



Germans Cracking In Russia

U. S. Bombers Renew Attacks On Nazis As Month Begins

Swiss City Set Afire By Mistake

Score Is Heavily On Side of Allies In Month of March

London, April 1.—(AP)—American bomber planes began a new month of operations with an attack on southwestern Germany today, United States headquarters announced.

It was reported that all rail lines leading into Switzerland had been suspended temporarily.

Despite Thursday night's record loss of 91 planes by the RAF, an announcement last night showed that March remained a month of victory for British and American planes.

According to reliable estimates, the RAF made 6,500 operational bomber flights over Germany during the month, with a loss of 14 percent.

A heavy raid was attained in March by the American air forces, with 24 heavy bomber attacks. The bombers and their fighter escorts destroyed at least 700 enemy aircraft.

Swiss City Almost Razed By Bombings

Bern, Switzerland, April 1.—(AP)—American bombers destroyed a large part of the historical Swiss city of Schaffhausen, killed 20 to 50 persons and wounded 100 more in a shower of bombs this morning, a leading Swiss newspaper declared, quoting eye witnesses.

The first eye witness report said the industrial city of 20,000 population was a scene of desolation.

Politics Is Overcoming Notable Popular Apathy

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

HIS PLATFORM: MONEY FOR ALL



APPARENTLY TIRED from his efforts to make people happy, Harry F. McLean (top) rests in his hotel suite in Windsor, Canada, after tossing \$5,000 in bills and silver from the window to a milling crowd below. One of the recipients (bottom) scrambles for some of the 'panna from heaven'—it is the philanthropist's hobby to give his money away in the belief that he is spreading happiness. (International Soundphoto)

Rumors In Italy Report King May Abdicate Soon

Stockholm, April 1.—(AP)—Reports reaching here through the strictest channels, in yet another in Helsinki indicate the Finnish cabinet is considering a new communication from Moscow that may reopen negotiations for an armistice between the two countries.

There were reports that the cabinet session may decide Finland's withdrawal from the war. Juho K. Paaliskivi, Finland's peace ambassador, has reestablished contacts with the Russians, it was learned Wednesday following Finland's rejection of Moscow's original armistice terms. Paaliskivi's cabinet deliberations, it was presumed, are a result of the latest contacts.

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Stock Prices Are Hesitant

Axis Forces Crumbling Before Reds

Many Rumanians Surrender Freely; Odessa Fall Near

Moscow, April 1.—(AP)—German and Rumanian resistance in southwest Russia was beginning to crumble today as masses of Red army infantry, mobile units of tanks and Sturmovik bombers swept on toward three major objectives—Odessa, Tiraspol and Kishinev.

Front line Soviet dispatches said that one intermediate line after another was cracking. These reports and many Rumanian reports were willingly surrendered by the Rumanians drive through mobile Besaronia toward Kishinev.

Wild confusion was reported in Odessa as units of the second and third Ukrainian armies (head of the River) sea port from the northwest and east, and other units rushed from the Tiraspol railway junction on the lower Dniester, where they could cut off the enemy.

The Soviets have captured the town of Odessa, and the Nazis were said to be hurrying through the city.

At the northern end of the Ukrainian front, Marshal Georgy K. Zhukov's troops drew up before the Rumanian and Czechoslovakian frontiers.

Soviet dispatches gave no news of any threat across the border. Apparently Zhukov was consolidating his position as Marshal Ivan S. Konev, who when he reached the front river.

A Soviet counter-attack said Marshal Eremov's army was driving west into the Odessa-Tiraspol sector, capturing more than 200 tanks, 400 handless yesterday, one of the largest single day's loss of the southern offensive.

The third Ukrainian army units simultaneously were reported to have advanced Odessa, 40 miles east of Odessa, in a rapid advance.

Rapidly shifting the main weight of its drive, the Red army now appeared to be exerting the most intense pressure on the position and of the front in an all-out effort to clear the last remaining Germans from Russia, dispatches said.

