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Allies Drive Into Rommel's Line

Japan Threatens Bombing of American Mainland

Sato Says Axis Powers Plan Attack

MacArthur and Curtin Renew Warnings of Japanese Offensive To Control Skies

By The Associated Press. Japan raised a bogey man threat of bombing the United States today as Major General Kenyo Sato, chief of the bureau of military affairs, declared that preparations were completed for a vast air attack on the American mainland.

Sato said Japanese, German and Italian air forces would collaborate in the assault.

Meanwhile General Douglas MacArthur and Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin renewed official warnings that Japan was bent on striking out in a new offensive to gain control of the skies in the southwest Pacific battle theatre.

"We lose the air, naval power cannot save us," General MacArthur said 24 hours after his final communique. General Sato's A. B. move, asserted that Japan had 200,000 heavy line troops massed in China, ready to strike north of Australia.

At the enemy was control of the air, his naval it can at once bring down convoys of ground forces to continue its attack to the south.

Allied headquarters in Australia, April 14.—(AP)—Headquarters of General MacArthur announced today that a strategic force of Japanese aircraft raided Milne Bay during daylight today. Details of the raid were not forthcoming immediately.

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—A primary threat to Australia that it require a great deal of time to complete its naval striking power.

"As a matter of fact, Japan is not likely to make a great frontal attack through the island chain, but she will be striking at the base of Australia."

General MacArthur's statement followed on a report from Washington by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that there was "a heavy Japanese concentration of aircraft for an invasion of Australia."

Defense Secretary Curtin, immediately after the report, warned that the Japanese "apparently are systematizing further attacks against New Guinea and the Solomon Islands."

While discussion on Pacific strategy has been in the open, allied air forces continued to strike at Japanese bases and shipping in the South Pacific and leaving another 8,000 tons in flames in Hansu Bay, New Guinea, and stranding two Japanese transport ships in the Kailashan.

On the Burma front, British headquarters announced that Field Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell's force frustrated new Japanese attempts to infiltrate into reformed British lines in the Gwyndaw sector, along the

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Jeffers Backs New Agency

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—Ruler of the House today recommended the creation of a separate government agency under a "two-listed" administrator to see that essential civilian needs are supplied to bolster "home front morale."

Jeffers, who had reached this conclusion as a result of his experiences as military administrator, although a little more than two months ago he urged opposition to the proposal.

In endorsing a bill by Senator Macmahon, Democrat, Connecticut, to establish a civilian supply administration, Jeffers said the head of the new agency should be "a man like Earl Smith, head of the Illinois farm group." Smith is president of the Illinois Agricultural Association.

YANK AND TOMMY JOIN FORCES



MEETING ON THE CAESAR-CAESA road in the first junction of the British and American forces, Sgt. Joseph Randall, State Center, Ia. (right), extended his hand in greeting to Sgt. William Brown, of Huddersfield, England, and exclaimed, "Hello, Linsey." (International Radiophoto)

OPA Delays Price Limit

Retail Price Ceiling On Meats Effective May 17; Hint Given Of Lower Prices

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—The office of price administration today postponed for a month the effective date of its newly announced retail price ceiling on beef, lamb and mutton and breaded cuts of the meats may be cut down before being reinstated.

The new price ceiling will be effective May 17. The new effective date was set by the OPA after it had received the report of a preliminary examination of the market. The report of the OPA said the meat market was "not in a position to handle the new price ceiling."

Land Indorses Labor Draft

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Frank S. Land, chairman of the advisory commission to be organized to study the draft law, today endorsed the proposed labor draft law.

Approved today in the House early in the session, Land said "the draft law is a very important piece of legislation and it is essential that it be passed as soon as possible."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued cold tonight; slight to lower temperatures in east and central portions; light to heavy frost, freezing in interior.

Pan-Am Day Sets Shape For Unity

President Declares Celebration Proves Progress; Other News from Capital

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—A pattern cut more than a half-century ago was eyed for a post-war planning possibility today as the capital joined the nation and a score of sister republics in celebrating Pan-American Day amid new indications that the administration's lapsing foreign trade program would be renewed.

The new emphasis on Pan-American Day, shown by scores of major programs throughout the hemisphere, was held by President Roosevelt as proof of progress of the inter-American unity it celebrates. His assertion is observed as the international holiday that the Pan-American Union has worked out a successful system for continental defense and mobilization against aggression had Washington wondering whether he thus implied that the United Nations might well adopt such a plan, on a broader scale, to maintain peace in the post-war world.

Even Capitol Hill came word that Republican support for renewal of the trade program which expires in June might be forthcoming—provided Congress is given a checkmate.

Representative Woodruff, Republican of Michigan, high ranking minority member of the House ways and means committee, said that despite his colleagues' criticism of the program he believed Congress would approve a three-year extension if it were given the right to nullify any agreement negotiated by the President.

For those to regulate interest in the housing market, a salary earner was the F.H.A. proposed to permit adjustment of mortgages and property taxes to meet the needs of the individual.

The bill would affect half million employees. The board yesterday laid down its first formal approval of the President's plan for the order and estimated it would cost the government about \$100 million for the proposed wage and salary adjustment plan.

Meanwhile the senate education and labor committee called an open hearing on a bill providing for medical expense for high school graduates' production training for prospective soldiers and preparatory.

