



# British Beat Off Axis Assaults

## Americans Vow Vengeance For Execution Of Fliers

### Several Tokyo Raid Fliers Dead

### General Arnold Calls On U. S. Air Fighters To Destroy Guilty Japanese War Lords

Washington, April 22—(AP)—A new and burning challenge for revenge rode with American air fighters in the Pacific today.

They were called on by their chief commander, General H. H. Arnold, to destroy Japanese war lords who have executed several of your brave comrades in violation of what Arnold termed "every rule of military procedure and every concept of human decency."

President Roosevelt's announcement late yesterday that some of the American fliers who helped bomb military targets in Japan last year had been put to death electrified and shocked the capital and the entire country.

Accused by Mr. Roosevelt's assertion that these "diabolical crimes" would make America more determined than ever to "blot out the diabolical militarism of Japan" were his comments as these:

"I am a Senator of Illinois, of the House rules committee, 'Constitution, dynamite, outlaws.' I hope that when the time comes we will show no mercy."

"I am a physician," "Gone with the Wind" author, "This late in the violation of international law should steel the determination of the United States to take immediately to task the one who shows no law but brute force."

"I am an American note to Japan, transmitted through Swiss diplomatic channels, and made public at the White House yesterday, said the United States eventually will bring the Japanese to heel for the execution of fliers."

The White House released the news after execution in the form of a statement by the President, reprinted from a stop on his war cruise in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a 1,000-word note of protest from the State department.

"Of the 30 officers and men who died in Japan with Major General James H. Doolittle last April, the War department listed eight as prisoners or presumed prisoners of the Japanese and two as missing."

### Gardner Withdraws From Race

### Announcement Leaves Field Wide Open Without Candidate Opposing Reynolds

Shelby, April 22—(AP)—Former Governor O. Max Gardner today definitely removed himself as a candidate for the U. S. Senate in the 1944 state-wide Democratic primary.

Formal withdrawal of the prominent North Carolinian now leaves that field wide open without an announced candidate to oppose Senator Robert R. Reynolds.

Gardner said that his health would not permit him to make the race.

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey who has been urged to make the race, was asked if he would run. He would make no definite commitments but left himself available if the call came to run against Reynolds. Hoey expressed keen personal disappointment that Gardner had decided not to be a candidate.

"I have decided not to become a candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1944," Gardner said in a statement issued at his home here today. "In justice to my friends and to the general public, I feel it my duty to make this announcement without delay. My decision is final."

He said "the decision of Governor Gardner is a personal disappointment to me. I am among the first to urge him to make the race for the Senate. I felt that by reason of his ability and prestige, he would be able to render the state and nation distinct service at this most critical period in world history."

### Poison Gas Threat Met

### British Government Asserts German Use Of Gas Will Bring Reprisals in Kind

London, April 22—(AP)—Asserting it had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," the British government vowed today that any use of gas by either Germany or her satellites would bring immediate reprisals in kind against military objectives "throughout the whole expanse of Germany."

The British radio, replying to the British government, quoted German foreign office circles as saying that Germany would stand by a pledge given last year that she would use poison gas only if her enemies used it first. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said Berlin officials circles termed Churchill's declaration "provocative."

The government statement was issued by Prime Minister Churchill from 10 Downing street and newspaper men were called into an extraordinary session early this morning at the ministry of information to hear it.

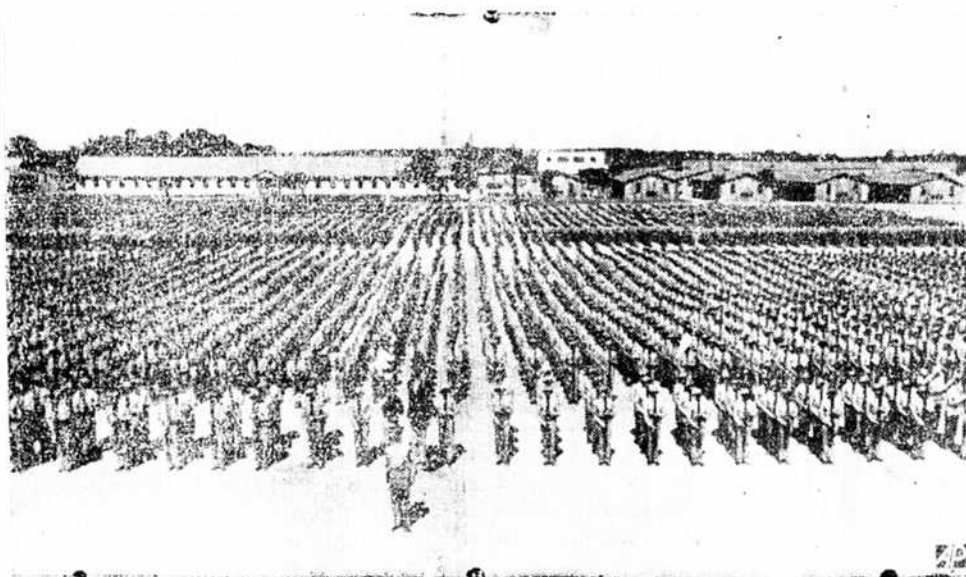
### Raleigh Politicians Predict Two-Man Race for Governor

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, April 22.—With clear-cut, though informal, announcements of candidacy for governor having been issued by Wilson Warlick, Ralph McDonald and George Cherry, most newspaper editors and political observers agree that the race is practically closed.