Allies Gain Mile In Italy After Attack

Alfred Headquarters, Naples, April 1.—(AP)—Allied troops have made a sudden thrust in the ruggedly mountainous and long state central sector of the Italian front, advancing a mile and sweeping Mt. Marone, a mile high peak, about 15 miles northeast of Cassino, headquarters announced today.

The thrust was seized by troops of unidentified nationality who pushed forward under powerful artillery support.

In Cassino, meanwhile, Allied heavy guns again shelled the enemy, overclouding the devastated town, and observers saw the walls collapsing around the German positions.

Two German raiding parties—one about forty strong—were beaten back in the vicinity of the railway station.

Coal, Oil, Fishing Agreement Strengthens Russian Status

NAZIS INSPECT NEW WEAPON



ONE OF THE NEWER weapons used by the Nazis against the Allies at Aachen this miniature tank controlled by radio electric cables and carrying 1,000 pounds of explosives. German officers inspect one of the tanks which are six feet long. Called a beetle, it proved ineffective in the Ardennes. The picture comes through a neutral channel. (AP International)

U. S. Fleet's Movements In Pacific Kept Secret

Over 50 Carriers Are Now Operating In Vast Ocean Area

United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, April 1.—(AP)—American naval task forces, including some of the more than fifty aircraft carriers just disclosed to be prowling the Pacific, were protected today by a radio silence which prevented reports of the devastation wrought on Palau, Japanese sea base guarding the approaches to the Philippines.

But more reports came of supporting air blows being rained on Truk, boldly bypassed by the fleet, which moved 1,175 miles west of it to open the assault on Palau Wednesday.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, whose last word concerning the Palau operations was that "our attacks continue," announced yesterday that five island strong points of Truk atoll were pounded Wednesday night by American Liberators of the seventh air force.

This was the second raid on Truk in as many days. From central Pacific base, occupying that air and naval base in the heart of the Carolines, which the fleet forces swept into Palau on the western tongue of the island group of a four-day voyage to attack the Japanese base of the island group.

Additional reports of the Wednesday night raid, touched off by heavy explosions at Truk on Sunday night, stated that on Truk and Wotho, and other islands of the group.

Weapons Are Missing At German Camp

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Wayne Lonergan Faces 20 Years In Wife's Death

New York, April 1.—(AP)—A pitiful story of a man who traveled from modest circumstances into a world of wealth and luxury, living a life to an abrupt end today, with prison walls his terminus.

Washington Sees Deal As Big Gain

Consulates Closed By Both Countries In Sakhalin Areas

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Russia's decision to eliminate Japanese coal and oil rights in northern Sakhalin and to impose new limits on Japanese fishing in Siberian waters indicates that the Soviet Union now feels its position has strengthened considerably in relation to Japan.

The experts were inclined to discount the importance of north Sakhalin's oil and coal to the Japanese, asserting that a loss of shipping and Russian obstructive tactics have prevented the Japanese from getting full benefits from their concessions.

One estimate was that about 350,000 barrels of oil were obtained from Russian Sakhalin in 1942.

Closing of coal concessions, considered by the island was seen as a victory to Russian advantage.

For several years, the experts said, Russia and Japan have tended to insist that consulates in either country be equal in number and presumably the Russians said the Japanese needed no more consulates in northern Sakhalin when the mineral rights were curtailed.

Russia has never been satisfied with the agreements, and negotiation has been held intermittently ever since.

Japs To See New Stunts By Americans

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—New tactical surprises were promised the Japanese today by Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commander of the Marine Corps.

"In the ship-to-shore offensive, to come, participated in by all branches of the armed services, as we drive westward, northward or southward toward our major goals, we shall continue to make the most of all those accumulated factors on which we have capitalized in the past," he said in an address prepared for the Federal Reserve bank.

"There will be many times, as we advance, when the enemy will discover that, since again, something new has been added, something fresh from the chest of surprises."

Balkan Crack-Up Might Precede Nazi Collapse

By Central Press

Washington.—The Balkan time bomb appears set to explode in the near future, it is said, by the shifting up of the temporary coalition front by the Axis. Adolf Hitler's chief of staff in four and a half years of warfare and political intrigue.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair to partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness and continued warm.

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