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Enfidaville Captured By British

Mexico's President Journeys North With Roosevelt

Monterrey Conference Continued

Trip North of Border Is First Visit Paid To This Country By Mexican Chief

Aboard Roosevelt Train, April 21—(AP)—The conferences of state which President Roosevelt and President Avila Camacho began in a gala setting at Monterrey, Mexico, last night, continued north of the border today, with a Mexican chief executive on United States soil for the first time in history.

Avila Camacho was returning the only official visit ever made deep into his country by an American president, but security reasons forbade the immediate announcement of details.

Interrupting a lavish, seven-course dinner, the two continental leaders delivered radio addresses at Monterrey without disclosing in any manner the real reason for their dramatic meeting.

They spoke, instead, of differences between their two governments which already have been solved, of a joint solidarity in arms in a world at war, and of the values, now and for the future, of the good neighbor policy.

They dealt strictly in generalities and words of friendship and Mr. Roosevelt promised that "the government of the United States and my countrymen are ready to help" Mexico toward greater progress toward "the greatest possible measure of security and oppotunity." He referred to the issue, now apparently dead, created by Mexican expropriation of American-owned oil lands.

Mr. Roosevelt declared with emphasis:

"We recognize a mutual interdependence of our joint resources. We know that Maxico's resources will be developed for the common good of humanity. We know that the day of exploitation of the resources and the people of one country for the benefit of any group in another country is definitely over."

Speaking last night in Monterrey the two chief executives:

1. Erected a barricade against any "negotiated peace" feelers that the axis might direct through Spain or other intermediaries.

2. Credited international understanding and non-exploitation with success of American solidarity; and

3. Offered those points as basis for post-war planning.

LUMBERTON SOLDIER WOUNDED IN AFRICA

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—The War department today announced the names of 311 U. S. soldiers wounded in action in the Asiatic, European, north African, North American, Pacific and southwest Pacific areas. The list included: wounded in north Africa area: Private William L. Rogers, whose wife, Mrs. Ola A. Rogers, lives on east Second street, Lumberton.

Liquor Plot Is Charged

Washington, April 21—(AP)—Charging that what he termed the liquor trust is attempting to gain control of the industry through a "flagrant and inexcusable violation of the anti-inflation program" was laid before Congress today by Representative May, Kentucky Democrat.

In a speech inserted in the appendix of the Congressional Record, May called for an investigation by OPA and declared that "the problem also applies to the Department of Justice anti-trust division."

He charged that larger distilleries had bought control of some of the independents at prices which he termed "fabulous and fictitious."

He contended that the larger distilleries take a gallon of stock of independent operators "and blend it with spirits fo new whiskey and make four or five gallons, or even more, and they then put it on the market under a brand new name and sell it, in some instances, higher than the old brand sold for."

FOUGHT ALL THREE OF THE AXIS PARTNERS

BRINGING TO CONSUMMATION the dream of every American fighting man, the crew of the Fortress *Geechee*, shown in North Africa, has blasted the Japs, the Germans, and the Italians. Standing, l. to r.: Capt. J. J. Kramp, New Britain, Conn.; Lt. M. C. Stratford, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lt. L. M. Clifton, Ardmore, Okla. Kneeling, l. to r.: Tech. Sgt. J. E. Klason; Staff Sgt. N. R. Lopes; Staff Sgt. G. M. Abraham, and Staff Sgt. J. D. Stowe. These men boast of hitting both Axis ends. *(International)*

Road Earns Extra Rent

A. & E. C. Pays State Total of $116,717.97 For Use of State's Rail Line in 1942

Raleigh, April 21.—(AP)—The Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad Co., lessee of the State-owned Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, has paid the State company $56,217.97 additional rent this year, it was learned today.

The check was received yesterday in Kinston by F. W. Wallace, secretary-treasurer of the A. & N. C.

Atlantic and East Carolina leases the road from the State on a basis of a minimum annual rent of $30,500, and in addition a graduating percentage of gross income over $475,000. This percentage runs up to 4 per cent when gross income exceeds $700,000 annually.

