



British First Army Nears Tunis

Japan Suffers 'Bomb Jitters'

BOMBING OF BERLIN—FROM AXIS SOURCES



Filed by British censor and taken from Axis sources is the photo above which, say the German depicts the ruins of the St. Hedwig Church in Berlin. German propagandists have notoriously tried to impress on rest of world that Allied planes rain bombs indiscriminately. However, it is a matter of common knowledge that U. S. precision bombers are accurate and that only military objectives are potential targets. (International Radio-Photo.)

Radio Warns New Assault Is Expected

Tokyo Radio Reminds Of Doolittle's Raid; Little Change Noted On Pacific Fronts

(By The Associated Press) Japan had a fresh attack of "bomb jitters" today as the Tokyo radio for the second time in 24 hours warned the Japanese people that a new American bombing assault might come at any time, "either from the China continent, the Aleutians or from aircraft carriers."

The U. S. office of war information said Tokyo broadcasts recalled that it was just short of a year ago that Major General James H. Doolittle's bombers made their first sweeping raid on Japanese mainland cities.

Aside from President Roosevelt's whimsical reference to a "Siangri La" base, the latest point of Doolittle's raiders had never been officially disclosed, but it is known that new bomb-Japan airfields have been constructed in China during the past few months.

Elsewhere in the far Pacific war theatre, the British command announced that British artillery had smashed Japanese attempts to advance in the Indian region in Burma, with the enemy withdrawing after suffering heavy losses.

Along the Bay of Bengal coast, where Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces have withdrawn from the Malay peninsula to await the monsoon rains, the British reported "no change" in the last 24 hours of fighting.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted that Japanese troops had "destroyed" large British forces along the Malay river and said operations were progressing for destruction of the rest of the British, however, declared the Japanese offensive was futile, but that the enemy would be unable to hold newly won positions during the monsoon floods.

In the southwest Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that allied forces had hit ten Japanese bases in the island above Australia and a lone Flying Fortress straddled a large Japanese camp at Kavieng, New Ireland.

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CLOSEUP OF RAF BOMBING



THIS IS THE SCENE that greeted British infantry troops when they captured the Italian air field at Castel Penito in Tripoli. RAF bombers had carried out their task in this efficient fashion. Burned out hangars and wrecked planes littered the base. This photo is one of a number just received in this country showing how Allied air power paved the way for the long Allied drive into Tunisia. (International)

Sharp Drive Scores Gain In Tunisia

Anderson's Forces Now Within 27 Miles Of Tunis; Pursuit Of Rommel Continues

(By The Associated Press)

Lieutenant General K. A. N. Anderson's British firm army has stormed within 27 airline miles of Tunis in a sharp new offensive in north Tunisia, dispatches said today, while in the south the British eighth army rolled up gains in pursuit of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered Afrika Korps.

Striking across battlefields of the ancient Carthaginian empire, firm army troops were reported to have advanced four or five miles by a surprise attack in the sector of Medjez-el-Bab, 36 miles southwest of Tunis, the capital.

The German-controlled Paris radio said Anderson was attacking with a "crushing superiority in men and material."

Meanwhile, General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a message of congratulations to his field commander, General Sir Howard Alexander, declaring:

"The army, the navy and the air force are now in a position to expect the full price from the enemy confronting us in Africa. Good luck!"

An allied communique indicated that General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army, newly noted with the American second army corps, had been unchecked for the past 24 hours in driving Rommel northward along the coast.

A bulletin from General Eisenhower's headquarters said the British first army developed a successful attack in the area between Medjez-el-Bab and Mammouch, taking prisoners and gaining much ground.

The communique said General Montgomery's troops had won a series of successes starting after the allied breakthrough at the Mareth Akarit, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"Our mobile forces started to surge on northward early on April 7, said allied headquarters.

"The pursuit of the enemy's main forces, which were in a series of positions, has been rapid and has been successful."

A Berlin broadcast asserted that British tanks which were harassing Rommel's lines from across the coast had advanced into the area of Medjez-el-Bab, the broadcast said.

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Axis Shakeup Reported

New York, April 8.—(AP)—A London broadcast reported today by CBS said that General Giovanni Messe, an Italian, was the new commander in chief in Tunisia.

A Berlin military spokesman says that Rommel and von Arnim are now both under General Messe's command. He reported the broadcast is saying.

General Messe was in command of the first Italian expeditionary force sent to the Russian front.

American fighters were officially credited today with destroying 37 out of 98 Japanese planes in a battle over the southeast Solomon Wednesday when the enemy struck at U. S. shipping off Guadalcanal island.

