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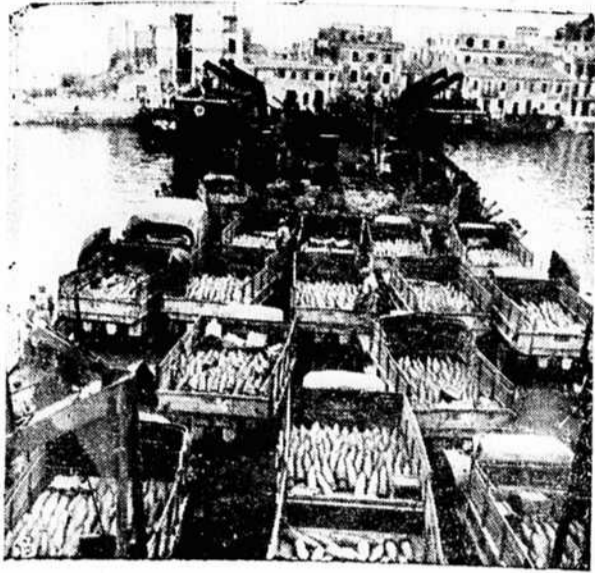
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SHELLS FOR 5TH ARMY AT ANZIO



Approaching Anzio harbor is a landing craft loaded with nearly a score of trucks carrying shells for medium heavy field artillery pieces for use by Allied troops battling the Nazis in the beachhead area. Note the wrecked buildings in the background. (International)

1,000 U. S. PLANES HIT NAZIS

New Guinea Mud Halts U. S. Advance

Americans Closing On 3 Airfields

Organized Fighting By Japs Not Found Anywhere on Island

MacArthur's Advanced Headquarters, New Guinea, April 25.—(AP)—American and Dutch invaders, slowed more by mud and mountain than by Japanese organized resistance, closed from two sides today on three air fields in a 350-square-mile area of Dutch New Guinea around captured Hollandia.

A fourth air field, seized by another invasion force against stiffer opposition 150 miles to the south-east, was already in use by the fifth air force planes.

Thousands of invading troops, the bulk of them Americans, were landed at three beachheads Saturday protected by the guns and dive bombers of a naval armada which Admiral Chester W. Nimitz credits with wiping out 100 Japanese planes, all but 13 of them on the ground.

Reports today by General MacArthur and advisers from the field by Associated Press war correspondents told of a steam roller, impeded largely by the terrain, overrunning territory within bombing range of the Philippines.

Nowhere in the Hollandia area, less than 1,200 miles from Mindanao, was there word of organized fighting by the 14,000 Japanese estimated to comprise the defending force.

On the west flank, American soldiers, last reported within five miles of the main Hollandia air field, told AP Correspondent Martin Spencer that "some Japanese didn't even have guns." This invading force, landed at Tanahmerah bay, had moved six miles southeast by Sunday afternoon.

On the east flank, red mud, which rained the Yankees from head to foot, was the chief deterring factor in a mile and one-half push from Humboldt bay into the wreckage of Hollandia village Sunday.

AP Correspondent Asahel Bush, writing his dispatch amid the ruins of the community's 150 buildings, said only the sprawling bodies of dead enemy stragglers were found after naval guns, dive bombers and mountain mortars raked the village.

At Atampy, the story was the same. The enemy garrison of between 500 and 1,000 fled, leaving 98 dead and a few prisoners around the captured air field. Australian royal air force engineers worked at night under flood lights, disassembling the enemy air arm, to repair the bomber and fighter strips, while American troops moved on the village five miles north.

Landing craft brought a never-ending flow of troops and supplies to the beachhead from Liberty ships and transports, reported AP Correspondent Spencer Davis.