Thus the lessee company paid the State a total of $116,717.97 rent for the road during 1942. For 1941, the State company was paid $10,487.63 additional rent besides the minimum $60,500.

Gross income of the road last year was $1,405,149.29 as compared with $524,375.89 in 1941. The big increase was attributed to income from freight handled to the new Marine air base at Cherry Point.

Schools Want Extra Month

Raleigh, April 21—(AP)—A third of the state's county school units have indicated that they will take advantage of the ninth school month next year, Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin announced today.

Erwin said he had heard "either directly or indirectly" from these school units, and that "not a single one has indicated it will not adopt the ninth month."

Of the 69 city school units, Erwin said, all but 26 or 27 already had the ninth month on a supplemental basis, and, of course, would take advantage of the law passed by the legislature affording State financial backing for the extra month.

SUB THUNDERBOLT FORMERLY THETIS, IS PRESUMED LOST

London, April 21—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that the submarine Thunderbolt, formerly the Thetis which foundered on trials, June 1, 1939, with the loss of 99 lives, is overdue and must be presumed lost.

After the vessel foundered she was raised and renamed the Thunderbolt. She had a surface displacement of 1,090 tons. Her complement was 53 men.

Kuban Delta Fight Reaches New Peak

MANY COMMUNITIES RE-SET BOND GOALS

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Treasury officials reported today that many communities have reset their sights in the record breaking $13,000,000,000 second war loan campaign and are now turning to double their original quotas.

The development was reported as sales passed the $10,000,000,000 mark and signs pointed to achievement of the goal well in advance of the three-week deadline.

Tax Parley Deadlocked

Pay-As-You-Go Plan Compromise Fails; Meeting is Called For This Afternoon

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Still another pay-as-you-go tax discussion was arranged by Republican and Democratic leaders today after reports of a new deadlock contrasted with earlier word of a compromise.

Last night they had come forward with what was described as a virtually complete agreement, understood to provide for abatement of approximately 50 per cent of 1942 income taxes.

However, after a morning conference in Speaker Rayburn's office, the speaker told newspaper men that "there is no conclusion as yet. There has been no compromise arrived at."

However, a special bi-partisan compromise committee, composed of ranking Democratic and Republican members of the House ways and means committee, agreed to "try again" to find a middle ground at another meeting later in the day. One member attending the morning meeting behind closed doors said that hopes for a compromise had "dimmed."

WRECKAGE IS FOUND OF HARMON'S PLANE

Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, April 21—(AP)—The wrecked Army plane from which Lieutenant Thomas Harmon, former University of Michigan all-American football star, parachuted to safety on April 8, has been located in the jungles of French Guiana, it was announced today.

The announcement indicated that no other survivor of the crash had been located as yet. There were six in the crew.

Nazis Add Reserves Of Men and Planes But Fail to Regain Lost Positions

Moscow, April 21—(AP)—A violent struggle for an important height marked the mounting battle in the Kuban delta above Novorossisk today as the Germans threw in more troops in an attempt to regain lost positions, but nowhere did they succeed in gaining any ground, the Russians reported today.

A dispatch to Red Star, the Army newspaper, said that artillery action has increased and here are more and more bombings by the German air force operating in strength from bases of the Black sea northward to the Sea of Azov.

Pravda, communist party newspaper, printed a front line dispatch which said Rumanian troops were in the fight but that war prisoners complained the Germans had abandoned them.

The Germans using more tanks to flank their increased infantry forces, smashed at the Russian lines in one sector in a series of ten attacks moving in groups of from 25 to 30 which were turned back almost immediately, it was said.

The reds then shoved in two more fresh infantry regiments, 40 more tanks and new plane units but after a two-hour battle they retreated, leaving 1,100 dead and nearly a score of tanks destroyed.

Four hours later they tried to attack again and lost 25 planes shot down and eight damaged, the Russians said.

Folkes Trial Nears Jury

Albany, Ore., April 21—(AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, 20, accused of first degree murder in the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, Norfolk, Va., appeared unperturbed today as his case neared a circuit court jury.

