

INVASION THREAT TAKES TWIST British And Chinese Join Forces In Burma Struggle

Beat Nazis To Punch in Springtime Assault

British Aerial Offensive On

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German's Springtime offensive waited today on the calendar, propitious circumstances and Adolf Hitler, but Britain's and Russia's offensives—in the air and on the land, respectively, were in full swing.

The British announced a fire-raising raid on the great German naval base of Kiel while the Red Army, having beaten Hitler to the Springtime punch, was battering its way across the Donets Basin.

NAZIS CALL MORE MEN
Via Stockholm came word that the Swedish Army of one and a quarter to one and a half million men had forced the enemy to draw one more on reserves being prepared for Germany's offensive effort.

The Germans admitted they still were on the defensive, against the offensive thrust of the Red Army region—gateway to the Caucasus.

London observers held that the objective of Timoshenko's 90 divisions was the Dnieper bend, natural defense line in 600 miles of the Caucasus.

Unofficial reports have placed them only 30 to 40 miles from this general area.

Although the Calendar Spring is but a week away, snow on the Strava Russia front, below Leningrad, was reported to have kept ski troops still had to carry the burden of the fighting against the Norwegian and German Army.

The Russian Army newspaper Red Star declared there would be only one Spring offensive in the Russian Caucasus.

It described the German invasion machine as worn out and run down, with Hitler's soldiers see RED FORCES on page 4.

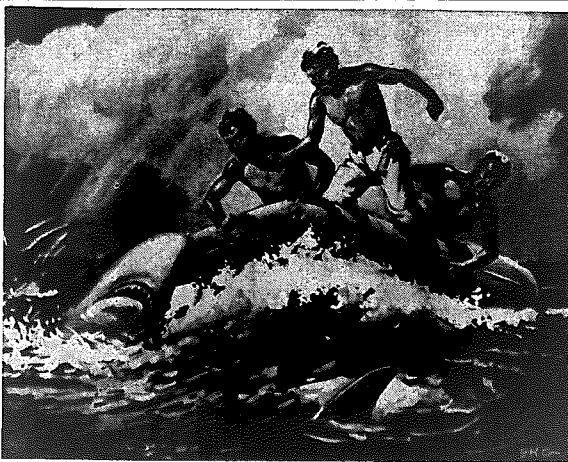
Explain Ban on Sweden Papers
LONDON—(AP)—The Norwegian Telegraph Agency said today that articles dealing with disputes between the Nazi authorities and the Norwegian bishop and school officials were responsible for the confiscation yesterday of editions of the newspaper.

At the same time the German radio broadcast a DND dispatch from the Norwegian Government had dismissed four more bishops who previously had resigned from office.

All of the confiscated papers, seized by the Swedish Ministry of Justice, were said to have carried an article telling of the difficulties created through the resignation of the Norwegian bishop and the withdrawal of thousands of school teachers from the Nazi-organized "teachers' front."

WEATHER
Wisconsin scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight

Today's Temp.: H. 71; L. 62
Sunset Today 7:29
Sunrise Tomorrow 7:35
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 4.



WE FOUGHT SHARKS WITH OUR BARE FISTS...—This was one of many heroic moments in the stirring saga of three U. S. naval fliers who survived 34 days in a rubber lifeboat after landing their plane on the stormy South Seas. Harold Dixon, La Mesa, Calif., Gene Aldrich, Sikeston, Mo., and Anthony Pastula, Youngstown, O., lived on birds they shot and caught by hand and fish they fished in a pocket knife... they used their clothing as sponges to catch rain water for drinking... they fought sharks with their bare fists... they lost 20 to 50 pounds each... and finally they sighted land in the middle of a hurricane. Natives succored them... and now they're back in Hawaii ready to fight again.

Consider Question 'Free Korea' Of Wage Control Discussed

Revolt May Break Out Against Japanese

LONDON—(AP)—The United States, Britain and China are understood to be discussing recognition of a free Korean government which would have its temporary seat at Chungking. Informed observers of ASIAN affairs reported today.

A Korean revolutionary committee has been functioning at Chungking for some time, directing rebel activities against the Japanese in Southwestern Manchuria which long has been a refuge for Korean rebels.

This committee is said to control more than 30,000 active revolutionaries, apart from a "mass" of other supporters.

London sources asserted the visit BY FREE KOREA on page 4.

Deserters Caught After G-Man Dies

ABINGDON, Va.—(AP)—Two Army deserters who shot and killed one FBI agent and a woman were captured in an abandoned house on the outskirts of Abingdon yesterday.

More than a hundred Federal, state and local officers surrounded the house and a number of shots were exchanged before tear gas forced the soldiers out.

The fugitive pair were captured only a few hours after an agent who sought to arrest them fell dead and his companion wounded under a hail of pistol fire that began in an all-night cafe in this southwestern Virginia town.

Agent Hubert J. Tracy Jr., 28, was shot to death and Charles L. Tignor, 23, was a wounded flier. They were attempting to arrest two soldiers from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Charles J. Lovett, 21, and James J. Freeman, 22.

The driver of the taxi was released at Cleveland, Tenn., and the men in Army uniforms, ran out of Tignor, giving chase, fell on the street when four bullet wounds in his chest.

Troops Make Contact for First Time In Battle

Consolidation of Front Sought

LONDON—(AP)—British and Chinese troops attempting to consolidate a front along the Toungoo Highway, 80 miles north of Rangoon, have joined forces for the first time in the Battle of Burma, a military commentator said today.