The Navy said that several American planes were lost—a ratio of better than five to one in their favor—and that one pilot was rescued.

A Japanese aerial attack in the Pacific on Tuesday destroyed 23 American planes and 10 ships, the Navy said.

Countdown with news of the American victory in the skies, Japan's army press chief, Major General Yabuzaki, voice a threat of Japanese invasion of India.

Yabuzaki declared that the enemy's "unprovoked invasion of Burma has been a gross provocation" and that Japan would "take the necessary steps to bring about the complete annihilation of the Japanese race."

Japanese forces in Burma have a new commander replacing Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida, who led the Japanese advance in the course of the year the Tokyo radio indicated.

A broadcast received by the Associated Press said that Iida, identified as the former commander in chief of the Burma forces, had received a promotion by Emperor Hirohito to the rank of lieutenant general.

Challenge of Farm Bloc Spotlights Capitol News

Two Price Measures Await Action; Navy Requests Record Sum; Other Capital News

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Two price bills, feathered like chips on the farm bloc's shoulder today—spotlighted there by new-war developments which had Washington wondering whether the administration would knock them out by not getting "as tough with labor as it was with agriculture."

That was the challenge facing it today as the House and Senate considered a bill to raise the price of wheat and other grains to 1942 levels, and a bill to raise the price of cotton to 1942 levels.

Failing to override the President's veto of the Bankhead bill, the farm bloc managed to keep it alive and send it back to the Senate agriculture committee to join the Price bill. Both measures would increase farm prices.

Another new labor legislation in the House where new labor legislation is a revised version of the House anti-racketeering bill, threatened to delay the consideration. Sifted for a vote Saturday, it was sidetracked for two appropriations bills, and its author, Representative Huddo, Alabama Democrat, said "there appears to be an indication not to let this bill come before the House."

That is with the farm labor measure was legislation calling for a \$10,000,000 appropriation to help meet a demand for 3,500 more farm workers this year, which faced a Senate vote today. Approved by the House, the bill would provide a new army of agricultural workers, the bill drew some criticism from farm senators who feared it might create a new class of "straw flouters."

Meanwhile, a Navy request for \$21,131,979,000 in new funds for the 1943 fiscal year was laid before the coast with a grim reminder of the cost of replacing and repairing

State Board Of Education Takes Office

Raleigh, April 8.—(AP)—A 15-member state board of education, created under a constitutional amendment last November, was sworn in today by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy in the office of Governor Broughton.

First to take their oaths were the ex officio members, Clyde A. Egan, State superintendent of public instruction, Lieutenant Governor R. L. Hoyle, and State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson. The appointive members from the 12 congressional districts were William C. Dawson, Representative, and James C. Hargett, Representative.

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Brown Asks Incentives

Storm of Protest Meets His Advocacy Of Crop Promotion Plan of Payments

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown aroused a storm of protest from members of the Senate agriculture committee today by advocating increase appropriations for incentive payments to farmers as preferable to two bills designed to increase prices.

"It would be better to appropriate money with which to pay incentive payments to those who produce crops by qualified to insure production than to seek through the barriers against inflation," he declared.

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The hearing, an antitrust act yesterday's Senate battle that finally sent the revised Bankhead bill back to committee to join the previously shelved Price measure produced a confused flow of argument between

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Bolivia Joins Allies

Executive Decree Mobilizes Country Against Axis Powers; Congress to Meet

La Paz, Bolivia, April 8.—(AP)—Bolivia was summoned to war against the axis powers and their satellites by an executive decree today, and leaders of political ideas of the chamber of deputies arranged a meeting to consider the action of President Penaranda and his cabinet.

Observers here believed an immediate session of congress to vote a formal declaration of war would be demanded. Congress is the only body authorized constitutionally to adopt such a measure.

Formerly, Bolivia has been the second country in South America to maintain neutral position to Germany and Italy, also would apply to Japan and all nations associated with the three powers in the war. Bolivia did not declare war against Japan. All countries in South America, however, have broken axis relations, except Argentina.

The decree provides for mobilization of the country's manpower, as well as a general plan to boost national production—the country's chief potential contribution to the allied cause.

A man's job that makes a woman's first duty, aside from raising a family, is to become economically independent. Regardless of New Deal legislation, taxes, inflation or any

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

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LaGuardia To Keep Job

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—"Play it safe, Stinson said today that Mayor LaGuardia of New York city had offered his services to the armed forces but "it would be very difficult to find any place in the Army" where he could be as helpful as in his present job.

"After talking it over we decided to leave it open and the mayor assured me he would always be available if needed," Stinson told a press conference.