As the defense rested its case without calling Folkes to the stand, the stolid, young Negro, a dining car cook on the train on which Mrs. James was fatally slashed January 23, became jovial in contrast to his earlier serious demeanor. His attorney previously had said he would call on Folkes to deny statements introduced by police as confessions that he had sneaked into Mrs. James' berth, lower 13, and cut her throat when she awakened and fought him.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Continued cold with slightly lower temperatures tonight.

15 Aerial Attacks Made In One Day On Japs at Kiska

Jap Threat To Australia Grows Rapidly

Allied Headquarters in Australia, April 21—(AP)—Japan's air and ground power in the southwest Pacific is growing "with great rapidity," a spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur warned today, and "the situation is now becoming more menacing on the Australian front."

"It is our hope that our force will grow to match the enemy's," the spokesman said.

The warning was the latest in a series sounded from headquarters of top ranking military officials by way of tempering somewhat the successes of General MacArthur's far-ranging bombers. One of those successes was the sinking yesterday at Wewak, New Guinea, of a 6,000-ton ship, presumably loaded with fuel, judging from the way it burst into flame.

"Our successes in the past are, unfortunately, not the compelling factor in the coming battle," the MacArthur spokesman said.

"This campaign, as is always the case in war, will be won in the future, not in the past."

Mosquitos Raid Berlin

Large Fires Started; Heavy Bombers Blast Stettin and Rostock; 31 Planes Missing

London, April 21—(AP)—Heavy British bombers attacked the German Baltic ports of Stettin and Rostock last night while speedy Mosquito bombers pounded Berlin in widespread raids from which 31 planes are missing, the air ministry announced today.

The night's operations also included mine-laying in enemy waters, and sharp attacks by fighters and fighter-bombers on enemy railways, barges and coastal shipping, a communique said.

The operations were favored by good weather, and the bombing attacks on Stettin and Rostock—which were carried out by some of the RAF's mightiest plane—were well concentrated, the air ministry said.

In the blow at Berlin one Mosquito pilot said there was a "terrific flash" in one district. The last pilot to leave the city said several fires were burning, one particularly large.

Rostock is the site of the Heinkel works and the communique said the port and the Heinkekl works were the specific target in last night's raid. Stettin, which is the port for Berlin, was last bombed by the RAF September 30, 1941, and harbor installations, an oil refinery and factories were severely damaged. The Red army air force also raided Stettin, along with Berlin, in August 1941.

COMMISSIONER HOOD AND STATE BANKING BOARD TAKE OATHS

Raleigh, April 21—(AP)—State Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood and members of the banking commission were inducted today for their new terms of office.

They were sworn in by Associate Justice E. B. Denny in the office of Governor Broughton.

Hood has been bank commissioner since 1931. Members of the commission, who were re-appointed by the governor, are H. D. Bateman of Wilson, R. P. Holding of Smithfield, S. C. Lewellyn of Dobson, B. Bascom Blackwelder of Hickory and Boyd B. Massagee of Henderson. The State tresaurer and attorney general are ex officio mmbrs.

New Record is Set In Number of Raids On Japanese Outpost; Solomons Base Hit

Washington, April 21—(AP)—War planes of the Aleutian command bombed and strafed Japanese positions on Kiska island in 15 record-breaking raids Monday, the Navy reported today, scoring numerous hits on important installations and starting fires.

In the South Pacific, a communique aid, heavy Army bombers struck at the big enemy base at Kieta in the northwestern Solomons. Another wave of lighter bombers attacked shipping in harbors in Bougainville, damaging one freighter and making several near hits on another.

The 15-raid attack on Kiska was the heaviest of the war to date. Previously, the island had been raided a maximum of 13 times in one day—April 15.

Since the beginning of the aerial offensive to smash Japanese installations there the Aleutians command has raided Kiska 137 times. There still was no evidence from the Navy, however, bearing on the effectiveness of these assaults in demolishing Japanese installations and delaying or preventing the enemy from turning the island into an air base.

