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REPORT IN MISSIONARIES GUIDING JAP TROOPS IN NEW GUINEA INVASION

Hitler Calls Back Officers To Map Drive

Abandons Lone-Wolf Role To Get Ready for Offensive in Russia

BERN, Switzerland. —(AP)— Hitler has called back all top officers who resigned or were removed last week to map a gigantic offensive expected to be launched on the Russian front, a Berlin dispatch to the Swiss paper Basel National Zeitung reported today.

The dispatch said, it was Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, who was displaced by the Fuehrer as the German Army Chief of Staff, who was ordered to return to Hitler for failure in the Russian campaign, and Erwin Rommel, who was a field marshal's rank for his exploits in North Africa.



VON BRAUCHITSCH

oviet Guerrillas Retake Huge Area

Seize Control of Section As Large As Rhode Island and Connecticut

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW. —(AP)— Soviet guerrillas reportedly have retaken a section of land that they wrested back control of some 100 square miles, a section as large as Rhode Island and Connecticut together, behind the German lines at Leningrad, and were so strong that the Germans could not come into the area.

dan New Draft Day

**Will Register Youths
and Older Men**

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— The Selective Service registration, which has been set for "late in the Spring," will be held for men between 18 and 64. They will be liable to compulsory military service.

Whether the two groups will be drafted at the same time or separately was said to be under consideration. It was the definite decision of the War Relocation Authority, which is in charge of the registration, that it would be held in two parts. The first part would be for men between 18 and 34, and the second part for men between 35 and 64. The registration would be held in the Army district offices, and it might be required to do so in order to be eligible for military service.

Critical London Tabloid Warned That It Might Be Suppressed

LONDON. —(AP)— An official spokesman said today that the Daily Mirror, a London tabloid, which has been critical of the government, had been warned that it might be suppressed if it continued to publish defamatory material.

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Gas Ration Cards Will Be Issued in Short Time

Coming in About Six Weeks

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— Petroleum Co.-ordinator Ickes announced today a rigid gasoline coupon rationing system would be instituted in the East and Pacific Northwest as soon as the cards can be printed—which he estimated would be within six weeks.

The card rationing would supplant the curtailment program instituted over the same area today through reduction by 30 per cent in the supplies of gasoline delivered to filling stations.

SITUATION URGENT

Ickes said he could not say now whether the more rigid system would be severer than the present one-fifth cut in consumption, but expressed the hope that the card system might be instituted quickly because of the increasing urgency of the supply situation in the two coastal areas caused by the sinking and war diversion of tanker ships.

Operations of approximately 100-200 filling stations in the area were limited to a twelve-hour day, six days a week.

Beginning this wartime season, the Office of Price Administration froze the retail gasoline prices in the area at the prevailing level Friday and made violations punishable by a maximum \$5,000 fine or one year imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY

The freezing order, which will be in force for at least 60 days, becomes legally effective Monday, March 23. In issuing the order, Acting Price Administrator E. A. Tamm said:

"We will go on a card rationing system as soon as Mr. Henderson, the Price Administrator, can get around to it," the Petroleum Co.-ordinator said. "He will do the rationing."

Indicted for Murder in Brother's 'Mercy' Death

BROWNWOOD, Texas. —(AP)— Private Clark McGee, a soldier in the 10th Central Postal Directory, was indicted today on a first degree murder charge for the "merciful" killing of his ill brother, George McGee.

The soldier fired twice at the brother, who was lying in bed, and then shot him in the head, McGee was indicted today on a first degree murder charge for the "merciful" killing of his ill brother, George McGee.

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MacARTHUR'S MEN — A few of the "considerable numbers of American troops now helping defend Australia are pictured below decks getting haircuts during their voyage 'down under.'"

AVG & RAF Knock Out 25 Jap Ships

Americans & British Destroy Enemy Planes on Burmese Airdromes

NEW DELHI, India. —(AP)— American Volunteer Group and British pilots possibly destroyed 25 enemy planes in attacks on Japanese-held airdromes in Southern Burma yesterday, a communique from British headquarters in Burma reported today.

Chinese Led By American

Stilwell in Charge of Armies in Burma

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— The War Department announced today that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, in command of the Fifth and Sixth Chinese Armies, was operating with British forces defending Burma against the Japanese.

The action was taken by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China, a brief communique said.

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Mosquito Boats Reported Used In Starting MacArthur's Journey

NEW YORK. —(AP)— Small but fast motor torpedo boats carried General Douglas MacArthur, his wife and child, and a small group of aides on the perilous first leg of their journey from Batavia Peninsula to Australia, according to a copyrighted Melbourn dispatch published today by The New York Herald-Tribune.

The correspondent, Allen Raymond, learned that the MacArthur party left Batavia on night on March 11 and traveled south along the coast of Philippine Islands for two nights, hiding in bays during the daylight hours, and reaching the rendezvous with the big planes, which carried the group to Australia.

Germans Said To Be Leading Overland Drive

Sensational Report Comes While War Rages Furiously in Australian Zone

By VERN HAUGLAND

MELBOURNE. —(AP)— The battle about Australia's northern tip broke into new fury today with Allied air attacks on the Japanese at several island points, Japanese raids on northern Australia and the Solomon Islands, and sensational reports that German missionaries are leading an overland Japanese invasion in New Guinea.

Messages from Port Moresby, on southern New Guinea, said the German missionaries and their Nazified native pupils were guiding the Japanese in a drive from the north coast.

STRIKE AT DARWIN

The Japanese launched their first attack on Australia without damage, on Cape York across Torres Strait from Port Moresby, struck again at Darwin, and bombarded Tulagi, Florida Island, in the Solomons.

Meanwhile Allied aircraft also were attacking the Japanese westward.

MacArthur Maps Offensive Plans

Prepares To Strike at Japan and Also To Help His Men in Philippines

By VERN HAUGLAND

MELBOURNE, Australia. —(AP)— General Douglas MacArthur made it plain today that his paramount purpose as supreme commander in the Southwest Pacific is to build up as rapidly as possible an offensive force to smash Japan and at the same time relieve his beleaguered troops in the Philippines.

HURLEY REPORTS

MacArthur outlined his purpose to his old friend and former War Department associate, Brigadier General Patrick Hurley, now Minister to New Zealand, who told a press conference.

Grant Safe Passage for Diplomat Exchange Ship

STOCKHOLM. —(AP)— All belligerents have guaranteed safe passage for the Swedish liner Drottningholm, which has been chartered by the United States to exchange U. S. and Axis diplomats, the Swedish Foreign Office reported today.

Weather

Continued rather cold tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 62; L. 48
Sunset Today — 7:34
Sunrise Tomorrow — 7:27
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.

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