RECAPTURE OF CRIMEA OPENS NEW VISTA



AFTER SEVASTOPOL WHAT? Already Russia's Black Sea Fleet (1), which has been held in reserve around the main base at Batum, has begun to swing into action and many of the ships were on hand to help check the evacuation of Germans from the Crimea. A drive on the Balkan coast points may follow. As the map shows (2) Soviet troops, sweeping ahead after the fall of Odessa went in pursuit of the fleeing Axis forces and swoops toward Romania to join with Red troops marching southward near Iasi. Meanwhile U. S. bombers, based at Forcia (3), continue to pound vital centers along Hitler's "Balkan life line." (International)

German Attacks Broken Up On Long Eastern War Front

Moscow, April 25.—(AP)—The Red army has smashed a German attack west of Dubno, 85 miles north-east of the important communications center of Lvov, which at first had succeeded in driving the Russians out of two localities, a Soviet communiqué said today.

More than 400 Nazis were slain in the Russian counter blow, which dislodged the enemy from both places, and "restored the situation," the bulletin declared.

In the Carpathian foothills, more than 100 miles to the southeast, more than 200 Germans were officially reported killed today. They crossed a stream southeast of Stanislavov by night, and were routed by Soviet troops in the morning.

Except for these actions, however, a stalemate continued along the front as the Red air force lighted the blockade of Sevastopol, blasting ships which attempted to ferry Axis troops out of the encircled Black Sea base.

The communiqué said the war plane sank seven transports, totaling 10,000 tons, as well as a landing

large, a torpedo cutter and three patrol boats between Sevastopol and Romanian ports.

Russian planes also struck concentrated bombing and strafing blows against Axis troops in Sevastopol itself, causing heavy losses, the communiqué said. Thirty-seven aircraft were reported destroyed in the Sevastopol area.

(A Berlin broadcast last night said the Russians had unleashed their "final assault" on Sevastopol, and that fierce land fighting was raging once more around the city.)

Germans Strike Naples; Allied Bombings Go On

Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 25.—(AP)—German bombers struck sharply at Naples last night in the wake of a great coordinated attack by Allied aircraft against Nazi communications and aircraft plants in the Balkans and northern Italy.

Unofficial estimates placed the size of the Nazi formation which raided Naples at 20 to 40 planes. The attack, although sharp, was not particularly damaging. One of the raiders was shot down by defending planes.

The Allies flew 2,000 sorties yesterday, destroying 29 enemy planes for a loss of 14 in operations, which included heavy bomber assaults on the Bucharest and Ploesti rail yards in Romania, and an aircraft factory at Belgrade.

U. S. Fortress and Liberators were over the Bucharest and Ploesti yards for more than a half hour, fighting off attacks by between 60 and 70 fighters, as they laid bombs on the main lines to Adolf Hitler's troops opposing the Russian armies in Hungary.

Bomber crews said their bombs started fires in the Ploesti yards, which sent fire and smoke up 2,000 feet.

British Set Terrific Blow In East India

Southwest Asia Headquarters, Kanpur, Ceylon, April 25.—(AP)—Long columns of motor tanks and guns of the fourteenth army are moving toward Kohima to hurl an assault against the Japanese near that Japanese objective on the Assam-Burma front, it was reported here today.

The tanks are advancing as a protective screen for British troops engaged for the task of clearing away the last threat to Kohima.

Five bombers are hurrying the retreating enemy, headquarters announced, and artillery is pounding away at Japanese concentrations.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's communiqué said that north of Imphal on the Gwalte road to Kohima an English escadre regiment cleared on the Imphal with which the Japanese have held 170 miles of the high road and a 100-mile of the north.

Indian native regiments overran some Japanese forward positions, captured an anti-tank gun and repulsed two counter attacks.

This was the first indication that the British, apparently being Im-

Answer From Sweden Not Satisfactory

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull said today that Sweden's reply to an Allied request to stop sending ball-bearings to Germany was not satisfactory.

Naturally this government is very much dissatisfied, Hull told his press conference, because it attaches great importance to the question of supplies for Nazi Germany.

Sweden is reported to have told both Britain and the United States that it cannot break its commitments to Germany to send ball-bearings, which replace those destroyed by Allied air raids.