Gas Coupon Ring Broken

New York, April 21.—(AP)—Confiscation of 500,000 counterfeit "T" gasoline coupons and the arrest of 30 men was announced today by James J. Maloney, supervising agent of the secret service in the New York area.

Maloney said Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau had been interested personally in the investigation after OPA officials appealed to him to aid in checking the flood of bogus "T" stamps threatening to wreck rationing machinery in the area.

He quoted Morgenthau as saying that "these counterfeit "T" stamps are fighting on the side of Rommel against our boys on the battle field."

The roundup of the men, smashed 112 investigations by secret service agents in this area, Maloney said.

Stabilization Fund Approved

Washington, April 21—(AP)—The House today passed the Senate-approved bill extending for two years the President's authority over a $2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, but added an amendment which its author said would prevent use of the money in the proposed joint $5,000,000,000 international banking fund.

The measure extends the President's authority over the $2,000,000,000 stabilization fund but withdraws his power to devalue the dollar.

Fairless Denies Charge

Washington, April 21—(AP)—Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp., has entered a denial before the war production board that "the safety of ships or the lives of men have been jeopardized" by sub-standard steel supplied by one plant of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., a U. S. Steel subsidiary.

Fairless said he was certain government agencies would have accepted the steel plate had they been notified of the minor deviation from specifications.

His position was disclosed today in the release by WPB of the full minutes of a meeting of the steel industry advisory committee on April 8, called to study charges of falsification of steel plate tests.

Axis Attacks Hurled Back Before City

Fighting is Fiercest Since Egypt; Allies Open Big Offensive To Crack Rommel

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 21—(AP)—Dashing veterans of the eighth army have captured Enfidaville, axis coastal anchor 50 miles south of Tunis, in the first hours of an offensive to crack the enemy's Tunisian corner and have hurled back four axis counter attacks in some of the fiercest fighting since the nazis were thrown out of Egypt, the allies announced today.

Accompanying General Sir B. L. Montgomery's drive from the south, which was opened at 11 o'clock Monday night with a mighty barrage from hundreds of guns, the British first army has moved forward slightly in the Medjez-el-Bab sector west of Tunis, said a communique from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters.

The newest assaults, aimed at collapsing the mountain rim held by Marshal Erwin Rommel, were meshed with the northwest African air force's heaviest bombardments of axis airfields the campaign has seen and by violent air battles in which 27 enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday.

Along with other planes shot down on previous days but not previously reported here, this score brought to 151 the total of enemy planes destroyed in the last three days.

"Enfidvaille has been occupied and all initial objectives captured after fierce fighting," the communique said. "Four enemy counter attacks have been repulsed. Fighting continues."

While hundreds of allied planes ranged the skies, air reconnaissance showed that Flying Fortress attacks on Palermo, Italy, had caused tremendous damage, with the harbor blocked by the wrecks of 28 ships, sunk or damaged.

The sunken shipping consisted of five merchant vessels, a destroyer, another naval vessel and a mine layer, an official report said, while damaged ships included seven merchant ships, two escort vessels, a tanker and a repair ship. Inactive shipping in the harbor included four motor ferries, at least two of which were severely damaged, three barges, two of which were damaged, one submarine probably damaged and one merchant vessel.

The communique said it had been found that ten more axis planes were destroyed on Sunday and the base German air transport formations were shot up, bringing that day's aerial losses of the enemy to 93 aircraft.

Stocks Reach Firmer Ground

New York April 21—(AP)—Stocks turned firmer today.

Showing gains were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, Goodyear, Goodrich, U. S. Rubber, American Telephone, Westinghouse, American Can, General Electric, Southern Railway and Texas Co.

Bonds and commodities were mixed.

Cotton Prices Little Changed

New York April 21—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 15 cents a bale lower.

Noon values were unchanged to 10 cents a bale higher, May 20.25, July 20.05 and October 19.94.

	Previous Close	Today's Open
May	20.23	20.20
July	20.05	20.03
October	19.94	19.93
December	19.90	19.98
March	19.87	19.86