Contact between the armies was made halfway between Pegu and Yauanchin, 46 miles apart on the Rangoon-Mandalay Railroad, he said.

British troops continuing to withdraw from South Burma were reported to have established a front on the Pyaw Road near Tharrawaddy, about 50 miles north of Rangoon where the front was described as "stabilized."

The commentator said he was not able to estimate the number of Chinese who effected a liaison with the British. Details of the operation may be available tomorrow, he said.

GOOD TROOPS
The Chinese fighting beside the British were described as "very good troops" equipped with "plenty of small arms." The commentator said, however, that they lacked heavier types of equipment such as artillery.

Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander of British forces in India, held a press conference at New Delhi that the Government had ordered that defense work, particularly construction of air-dromes, be carried out on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

DEFENSE OF CEYLON
The British radio heard in New York, reported hurried defense preparations on Ceylon, this island off India's southern tip, and said "more troops are being brought in and Ceylon is being put into the best possible defense." It added that "all non-war workers" presumably meaning British residents, had been ordered to leave the island.

Gen. Wavell visited Ceylon on his way from Java, it was said, and conferred with Ceylon military authorities.

The soldier pair, who blazed away as soon as the agents in the night cafe in this southwestern Virginia town.

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Ford said the pair, each holding a pistol, attempted to commandeer a car owned by Andy Hilton, of Abingdon but Town Policemen Troy James Jammed his machine into Hilton's. Combs exchanged gun fire with the men they fled.

W. H. Murphy, chief of the FBI office in Knoxville, said there that the pair beat their way to the United States.

See DESERTERS on page 4.



FERRIES BOMBERS NOW—Douglas Corrigan, who flew the "wrong way" and crossed the Atlantic in 1938, sheds his flying clothes in a New York hotel during an overnight stop-over on route to the Pacific Coast for another bombing to be flown to an eastern port. He is flying the big ships for the U. S. Army Ferrying Command.

5 U. S. Planes Bag 5 Japs In Raid

American Bombers Escape Damage In Australian Area Attack

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department reported today that five American Army heavy bombers destroyed Japanese air bases at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea.

A communique said all buildings were destroyed, heavy damage inflicted on runways and a direct hit made on a pier in the harbor of Lae.

All the American bombers escaped damage in the fight with a formation of Japanese pursuit planes, which suffered the loss of five craft.

A spokesman said the raid presumably was among those reported in dispatches from Australia, but the results of the air attack were believed new.

Our planes engaged four Japanese fighters which came over to machine-gun the town, the broadcast said. Our planes skillfully glided from cloud to cloud, baffling the enemy by superior maneuvering.

Melbourne also reported that RAAF planes attacked Japanese bases and oil deposits. No details were given.

The RAAF continued its forays yesterday over Buna, Gull and New Britain.

Despite low clouds and enemy fighters our patrol successfully carried out its mission, the broadcast said.

Army Pilot Killed
LONG BEACH—(AP)—Lieutenant James W. Leuck was fatally injured in the crash on his Army pursuit plane last night.

Army officials declined to disclose his home address.

Naval Force Moves Off Solomon Isle Group

May Be Feint To Hit Australia

MELBOURNE—(AP)—Japan's most advanced invasion spearhead, apparently blunted momentarily on the northeast New Guinea coast, was reported officially today to have established off a tangent into the Solomon Islands in a new threat to the supply line from the United States and to the island bridge toward New Zealand.

The move was disclosed in an Australian Air Force communique which said a Japanese naval force was seen three days ago off Keese, on tiny Buka Island, stepping stone from New Britain to the Solomons.

Smashing at the bases the Japanese would need either for a thrust against Australia or southeast along the island chain, the RAAF bombed the Japanese-leased airfield at Gasmata, on New Britain's south coast, yesterday.

JAPS BEATEN OFF
A communique said "all our bombs fell on the target area and columns of smoke rose from the ground." It added that Japanese fighter planes, however, had been damaged and the raiders returned safely with their ammunition almost exhausted.

There was no definite indication whether the Japanese landed at Buka, but it was recalled that several times earlier Japanese planes have bombed and bombed Dugwayville and other Solomon Islands restricting southeast toward the New Hebrides and New Zealand.

These possibilities were foreseen.

1—That the Japanese strategy might call for a sweep southeast toward New Zealand to establish a second island base between Australia and the United States before attempting invasion of the Australian continent.

2—That the move was a feint undertaken only to mask a development in the northeast coast of New Guinea or Timor, directly against the long beach reaches of the north or northwest coasts of Australia.

JAPS WORK FAST
However, indications that the invaders were making ready to invade the island of New Guinea as a big battle base were seen from RAAF reconnaissance reports that the Japanese were working at top speed to establish fighter plane bases on the island.

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The lack of communications on the island and its virtually impassable stretches of escarpments made jungle paths, jungle valleys also will play a part in disrupting the Japanese invasion. No single Japanese base needs the Japanese-own beachheads with the bases of Australia. RAAF THURST on page 4.

Australia Lists War Casualties

SYDNEY, Australia.—(AP)—Australian casualties in the Malayan campaign, including the defense of Singapore, totaled 17,931, it was reported today.

This figure included 287 officers and men killed and 16,744 missing. Australian casualties in the Middle East were put at 13,335, including prisoners of war.