LUCAMA YOUTH DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Wilmington, April 14.—(AP)—Ray Lucas, 21, of Lucama, route 1, was killed last night when an automobile crashed into a power pole.

Four other occupants of the car were injured. They are Gary Lucas, twin brother of the dead boy; Kenneth Lucas, 14; Russell Dunn, nine, and Arthur Dunn.

HOUSING PROGRAMS ARE GIVEN APPROVAL

Bellevue, April 14.—(AP)—The office of the information said today that the national housing agency had approved public housing programs providing for 200 new family dwelling units at Laurinburg and for conversion and rehabilitation of 200 existing residential structures at Wilmington.

The Laurinburg houses will be occupied by families of war workers to be employed at a nearby airbase whose employees range from \$1,000 to \$3,200.

The Wilmington conversion program will provide houses for shipyard workers, other defense workers and members of the armed forces. The converted units will range from \$31 to \$40 a month.

The programs are in addition to projects recently approved providing for construction at Laurinburg of 45 dwellings with private funds and conversion of 174 residential structures at Wilmington.

HITLER CONFERS WITH MUSSOLINI



WITH ROMMEL'S ARMY OUTFLANKED and squeezed against the sea, and with the invasion of the continent a near possibility, Benito Mussolini (left) was summoned "somewhere in Germany" for a meeting with Adolf Hitler. Photo comes from Sweden. (International Radiophoto)

Mistaken Identity

Caro, April 14.—(AP)—Sergeant Warden F. Lovell of Alcatraz, Mass., a United States Army photographer, is one of the most embarrassed men in Tunisia.

Serveying along in a jeep to catch up with an advance unit of the eighth army in the Giblets area, he was asked a series of questions in battle dress by dispatchers. Instead of a name, he only said "I am in the army."

"I was in the army," he said in the most direct way possible, "I was in the army," he said in the most direct way possible.

Four Escapees From Alcatraz Accounted For

San Francisco, April 14.—(AP)—Leland B. Lee, 28, and three other escapees from Alcatraz Federal penitentiary in San Francisco Bay, Warren James A. Johnson, and today the men who made the dash were "accounted for."

Lee had been arrested and was held in the city jail. He was released on \$500 bail. The other three escapees are still at large.

The four escapees were reported to have been seen in the area of the city jail. They were held in the city jail.

Food Waste Is Admitted

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—Major General E. B. Gregory acknowledged before the Senate war investigating committee today that "there may be instances in some Army camps of 'huge quantities of food being thrown out as garbage.'"

Testifying in the committee's food investigation, the quartermaster general declared, however, that if such waste had occurred "I don't think it will be repeated in the future."

General Gregory in a prepared statement admitted that "it is a fact that there is some waste of food in some Army camps."

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Planes Bomb Kiska, Munda

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—American bombers blasted the Japanese runway gun emplacement and main camp on Kiska Island Monday in six attacks, the Navy reported today, while at Munda in the south Pacific the first day of an ammunition dump started there at that enemy base.

The raids on Kiska, raised to a total of 63 the number of attacks directed against the Japanese position since March 1.

The two attacks on Munda raised the total of offensive actions against that air base which is nearest the American front on Guadalcanal to 10.

Evacuation Of Soldiers Is Reported

Nazi Commentator Says There Will Be 'No Dunkerque'; Other War News

(By The Associated Press) Allied spearheads were reported driving into Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's main siege defense line in the narrowing axis-held corridor in northern Tunisia today, and an Algerian broadcast declared that Rommel had already started evacuating German technicians from the north African trap.

Other reports from Rome and Marseille said axis troops, mostly Italians, had been slipping out of Tunisia during the last few nights and had been seen disembarking at dawn in Sicily and Sardinia.

A German military commentator, however, declared there would be "no Dunkerque" for Rommel's 200,000 beleaguered troops, and thus indicated they would be left as a time-saving sacrifice in a sequel to the German disaster at Stalingrad.

At a glance developments on other fronts: Air war—RAF bombers winged 1,500 miles round trip across Alps to pound Foggia naval base in northern Italy; other allied bombers hit Palermo and Messina harbor in Sicily and targets in northwest Germany; Swedish fighter planes drove off German bombers flying over Sweden's major air field.

Russia—Moscow reported heavy German attacks in past two or three weeks; tanks mauling troops, supplies in many sectors; Soviet-piloted U. S. planes reported using Red army in large scale aerial fighting; German pressure shifts to Leningrad sector.

On the Tunisian front, General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced that the allies now had rolled up to Rommel's mountain defenses, ranging Tunis and Bizerte, while United Nations tiers destroyed 84 more axis planes.

The German fleet, it was said, a series of Italian air attacks on the fleet of Rommel's Mediterranean fleet had been reported by sources attacking axis lines.

In the southwest, British heavy bombers, equipped with incendiary bombs, were reported to have struck the main communications line of the enemy.

Field operations and an Algerian radio report yesterday that Enfidaville had been captured against expectation.

A communiqué from allied headquarters at General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army command post said to advance to the north and make contact with enemy prepared positions between Enfidaville and the Djebel el Menaq.

Enfidaville, the southern anchor of Rommel's new 100-mile-long defense zone, lies 20 miles from the capital.

"On their left," the communiqué said, "French forces continued their advance. The British first army made further advances in the Mte. el-Bas Munaqar sector in the face of enemy opposition yesterday and during the previous night."

Medjez Bab, a 26-mile outpost west of Tunis.