the District of Columbia jail after serving a year on a previous conviction of violating the foreign agent act when the Federal Court ordered a re-trial on the ground of an error in the judge's instructions to the jury.

Attorney General Biddle announced the new indictment and it was indicated at the Justice department that the step was taken to eliminate any possible weaknesses which might be encountered in a re-trial on the old charge.

Three counts in today's indictment, returned in Federal district court here, charged Viereck with failing to disclose in supplements to his original registration statement that the German government foreign office was one of the foreign principals for whom he was an agent.

Another count alleges that in a supplemental registration statement filed on April 23, 1940, he failed to disclose certain activities on behalf of the German principals, and two other counts make a similar allegation with respect to supplemental statements filed October 25, 1940 and April 25, 1941.

In his previous trial, Viereck's defense was that he had truthfully outlined his work as that of "an author and journalist" when he registered with the State department as a German agent. He listed himself as working for a Munich newspaper and the German Embassy of information.

POPE IS REPORTED ILL OF INFLUENZA

London, March 22.—(AP)—The Home radio said today that Pope Pius XII was confined to his room after suffering a slight attack of influenza but his condition was giving no cause for anxiety.

Further Gains Made On Smolensk Front; Germans Attacks Repulsed in Donets

(By The Associated Press) Soviet dispatches reported today that the Red army had captured more than 50 towns and villages in 24 hours in their drive against the German last-stone base at Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, and slaved off fresh Nazi assaults on the Kharkov front.

Front line correspondents declared there was no serious denting of the Soviet line with Soviet troops repulsing every German attempt to cross the upper Donets river in force. In its mid-day bulletin, the Russian command said Red army units broke up an enemy concentration in the Chugay area, 22 miles southeast of Kharkov, and Soviet fighters threw the Germans back "with heavy losses."

On the central front, the Berlin radio acknowledged that the Russians had torn "a local breach in the German defense lines west of Mtsow," while London heard that Soviet vanguards had advanced within 20 miles of Yaisko, 36 miles east of Smolensk.

Yaisko, described as the last line of Smolensk, lies 22 miles beyond the heavily-entrenched Donets which the Russians announced they had taken three days ago.

German commentators indicated that the battle was shifting north from the Kharkov zone.

LEES-M'RAE COLLEGE DORMITORY BURNED

Roanoke, Va., March 22.—(AP)—Lees-M'rae College, Roanoke, Va., suffered the greatest property loss of its history yesterday afternoon when fire destroyed the dormitory for girls. The loss was placed at between \$200,000 and \$250,000, partially covered by insurance.

Kyser Denied Deferment

Rocky Mount, March 22.—(AP)—Kay Kyser's local draft board chairman revealed today that the 37-year-old band leader, who never had been called into the military deferment he refused on the ground that his civilian non-employment activities were essential to the nation's war effort.

John Coley, chairman of the board which had given Kyser a 1-A classification, said he had been informed by telephone that Kyser's appeal had been overruled by the President's appeal board. The formal decision of the board was expected to arrive by mail. Coley could not say when Kyser would probably be called up.

Kyser's appeal, which was supported by Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, was based upon his entertainment of soldiers and sailors in their camps and his selling of war bonds. He is 37 years old and unmarried.

Tunisian Town Taken In Swift Move

British Forces Dash 100 Miles Around Mareth Line; Other European War News

(By The Associated Press) Allied headquarters announced today that swift moving American and British forces had captured the town of Maknassy in central Tunisia, only 34 miles from the sea, and an Algerian broadcast said British forces had dashed 100 miles around the Mareth line to a point ten miles south of the axis airfield at El Hamma.

El Hamma lies 20 miles west of the port of Gabes, chief "feeder" for Marshal Rommel's defenders of the Mareth line.

The Algerians report indicated that British eighth army troops were now only 50 miles from a junction with American forces, and suggested that Rommel's "escape corridor" to the north been narrowed to a score of miles.

Elsewhere in the European war theater, RAF night raiders heavily attacked the German U-boat pens at St. Nazaire, France; U. S. four-motored bombers pounded the Sicilian port of Palermo, where the Italians lost 200 planes killed and 184 injured; and on the Soviet front, the Russian army freed three new gains in their drive to reach Sweden.

The Soviet news report fell upon the battle for Tunisia, however, and the Moscow radio said Adolf Hitler had ordered his troops there to "fight to the last man."

