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## GREENWOOD HOSPITAL STRUCK BY TORNADO



With debris all around, spectators inspect severe damage done to the City Hospital in Greenwood, S. C., by a tornado which killed seven persons in the vicinity. None of the patients in the hospital was injured by the tornado, but scores in and near Greenwood were hurt.

## Assembly's Complexion About Same

Many Old Members Return Next Year, Filings Indicate

Baltimore, April 18.—On basis of reports of candidates filed for the General Assembly in about half the counties that were available at this time it is estimated that the complexion of the 1942 legislature will be very similar to that of 1940.

Many counties will have no contest, allowing incumbents to come back without opposition. Others in which opposition candidates filed give assurance that incumbents will win in the primary. In a few instances there are strong opposition candidates and real danger to present officeholders.

There is the usual switch from Senate to House and vice versa in counties where by agreement Senate representatives alternate. Raymond Maxwell, secretary of the State Board of Elections, and Thad Kane, secretary of state, both had written county election boards for prompt reports on filings. Each received reports from the same counties Monday. They were interested only in the legislative field but other information is that there will be few, hotly contested campaigns in any county offices.

The only congressional district in which a real fight is expected is the

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## Merger of Armed Forces Expected To Get Approval

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—A chorus of approval by expert witnesses is expected in military circles when hearings begin next week on unification of American armed forces in a single department of war.

Secretary of War Stimson will be one of the first witnesses before the special House committee on postwar military policy, headed by Representative Woodrum, Virginia Democrat, which has set unity of command as its first study.

A survey of military opinion suggested today that crucial unanimity on the desirability of consolidating the military services may have been the reason it was placed first on the committee's agenda. Facing more explosive issues—namely universal military service—until later,

## 2,000 U. S. Planes Smash Berlin And Other Nazi Areas

Britain Stops All But Allied Visits Over Her Borders

London, April 18.—(AP)—Britain today banned trips outside this country by diplomats of all neutral and Allied nations except the United States, Russia and the British commonwealths and made all their communications subject to full censorship.

The action, latest in a series of steps taken to safeguard invasion information, was without precedent, but the foreign office announced that military operations impending in the present year, "made it imperative. Washington and Moscow were consulted in the moves."

## Simpler Tax Bill Before House Group

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—"Simpler" extraction of income tax was the goal set by House fiscal leaders today as they launched legislation designed to reduce 20,000,000 persons from the job of filing any returns after this year.

Chairman Douglas, North Carolina Democrat, called the way, and a subcommittee together to review the first draft of the simplification measure, which also is calculated to make the March 15 deadline less severe for the 20,000,000 other persons who still would have to file returns.

Beginning next January 1, if the bill is enacted, the present withholding system against wages and salaries will be revised upward to take from pay envelopes and salary checks the full tax liability for persons earning up to \$4,000 annually. The measure will make no change in amounts withheld this year, and it provides that the government will self compute the taxes on \$4,000 or more for those with wages or salaries under \$4,000. A simplified tax form is provided for the 20,000,000 other tax payers.

## South Carolina Will End Primary To Ban Negroes

Columbia, S. C., April 18.—(AP)—South Carolina legislators today voted to end their primary election to insure their dominant Democratic party's traditional "white supremacy" by divorcing primaries and State government elections. Fulfillment today as more than 100 bills repealing series of primary laws enacted in 1901.

"We'll fight 'em at the polls," Representative John D. Long, of Union, said to the possibility that "The Negro might try to vote in our white

Democratic primary, despite all we may do here." Party and State officials have said they feared a recent Supreme Court of the United States ruling that Negroes could vote in the Texas primaries might be invoked in South Carolina, which are similar. They hoped repeal of all primary statutes would forestall any legal action by Negroes to vote in the primaries, which would hereafter be conducted by political parties, without State participation or regulation.

Probably Thousand Heavy Bombers Are Included in Raids

London, April 18.—(AP)—About 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters attacked Berlin and other objectives in Hitler's continental fortress today, joining German planes into heavy aerial battles.

One strong formation carried out the bombing of Berlin, the first daylight blow at the much-bombed capital since May 22. The British-based Pathfinder and Liberator squadrons, Germany in strength for the first time in five days. A separate force of Liberators headed at midday on targets in the Paris de Calais area in northern France.

