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NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED ON MARETH LINE

Yanks Dump 47 Tons of Bombs at Kiska



On all the battlefronts, the increasing power of the American air arm is making itself apparent. The Jap stronghold on Kiska, in the Aleutians, recently suffered a visitation from Yank airmen in light bombers, who dropped 47 tons of explosives, marking the first time that 2,000-pounders were used in Alaskan operations. Circles mark enemy planes; arrows mark boats. Air Force Photo. (International Sound-photo)

Allied Bombers Strike At Japs In New Guinea

Heavy Damage Done To Japanese Base At Nauru Island; Kiska Is Bombed

Allied Headquarters in Australia, March 27.—(AP)—Allied heavy bombers striking powerfully at Japanese military installations in New Guinea, dropped 47 tons of bombs on the heavily fortified enemy base at Wewak on the north coast last night and set 100,000 gallons of bombs and incendiaries on a 1,000-ton cargo vessel, an allied communiqué said today.

The bombers also were seen for three hours and 15 minutes to have been in the air over the island of Nauru, a Japanese base in the Pacific, it was announced.

The Japanese base on Nauru suffered heavy damage in the attack, the communiqué said.

Other allied bombers today struck in the sweep over New Guinea, led at the Japanese base at Finsehaten, Salamaua, Lae and other points. The attack on Wewak was described as the greatest ever made by allied planes on that port.

The weight of the attack indicated the importance placed by the allies on the new base which was the destination of a recent Japanese convoy from Rabaul, New Britain, attacked by allied planes.

The 4,000-ton cargo vessel hit in the raid was reported "badly damaged."

Ridge Slated To Be Marshal

Greensboro, March 27.—(AP)—Edney Ridge, executive vice president and secretary of the North Carolina Broadcasting Co., here, was in line today to be named as marshal for the middle district, succeeding W. T. Dowd, who died Thursday.

Giraud Meets Gen. Catroux

Algiers, March 27.—(AP)—General Henri Giraud and General Georges Catroux, both leading a number of members of the French army, met today in Algiers with the British and American military leaders to discuss the situation in the Mediterranean and the progress of the campaign in North Africa.

French Unity In Prospect

Catroux Arrives For Algiers Parley With Giraud; Union Pledged by de Gaulle

Algiers, March 27.—(AP)—The long-awaited union of all anti-axis French forces in one movement moved closer to reality today as General Georges Catroux, who arrived here yesterday, announced conferences with General Henri Giraud designed to join Giraud's followers and the Fighting French of General Charles de Gaulle.

The London post could de Gaulle said in a French broadcast over the British radio that he will go very shortly to meet Giraud to see General Giraud, as well as a soldier and a public figure.

Top Diplomats Meet At White House

Eden Meets President At Lunch

Mid-Afternoon Parley To Be Attended by Diplomatic Leaders Of Two Nations

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—A British American conference of top diplomatic figures was scheduled at the White House today, preceded by a luncheon meeting between President Roosevelt and Anthony Eden, London's foreign secretary.

Starting with the luncheon engagement, Eden was invited to be a White House guest overnight. Invited to the mid-afternoon conference besides Eden were Lord Halifax, the British ambassador; William Strang, undersecretary of foreign affairs for Great Britain; Secretary of State Hull; Undersecretary Welles; John G. Winant, the ambassador to London who is home on leave; and Harry Hopkins, special assistant to the president.

The conference was regarded by some observers as significant and possibly highlighting the discussions Eden has been holding here with the president and Hull since his arrival. Only last night at Annapolis, Eden told the Maryland home of delegates at Annapolis and the American people in general that while no sudden and sensational development was to flow from his experience in this country, there "has been a meeting of minds between us about the present and the future that will, we are sure, bear fruit."

Eden has been staying at the White House since his arrival in Washington. Today will be the first he has spent at the White House since his arrival.

RAF Bombers Raid Duisburg

London, March 27.—(AP)—A group of 10 RAF bombers attacked Duisburg, Germany, last night. The raid, which was the first since the attack on Cologne, was reported to have caused considerable damage to the city.