There is developing around Raleigh, with some support from outside visitors a feeling that any change in major candidates will be by subtraction rather than by addition.

DIVISION OF MARINES SALUTES PRESIDENT AT PARRIS ISLAND



At the Parris Island camp of the United States Marines, the first stop on President Roosevelt's tour of the Southeast, a division of Marines in long, close ranks, salute the commander-in-chief. The troops stand with rifles at "present arms." (Photo from U. S. Marine Corps.)

### Mrs. Jones Christens Ship

### Poultry Price Level Revised Henderson War Mother Is 'Thrilled'

Washington, April 22—(AP)—The office of price administration today revised poultry prices throughout the country and announced "a campaign to crush the black market in poultry."

The price order, effective immediately, establishes uniform prices for each type of poultry and sets the current prices of frozen and fresh frozen poultry by one to ten cents per pound, but increased prices of quick frozen broilers and frays by one and one-half to two cents per pound.

The new prices were based on cost at country shipping points, replacing a former system based on cost of delivery to the buyer. Under the old system, buyers of different classes could legally offer varying prices for the same prices on the farm, and officials said this encouraged black market activities.

### Stocks Again Edge Higher

New York, April 22—(AP)—The stock market, on fair street volume, continued to edge moderately higher today.

Fractional advances were well distributed at the start and price movements were plentiful after the fourth hour.

### TWELVE ARMY FLIERS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Evansville, Ind., April 22—(AP)—An Army airplane crashed while making a landing at the Evansville municipal airport shortly before last midnight and twelve men were killed. Major F. C. Dickson, Army representative at the field, reported.

State police and local officers sent to the field said the plane burned after the crash. Names of the victims are being withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

### Jap Threat Says Raiders Will Be Killed

(By The Associated Press)

A threat to execute every Jap who is captured during a bombing of Japan was implied in propaganda broadcast from Tokyo today and it was said that Japan would "leave nothing undone to prevent a repetition of the allied air attack upon the island empire last April."

"Act by the way, don't forget America," said an English language broadcast recorded by the Federal communications commission, "make sure that every one that comes this way has a special gun to hell and rest assured, strictly a one-way ticket."

Tokyo broadcasts beamed especially to the United States, attempted to counter the disclosure by President Roosevelt that the Japanese government had executed seven of the eight American aviators captured after Major General James H. Doolittle, then a lieutenant colonel, led the raiders across Japan and that a poster had been lodged.

A Doolittle broadcast recorded by the FCC declared "the Japanese were perfectly justified in severely punishing American fliers who were found guilty of purposely carrying out warlike attacks on innocent civilians, hospitals and schools."

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Warmer tonight and tomorrow.

### House Votes For Recess

Washington, April 22—(AP)—The House voted today for an Easter recess until May 3, and Speaker Rayburn, Texas Democrat, announced the body would have a final showdown on that date on pay-as-you-go taxation, with another vote on a modified Rural plan to skip an income tax year.

Members generally began leaving for their home districts to spend the Easter season. Senate adjournment in the recess resolution was required and, according to House leaders, would be forthcoming.

### Army Planes Bomb Naru

Washington, April 22—(AP)—A large force of Army bombers, winging for north of Guadalcanal island, heavily damaged Japanese installations on Naru on the island today, and destroyed at least five Zero fighters.

All American planes returned despite still enemy resistance from both anti-aircraft and fighter planes.

In the north Pacific, Army planes bombed and strafed Jap installations on Koska ten times today, damaging the runway and camp area of that Alaskan island. The Alaskan air force has now hit Koska 113 times this month.

### Cotton Prices Trend Higher

New York, April 22—(AP)—Cotton futures gained a cents a bale lower to 13 cents higher.

New cotton, above 25 cents a bale higher to 4 cents lower, May 2020, July 2020 and October 1939.

Previous Today		
Close	Open	
May	20.15	20.14
July	19.95	19.94
October	19.75	19.74
December	19.55	19.54
March	19.35	19.34

### Babson Advises War Workers To Prepare for Labor Crash

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, N. C., April 22.—In 1929 when stocks were selling at eight times present prices I told investors that these prices I could not possibly hold up and that a price collapse was ahead. It surely came with a bang. In a few months prices dropped 90 per cent and in two years all the billions were "eaten" with ten million persons unemployed.

Wage Markets Like Stock Markets

### Parleys Solidify Relations

### President Roosevelt And Avila Camacho Conclude Conference At Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, Tex., April 22—(AP)—Relations between the United States and its close neighbor across the unfortified border to the south seemed more cemented than ever today in the wake of historic meetings between President Roosevelt and Mexico's President Avila Camacho.