The first announcement of the big operations indicated that probably 1,200 heavy bombers took part, accompanied by many fighter planes. Allied medium and light bombers joined the fray after noon, crossing the channel this afternoon in sunny weather.

The attack on Berlin carried forward a bombing campaign which saw American bombers over the city six times last month, pouring more than 6,000 tons of bombs on selected targets and a total of 116 bombers. The German air force lost at least 300 fighters defending the prize target.

On the last raid March 27, between 500 and 750 planes dropped about 1,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries. Thirteen bombers and nine fighters failed to return from that raid.

## Compulsion Upon 4-F's Abandoned

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—The House Military Committee today abandoned plans for penal legislation to force 4-F's into essential work through the threat of induction into Army and Navy shore battalions. Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat, announced following an executive meeting that the committee had decided that government agencies, such as Selective Service and the War Relocation Commission, already had ample authority to require physically disqualified men to move into essential jobs.

The committee acted after Representative Coghlin, California Democrat, chairman of a subcommittee that has been studying draft policies, asserted his group had agreed that special legislation was not necessary at this time.

The Coghlin committee had previously recommended that the armed services and Selective Service make plans to utilize the services of all 4-F's able to work. Legislation to force 4-F holders of non-essential jobs into Army labor battalions had been under consideration by the Coghlin group. Selective Service officials have estimated there are about 3,000,000 men classified as 4-F, rejected for military service because of disabilities.

# Axis Troops Resist Bitterly Invasion Of Kuriles Pledged

## Knox Says Jap Area To Be Seized

Date of Invasion Is Not Determined; Pacific Is Active

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—Invasion of a part of the Japanese Kurile island chain reaching north from the enemy homeland may be expected, Secretary of the Navy Knox said today.

Asked at news conference whether it was likely that the United States would attempt to take that island group in the north Pacific, he replied, "Sometime sure, but nobody knows when."

The discussion was prompted by the increasing regularity of American bombing raids on islands in the chain, which extends from the Japanese mainland north to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula. Among the bases which have been struck frequently there, particularly in the last five days, is Matsuyama, less than 500 miles from the mainland of Japan.

Knox, discussing the war in the Pacific, said that developments have been confined to bombardment of the Kuriles and continuing aerial assaults on enemy positions cut off from supplies in the eastern Marshalls, and the regular bombing of the enemy bases in the Caroline islands group, including Truk and Pohnpei.

He said the Japanese evidently were trying their best to get some supplies into the isolated bases in the eastern part of the anti-Pacific Marshalls, but without much success. "From six to ten barges a day are being sunk as they attempt to run supplies into the bases," the Navy secretary said.

Meanwhile, General Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific headquarters reported new successes by Allied air and ground forces in their offensives against Japanese bases along the New Guinea coast.

General MacArthur's daily communique told of a heavy bombing attack on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, where airbases were blasted and supply installations, jetties and a coastal vessel were left blazing. Australian ground fighters who captured Bogadim April 13, have progressed two miles along the 18-mile-long road northward to Madang without encountering enemy opposition. Australian imperial forces headquarters reported. It appeared that the Japanese were evacuating the area, officers said.

## Cologne Blasted By British Planes In Night Attacks

London, April 18.—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers blasted the Rhine city of Cologne last night, and at 1 p. m. (7 a. m. EDT) today the German radio warned that "enemy formations are approaching northwest Germany."

The air ministry announced that one plane was lost during the night operations, which also included mine laying operations.

## Allies Make Gains In India Campaign

Kandy, Ceylon, April 18.—(AP)—Allied forces carrying the fight to the Japanese forces on the plains north of Imphal have scored advances and still are making satisfactory progress, an Allied communique announced today.

Presumably this offensive was directed against one of the three original strong columns of Japanese which invaded India last month, although the communique did not specifically give the location of the fighting.

On the southern sector of the Imphal front, Allied forces drove the Japanese out of one position near the track to Sitchar, but the enemy counter attacked and fighting still is going on, the communique said.

## Bombings Are Continued Upon Nazi Balkan Bases

Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 18.—(AP)—Daily-based heavy and medium bombers continued the Allied pounding of German communications in the Balkans and made an attack on the rail yard at Pecani, 45 miles southeast of the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, it was announced today.

