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OFFER PRAYER FOR DAD MISSING IN ACTION



MRS. EDWARD B. HEALY and her eight children kneel in St. Mary's Church, Des Plaines, Ill., as they offer a prayer for the father, an aerial gunner missing in action in the Pacific shortly after he wrote of an expected Easter furlough following 43 missions. The children are (l. to r.) Frances, 9; Nancy, 10; two sets of twins, Tom and Tim, 4; John and Joel, 5; Michael, 11, and Edward, 12. (International Soundphoto)

Young Men Needed For Replacements Soon, Metts States

Saved Sub Victims



Cpl. Antonio Fernandez of Washington, D. C., who rescued 23 sub victims in Pacific waters, recuperating in an Army hospital in the southwest Pacific. His ship was torpedoed by a Jap sub in the south Pacific and on reaching a raft he dove overboard despite man-eating sharks to save a score of soldiers from death. (International)

London Hears Rumania Will Sue For Peace

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—The continued presence of Count Barbu Stirbey in Cairo has led to hope in responsible diplomatic quarters here that it may be possible to arrange for Rumania to break away from Germany and make her peace with the Allies in the near future.

Such hope as there is, however, is guarded and those who hold it warn against false optimism on two grounds: (1) Stirbey's negotiation in Cairo do not appear near the stage of action yet; and (2) German military performance in Rumania does not leave the Bucharest government much freedom of action to effectuate a peace, even if terms were agreed on.

What an armistice move would mean in practical terms is highly uncertain. The Rumanians might instruct their troops now fighting the Russians to join the Russians. But that would be effective only where the troops are still under their own officers. There is a question, too, as to what would become of the government leaders at Bucharest if they attempted to break the partnership with Germany.

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Dewey Wins Wisconsin's GOP Ballot

Selective Service Head Lists Plan to Dairy, Poultry Men

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Latest Returns on Vote Show Willkie Has No Delegates

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Milwaukee, Wis., April 5.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey swept ahead today to ward a possible 18 of Wisconsin's 21 Republican National Convention delegates in late returns from yesterday's presidential primary. Wendell Willkie ran last in a field of four, with indications he would not get a delegate.

HENDERSON RADIO CONCERN CHARTERED

Henderson, April 5.—(AP)—The Henderson Radio Corporation was incorporated today to operate a broadcasting station at Henderson. It has authorized capital stock of \$100,000, and subscribed a stock of \$25,000 by S. S. Stevenson and T. W. McCracken, both of Henderson, and Nathan Frank, of Roanoke Rapids.

REDS THREATEN NAZI OIL SUPPLY



THE ABOVE PHOTO, taken after the Nazis had appropriated the rich Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, shows German troops loading oil for shipment to the homeland. Now, with the Russians in Rumania, they are redoubling their efforts to get as much as possible out of the country before the Reds reach the oil fields. (International)

Milwaukee, Wis., April 5.—(AP)—Supporters of Governor Thomas E. Dewey claimed a decisive boost for their "draft Dewey" drive today as he built up a widening lead in returns from Wisconsin's presidential primary—with Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, General Douglas A. MacArthur and Wendell Willkie trailing.

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RUSSIANS IN TARNOPOL BUCHAREST BADLY HIT

U. S. Planes Blast Nazi Rail Yards

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Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 5.—(AP)—Strong formations of United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators, in their first attack on Bucharest yesterday, caused considerable damage to the railway yards through which German supplies roll to the Russian front, and left one-third of the Rumanian capital covered with a heavy cloud of smoke, headquarters announced today.

While headquarters officers had nothing to say about possible political motives for the bombardment of three Balkan capitals in a row, there was some speculation that there was much more in the attacks than the desire to destroy military objectives in support of the Russians.

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SWISS CITY BOMBED BY MISTAKE



Fires are reported still burning in Schaffhausen (above) Swiss industrial city which was accidentally bombed by American airmen on April 1. The death toll has been set at 35. Leland Harrison, our minister, has voiced deepest regret to the Swiss government. (International)

U. S. Bombers Destroy Hollandia And Other Vital Jap Air Strips

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, April 5.—(AP)—One terrific sweep of 100 tons of bombers has pushed Hollandia's three airfields into the cauldron of burned out Japanese air bases which Allied planes keep spearing for 1,000 miles around the Bismarck Sea.

Japs Capture 15 Miles Of Vital Line In India

New Delhi, April 5.—(AP)—The Japanese invaders of India were reported today to be building a 15-mile stretch of the road midway between Imphal, on the Manipur plain, and Kohima, 50 miles north. There they must establish a permanent weather-resistant line of communication, within six weeks or they probably lose their long gamble for the Bengal-Assam railway, an Allied lifeline.

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Last Of 16 Nazi Armies All But Out

Lwow and Odessa Almost in Reach Of the Russians

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Czechs To Take Over Own Nation

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair and slightly colder Wednesday night, Thursday fair and continued rather cool.