Boston Police Are Indicted

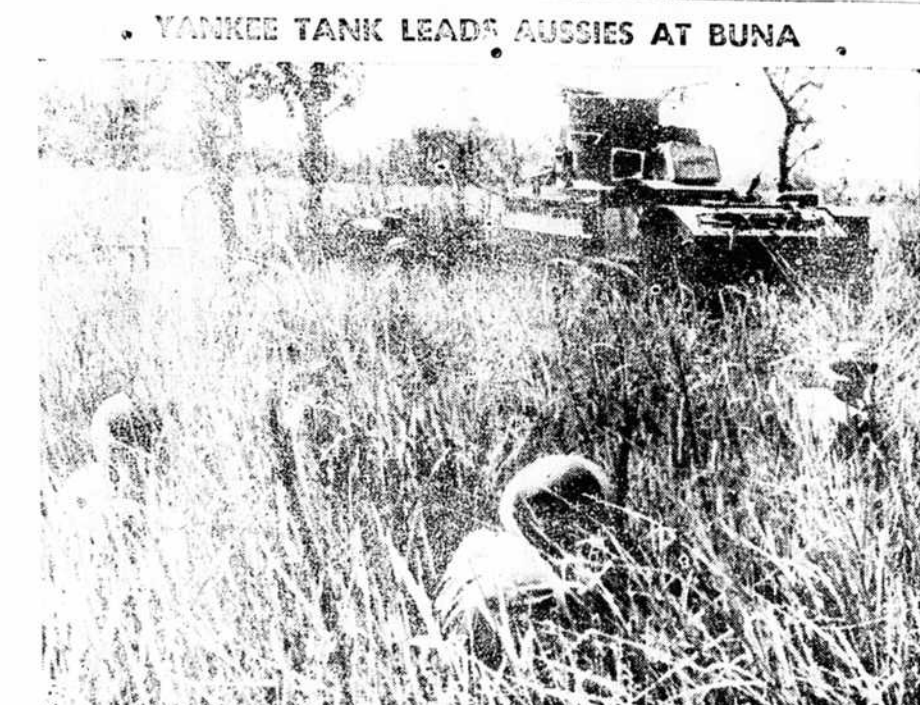
Boston, March 27.—(AP)—Seven Boston police officers were indicted today for their role in the arrest of a Communist Party member, Edward W. Kelly, who was arrested last night.

Case Is Convicted Of Manslaughter

Greensboro, March 27.—(AP)—A jury today convicted a man of manslaughter in the death of a woman who was killed by a car driven by the man.

WEATHER

FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA. Clear and showers this afternoon and tonight.



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Farm Bill Veto Looms

Question Remains As to Whether Veto Will Stick; Opponents Fear Inflation

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt had the opportunity today to veto the farm bill, but the question remains as to whether the veto will stick. Opponents of the bill fear inflation.

LaGuardia To Join Army

New York, March 27.—(AP)—Mayor LaGuardia will join the Army today, according to reports from reliable sources.

Liberators Range Far

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Axis Forces Offer Stiff Resistance

Operations 'Proceed According to Plan' In Tunisian Campaign; Other News of War

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—American forces in central Tunisia have launched a surprise attack on the Axis forces and first reports said they were making good headway.

The American drive north of Gafsa, Tunisia, after American paratroop forces had taken a column of German infantry which attacked at dawn east of Sidi Bou Zid, more than 100 miles to the south.

Allied headquarters announced today that General Sir B. L. Montgomery's British eighth army delivered a successful attack on the Mareth line yesterday and said operations were "proceeding according to plan in spite of stiff resistance."

The announcement came shortly after an Axis broadcast—apparently returned to midweek developments—said the eighth army had evacuated its bridgehead in the Wadi Zigzagoon area at the north end of the Mareth fortifications.

The official war bulletin indicated that General Montgomery's forces, instead of making a fresh withdrawal, were surging deeper into the 40-mile long defense works.

In northern Tunisia, the communiqué said, Lieutenant General Anderson's British first army stabled out in a series of "reconnaissance in force" operations against axis lines before the Tunis-Bizerte zone.

General Montgomery's advance in the assault on the Mareth line was the second announced by allied headquarters in two days, and a communiqué said "many prisoners were taken."

The German high command said it was suffering from a lack of fuel and that the Axis forces were being driven off after heavy fighting.

Front line dispatches said British and American forces were advancing steadily in the direction of the Wadi Zigzagoon area, packing up their equipment and supplies and withdrawing away from the front.

Midday reports received at General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters, said American troops had launched a surprise drive toward Fondouk, 15 miles northwest of the axis base at Kairouan.

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