While the British eighth army developed a mighty frontal blow against the Mareth line, Rommel was reported to have massed a strong force of tanks and artillery to meet the threat to El Hamma. Allied warplanes were reported to have sent at least 22 incendiary bombs on to the El Hamma area and destroyed nine of them.

A bulletin from Allied headquarters said U. S. troops under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., seized M. A. Bay and then swept an outburst toward the sea.

An All-India broadcast said the American captured a ridge three miles beyond the Mareth line which would place them only 34 miles from the Gulf.

In the south, General Sir Bernard Montgomery's British eighth army has reported continuing its successful assault on the Mareth defenses, and a big parachute and heavy fighting force is preparing.

Allied headquarters said General Montgomery's forces had captured 1,200 prisoners in all, with the Nazis losing great quantities of heavy counter batteries.

There was no immediate indication of large scale resistance in the rear.

Steel Firm Is Defended

Washington, March 22.—(AP)—J. Lester Perry, president, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., testified today that "the higher management" of his company was in no way involved in a failure to carry out prescribed testing procedures on steel plate ordered by the Navy and other federal agencies.

Perry appeared before the Truman committee, known formally as the special Senate committee investigating the war program, which has introduced in evidence signed statements from company employees declaring that tensile strength tests and chemical analyses of the steel plate had been failed.

Perry said his firm, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp., has been devoting its best efforts to the production of high quality steel for the war effort and "deeply deplores what has been disclosed at today's hearing."

Post-War Planning Holds Capitol Spot

Advocates of Plan Challenged; Service Law Supporters Look To Labor and FDR

Washington, March 22.—(AP)—The pros and cons of post-war planning vied with varied income issues for capitol consideration today while advocates of manpower drafts bent over to labor and the President for support.

Prime Minister Churchill's 100-year plan for British post-war economy and social structure was one of a string of the subject proposals presented for the country by the national resources planning board.

White House officials said the broadcast limited the details of the Voluntary War Effort Act, scheduled to Congress March 24, the two-part bill for projecting a more abundant post-war life were strikingly similar.

On Capitol Hill, advocates of immediate post-war planning were challenged by both Senator La Follette, Progressive of Wisconsin, and Representative Earl Bloom, Democrat of New York.

The former, a member of the Senate foreign relations committee which tomorrow considers various post-war proposals, said a resolution to set up a United Nations system promoting international peace is "an extreme manifestation of faith," and added that "it isn't binding on anyone."

Bloom, who is chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, described it as "an example of the disjointed and scattered thinking that is going on both within and without Congress."

Meanwhile, immediate developments were being discussed in the House.

Minister Held In Shooting

New Orleans, March 22.—(AP)—A 50-year-old Episcopal rector, held in the abdomen, was held under police guard at a hospital today after shooting in the city. Detective Charles Melton said that he shot and wounded the former secretary and his husband.

The officer said the Rev. Charles Monroe, for 10 years rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, was stabbed yesterday by John McBrade, 38, who objected when the minister kept on sending pay checks to his wife who had remarried to another man's secretary.

The Rev. Monroe, 50, always carried a pistol, but contended that the McBrade was shot accidentally. The minister, a workman, was quoted as saying that McBrade had threatened earlier in the day to telephone to kill him, Mrs. McBrade and her son, Peter, 13.

Two Raids Made On Kiska

Washington, March 22.—(AP)—The Navy is today today that it has made two raids on the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians today Sunday morning a large force.

Communique No. 321 said: "North Pacific: 'On March 21, two groups of Army Landing Force members and Marine units, together with fighter escort, attacked Japanese positions at Kiska. Except for some large fire results were not observed.'"

The Sunday raid was the 11th total number of American air attacks on Kiska so far reported this month.

Mine Truce Is Proposed

UMW Offers Pact To Continue Work Pending Settlement Of Wage Dispute

New York, March 22.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers union offered northern Appalachian coal mine operators again today an agreement by which all mines in the Appalachian coal producing area would remain in operation for 30 days after April 1 under the existing contract, provided that any wage increases or improvement in hours later agreed upon shall be made retroactively to that time.

The union representative, who made public the proposal, would not say whether it was issued in accord with the suggestion of President Roosevelt, who told the union and operators in a telegram yesterday that there could be no cessation of work when the present contract expires March 31.

The President suggested negotiations continue with the proviso that any agreement be retroactive to April 1 but did not set a time limit on the negotiation. The President said that any wage adjustments must be in accord with the wage stabilization act.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA, continued rather cold with light to heavy frost tonight followed by rising temperature early Wednesday.