Stocks Steady After Selling

New York, April 25.—(AP)—The stock market still was invasion-conscious today, but selling dried up and leading issues generally regained their equilibrium.

Prices ebbed about somewhat more actively after a quiet start, and near the fourth hour, trends were no worse than a shade uneven.

phal secure, have begun operations to restore the land link between Kohima and Imphal.

Germans Are Liquidating Danish Saboteur Groups

Stockholm, April 25.—(AP)—Hitler's special deputy and minister to Denmark, Weener Best, declared today that the Germans were moving swiftly against Danish saboteurs and underground elements affecting German interests.

Denmark was virtually isolated before Danish press chiefs was the first tangible evidence of the reason. The country was cut off late yesterday afternoon.

Great Air Offensive In 11th Day

Over 40,000 Tons Of Bombs Dropped Since Mid-April

London, April 25.—(AP)—Well over 1,000 American bombers and fighters bombed three German air fields in France today, the eleventh consecutive day of the war's greatest aerial offensive, the German radio said. Other Allied bombers had penetrated into the southern sections of the Reich.

A preliminary announcement of daylight activity, which appeared to be on a gigantic scale, said Fortresses and Liberators from Britain smashed at Nazi Metz and Dorn in the continuing all-out effort to humble Hitler's air forces ahead of the western invasion.

The daylight attacks followed attacks last night by probably 1,000 planes of the RAF which blasted industrial Munich and Karlsruhe.

Waves of planes of all types drove forward the campaign that has poured 40,000 to 50,000 tons of explosives on Hitler's war machine since mid-April, and shortly before noon the German radio reported strong bomber formations over the southern, western and southwestern portions of the Reich.

Thirty British planes were lost last night when the main blows aimed at factories and communications in Munich and Karlsruhe. Mosquito planes hit Dusseldorf and other raiders pounded the rail depot at Cham-billy, twenty miles north of Paris, a link in the battered rail network supplying the Atlantic wall. Mines also were laid in enemy waters.

Reconnaissance showed fires spreading over a large area of Munich an hour after the main bomber force had left, the air ministry said.

Milk Subsidy Grant To Be Carried On

Greensboro, April 25.—(AP)—As a direct result of conferences held in Washington at the request of North Carolina interests on April 17, the Office of Economic Stabilization today expected to announce a program for continuation of milk subsidies in reduced form through the summer, and at a higher than present level during the coming fall and winter.

Harry Caldwell, master of the State Grange, said here today. Representative R. L. Doughton, of North Carolina, who arranged the Washington conference of State representatives and OPA, WFA and Economic Stabilization Director Vinson last week, has informed Caldwell that the order from the Office of Economic Stabilization is expected to be made today, and will call for a subsidy of 65 cents per hundred pounds of milk beginning in May and ending in August, and in the next seven months, or until March, the subsidy will be 90 cents per hundred pounds.

Governor Bragg led the State delegation to Washington for the hearing last week and acted as spokesman.

Officers Of The AP Are Re-Elected

Herne Re-elected As Board Member; Executives Kept

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Robert McLean, publisher of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, was re-elected president of The Associated Press by the AP board of directors today.

Herbert Harbo, of the San Angeles Times Standard, was named first vice-president, and Norman Chomsky, of the Los Angeles Times, was elected second vice-president.

Francis B. Noyes continues as honorary president, and Kent Connor continues as executive director and general manager.

Also re-elected were Lloyd Stratton, secretary; F. J. Muzel and Charles A. Jagger, assistant secretaries; L. E. Curtis, treasurer, and Alvin J. Gould, assistant treasurer.

The reelection of six members to the Associated Press Board of directors and election of one new director were reported to the second day session of the annual meeting of the newspaper news-gathering agency today.

John I. Herne, of the Rocky Mount, N. C., Telegram, who polled 5,000 votes, was re-elected as director for cities of less than 10,000 population. He was opposed with 12,711 by Harold Rice, of the Chattanooga, Va., Banner.