A communique said the night today followed yesterday's daylight blows by escorted heavy bombers against rail targets in Sofia and the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade, and against airbases and aircraft factories in the Beograd area. Twenty-two German aircraft were destroyed during the day's operations, the bulletin said. The Allied losses were two heavy bombers and eight fighters.

Other air operations yesterday included medium and fighter bombers

## Churchill Favors League As Postwar World Basis

London, April 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, speaking in answer to several questions concerning postwar agreements, told the House of Commons today that "the great body of work achieved by the League of Nations ought not to be lost in the postwar international peace set-up."

"I think if the League of Nations had been properly backed up it would have been successful," he said. "Preliminary exchanges of opinion on postwar questions are constantly taking place between various members of the 44 United Nations, but I cannot hold out the expectation that any agreed statement on the subject will be made in the near future."

Captain Frederick John Bellenger asked the prime minister whether the plans for organizing and maintaining peace, which United Secretary of State Cordell Hall mentioned recently, conformed with the covenant of the League of Nations.

## WHERE WILL REDS HIT AFTER CRIMEA DRIVE ENDS?



WITH THE RUSSIAN DRIVE in the Crimea coming to a climax with the entrapment of thousands of Nazis in and around Sevastopol (1), the question arises as to where the Reds will strike next. Some military experts say that the Soviets can pick the spot. Among the possibilities are (2) a drive through Romania with the Ploesti oil fields as the objective; or (3) through the Carpathians to the Hungarian plains. The latter would permit a new offensive into Poland (4) and a drive through Czechoslovakia (5). Working with the Russians, U. S. airmen have bombed Bucharest, the Romanian capital, and Ploesti. (International)

## Two Large Red Armies Converging

Enemy Baricaded In City's Streets; Evacuation Slight

Moscow, April 18.—(AP)—Two big Russian armies were reported nearing a juncture in the outskirts of Sevastopol for a final onslaught against a frenzied Axis garrison baricaded in the streets after failing to effect a large scale evacuation from the burning city.

(The Vichy radio, quoting a German report, said "the battle for Sevastopol has now commenced, with very heavy fighting taking place in the fortified region of the town.")

Front line dispatches said that General Yermolenko's independent maritime army was moving downhill on the city from the southeast after crossing a 2,200-foot mountain position known as Baidar Gate, in a drive that yesterday swept up a road junction 12 miles from Sevastopol, and five miles from Balaklava, scene of the famed "Charge of the Light Brigade."

This force, moving through dense mine fields, was expected to link up of one hour with General Tolbukhin's fourth Ukraine army, already following through Sevastopol's baricades from the north, the dispatches said.

(The Vichy broadcast asserted that the German-Bulgarian withdrawal toward the southwest of the Crimean peninsula was "being effected in perfect order and in complete accordance with German plans. Generals Tolbukhin and Yermolenko have not succeeded, in spite of all their efforts and numerical superiority, in enveloping the German retreating formations and cutting them off from the rear, as they had hoped to do.")

All reports from the front, including those from correspondents who have flown night and day over Sevastopol, indicated that the German command has not been able to accomplish a Dunkirk-scale evacuation, although in the past few days the trapped Axis troops tried to get out of the battered port on any kind of craft they could find, throwing caution to the wind as

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## DAR Would Stop Immigration Here For 5-Year Time

New York, April 18.—(AP)—The National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution unanimously adopted a resolution today urging Congress to suspend immigration for a period of five years at the conclusion of the war, with a few exceptions.

The resolution, by the organization's 35th annual Continental Congress, excepted "technical experts who are essential and not in competition with the citizens of the United States, and persons who are admissible on preferred quotas to complete groups."

Supplementing the immigration resolution was another urging that in the postwar period there be strict enforcement of the immigration law.

## Time Short, Frenchmen Are Advised

London, April 18.—"The time is getting short," the French people were warned today in the latest of a stream of pre-invasion broadcasts from the government-controlled London radio.

They were advised to store as much food as possible because, at least until the day of liberation comes, civilians must live on what is stored. Even after France is liberated, the Allies will not be in a position to distribute much food, listeners were told. The French were instructed to memorize details of London broadcasts for the fear their wireless sets might soon be confiscated by the Germans.