Stressing continental neighborliness and military solidarity, the conferences were held in both lands—at Monterrey on Tuesday and at Corpus Christi amid the constant roar of warplanes yesterday as the naval air cadets of several American nations carried on their grim training during the unprecedented parleys.

"From the point of view of continental defense and unity of purpose," President Roosevelt told the cadets as he and the Mexican chief executive lunched with them during an inspection of the naval air training center, "this kind of military training means a wide and long step forward in the relations of this hemisphere. Let the good work continue."

He said he was happy to greet Avila Camacho at the training center because a large number of Mexican cadets are among the youths from many nations receiving flying instruction here and hoped that growing on United States soil "one of the great American historical meetings."

### Red Lines Hold Firmly

### Germans Maintain Unceasing Assaults On Soviet Positions In Kuban Delta

Moscow, April 22—(AP)—The Germans kept up unceasing assaults in the Kuban valley, of the Caucasus during the night, trying with a great weight of men, tanks and planes to crack the Red Army lines from the southern shores of the Sea of Azov to the Black sea at Novorossisk.

All their efforts failed, although some instances groups of axis troops were able to reach the 1194 line of the Red army's defenses, only to be cut down by murderous machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, and by Russian bayonet in hand to hand fighting, the Soviet information bureau's midday communique said.

In one sector, the Germans were reported to have lost upwards of 1,700 men in the last 24 hours.

The German air force, meanwhile, was engaged in some of the fiercest air battles of the campaign as Russian fighter planes met strong attempts to dive bomb the Red army's ground troops into submission.

The two day series of plane destruction in this sector was reported to be 90 to 42 in the Russian's favor, and the Red army's aviation was increasing the number of its attacks on enemy ground troops.

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New Delhi, April 22—(AP)—A federal court ruled invalid today a section of the defense of India regulations under which some 4,000 prisoners, including leaders of the Congress (nationalist) party, were detained in connection with last year's disturbances.

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### Nazi Losses In Tunisia Are Heavy

### Fresh British Gains Declared Firmly Held Against Hard Attack By Rommel's Forces

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 22—(AP)—British infantrymen, tanks and artillery have beaten back three major thrusts by axis ground troops seeking to ease the pressure upon their Tunisian defense lines, inflicting losses which included destruction of 27 tanks and capture of 500 Germans in the Medjez-el-Bab sector alone, it was announced today.

Fresh British gains on the southern front were declared firmly held.

Between 60 and 80 tanks and at least five battalions of German infantry, perhaps 2,000 men, struck by moonlight Tuesday night at the positions of Lieutenant General Anderson's first army in the mountainous area of Medjez-el-Bab, about 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

The assault forces, described here as some of the best of Marshal Erwin Rommel's men in Africa, were met by heavy fire. They suffered considerable casualties and the survivors were withdrawn to a defensive position. Among the 27 wrecked tanks they left behind were two of the 60-ton Tiger Mark tanks.

General Sir B. L. Montgomery's eighth army pushed on today against its new line, launched in the region of Tlemcen, and it is a point ten miles into the coast—with a heavy loss to the axis.

Some positions were normally held, proved and all were firmly held, the communique said.

General Montgomery's men, who face ten miles of extremely difficult hill country in their latest push toward Tunis, have already driven through three miles that once resisted with Nazi defenses.

On several occasions the axis forces were striking with all available strength in an effort to show their progress regardless of the cost in troops and materiel.

The German command included units of the Hermann Goering Jaeger regiments and the Goering Grenadiers in the attack on the first army and they struck on an eight-mile front. Tank forces which had previously seen action in the battles of Kasserine Pass and Mideyat were thrown into the fray.

Twenty-two of the three tanks were destroyed and a spokesman said it was believed most of the wreckage had been lost but all on ground now occupied by the allies.

Light bombers of the tactical air force again attacked axis air fields and ground positions. Fighters lost in their offensive sweeps over the front areas yesterday and ten enemy planes were shot down during the day, it was announced.

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### FORMER MICHIGAN GOVERNOR IS DEAD

Charlotte, Mich., April 22—(AP)—Former Governor Loren D. Dickenson died today at his farm home near here at the age of 84 years. He suffered a heart attack Wednesday.

Dickenson attained the governorship upon the death of Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald and served out his term but failed of reelection in his race against Democrat Murray D. Van Wagener.

### Mine Dispute Certified To WLB

Washington, April 22—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins announced today she had certified the soft coal wage dispute to the war labor board.

Acknowledging the failure of negotiations which have been under way in New York since March 19, she said:

"I regret that I should have been inclined to wait patiently for the members of this conference to work out something constructive, but could not do so because of the urgency of the coal and because changes cannot be taken on so vital a matter, I am certifying this case to the national war labor board."

The certification embraces the whole Appalachian bituminous producing area, north and south.