U. S. Break With Finland Reported

London, April 25.—An assortment of British press dispatches from Stockholm quoted reports that the American chargé d'affaires at Helsinki had notified the Finnish government that the United States was breaking diplomatic relations with Finland.

Bomber Collapses In Montreal City, Killing 9 Persons

Montreal, April 25.—(AP)—The crash of a twin-engine bomber in Montreal's downtown commercial district today killed nine persons, injured others and left a dozen dwellings wrecked and flaming.

Some eye witnesses said the bomber exploded in the air, while others said it blew up after striking the building, sending fragments fifty feet into the air. Parts of the wings and engines settled over section of an entire block.

One eye witness said a member of the crew who had parachuted was badly injured and taken to a hospital.

Cotton Trend Is Downward

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to 15 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were five cents a bale higher to ten cents lower. May 21.16, July 20.97, October 19.94.

Custed from I. L. O.



THE WORKERS' SECTION of the International Labor Organization, in session at Philadelphia, Pa., voted 14 to 3 to oust the Argentine labor delegate Luis Girona (above) and his advisers from the conference. Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Mexican labor leader, led the ouster movement. (International)

Stimson Asks One Defense Unit For U. S.

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—Creation of a single department of armed forces to replace the present departments of war and navy after the present war, was recommended to Congress today by secretary of War Stimson.

Stimson told the House committee on postwar military policy that statutory consolidation of command should not be effected during the present war, but added it is "not the general impression that the general principle of consolidation be determined upon as soon as possible.

A central department, he said, "is essential if our nation is adequately and most effectively to carry on its war under modern conditions, which have revealed that even our great national institutions in manpower and resources."

Stimson recommended the voluntary cooperation among the heads of the various branches of the armed services in this war, but added:

"Deep experience in the war have abundantly brought out that voluntary cooperation, no matter how sincere, cannot under any conditions of warfare, and particularly under the conditions of this war, be as effective as the handling of great military problems in some form of combination and centralized authority at the level of staff planning, supervision and control."

Seat Five Jurors For Spy Trials In Washington Court

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—In an expected twist of good, five jurors were seated last night today to hear the government's case against 30 persons accused of conspiracy to obstruct the United States armed forces.

Chief Judge Edward C. Fisher of the Federal district court, brushed aside repeated challenges by defense attorneys to put the 25 prospective jurors in the box before the luncheon adjournment. They may be removed only by means of challenges allowed both the prosecution and defense.

The court earlier brushed aside another attempt to halt the trial.

Day's Elections Awaited For Republican Line-Up

(By The Associated Press.) The nation's political observers awaited results of elections in three states today before taking a stand on the latest national convention prediction that the Republicans will not name their nominee on the first ballot.

The prediction came from the camp of Ohio Governor John W. Bricker, GOP presidential candidate, in a claim made by Bricker's campaign manager, Roy D. Moore.

Moore asserted that Bricker would go into the June convention with the support of 257 delegates.

Today's elections were in these states: Massachusetts.—In seven of the fourteen congressional districts a Democratic committee slate of national convention delegates is opposed by candidates pledged to the favorite son candidacy of former Gov-

ernor Joseph B. Ely, an administration foe.

Pennsylvania.—The Democrats will pick a slate of 72 convention delegates pledged to support President Roosevelt. Republicans will name 70 delegates who say they will support Governor Edward Martin as a "favorite son," but probably will turn to Dewey when serious convention balloting starts.

Kentucky.—Republicans will name six convention delegates still to be chosen, sixteen were selected yesterday. Republican leaders say Kentucky's 22 votes would go to Governor Simpson Willis on the first ballot of the national convention, and then to Dewey.

From New York came a report that a meeting of anti-fourth term Democrats from New York and several other states was held in New York City last night.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and mild today; fair and moderately cool tonight, with slightly lower temperatures east portion. Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday.