

ARTILLERY PLANS COUNTER-DRIVE, NAMING SAVING PHILIPPINES

Tokyo Goal Of Stilwell In Far East

Yankin General Rinrin' To Go

CHUNGKING — (AP) — United States Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today he had been placed in command of all U. S. forces in China, India and Burma. He promised that "we won't be defeated until we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo."

Stilwell, recently made chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Allied Supreme Commander in the China theater, pledged that everything China needs to help in the war effort will be furnished without reservation.

LARGE EFFORT

President Roosevelt has expressed his determination to use means necessary to clear China of the YANK-CHINESE on page 10.



STILWELL

British Preparing For Stand In Burma

Get Set To Meet Jap Thrusts—Burmese Call for Freedom

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MANDALAY, Burma. — (AP) — Burma is broke, hungry and battered by invasion but even today, as the British prepare to meet new Japanese thrusts into the hinterland of the country, Burmese are clamoring with growing insistence for independence.

Army Day Proclaimed

Monday, April 6 Set By President

F. R. Offers Lesson In Pacific Geography

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt reiterated today that we are doing everything we possibly can in the phase of the war in the Southwest Pacific, but he called attention anew to what he termed a "little, old lesson in geography."

That lesson, teachers, he observed, that to get anything to the Southwest Pacific area takes a awful long time. Furthermore, he said, there is a world shortage of shipping.

He repeated previous declarations that all possible was being done when reporters asked whether he could elaborate, without going beyond the limits of military secrecy and strategy, on stories from Australia that General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of United States Forces in the Pacific, had been planning to send a "little red-head" to the Southwest Pacific area.

It is fitting, he added, that those who labor behind the lines should firmly resolve to spare no effort which may contribute to the speedy attainment of the war and supplies indispensable to the citizen's "little red-head."

Gunner Stood By And Sank Sub After Torpedo Piled Into Boat

NEW YORK — (AP) — An unidentified "little red-head" Navy gunner was credited today by a Hardy American merchant seaman with the sinking of the Axis submarine which torpedoed and sank the freighter in the South Atlantic on the night of Feb. 23.

The survivors came here yesterday only long enough to get their names in order, sign on immediately with other vessels and put out to sea again.

A brief, uncorroborated account of the sinking of the freighter and the merchant-attack upon an Axis submarine was released at Great Lakes, Ill.

Report Nazis Preparing To Abandon Kharkov

Captured Russian City In Flames.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adolf Hitler's Ukraine armies were reported in Stockholm dispatches today to be making hasty preparations for a retreat from Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh," with the city in flames as Nazi demolition squads blasted military stores and oil supplies.

Against this picture of a major reverse for German arms, Hitler's field headquarters asserted:

— A detailed map of the Russian front, showing the present battle line and the territory recovered by the Russian offensive in the past 11 days.

that Russian troops driving into the Donets Basin east of Kharkov had been "thrown back after a new attack and suffered heavy casualties."

SAY 30,000 CIVILIANS DEAD

Soviet dispatches yesterday said the Germans had slain 30,000 civilians in Kharkov, but there was no direct word from Moscow on the progress of military operations against the big steel center.

Stockholm advised said great fires were burning in the city and that it was obvious the Germans "while upper Donets line sagging to the point of collapse."

London reports said 500,000 German troops were believed based in the Kharkov area.

RED DRIVE IN NORTH

In the north, Soviet front-line dispatches said the Russians had recaptured an important defense center from survivors of the trapped German 16th Army in the Kharkov suburbs.

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UNDER UNCLE SAM'S WING — With General MacArthur in supreme command and American troops and material in the front line Australia prepares for a battle to the death to thwart Jap invaders. Map shows the continent and surrounding islands.

Uncle Sam Taking Toll Of Jap Ships

Summary of Scattered Communications Shows Effect of Our Attacks

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON. — The best of the news from the Jap war front has been lost in scattered communications.

It is true our Navy has not done much with the main Jap battlefleet. It has not even been since the war started. The Japs are keeping their big capital ships out of their South Pacific campaign in fear of our flying fortresses and submarines.

SAY ALLIES 'Ruthless'

Japan Promises To "Reciprocate"

TOKYO, (from Japanese Broadcast) — (AP) — The Japanese Navy charged today that the United States and Britain, since the start of the war in the Pacific, had waged "extreme warfare based on retaliation and hatred" and declared that Japan would reciprocate.

Alleging that Japan's foes were employing tactics in disregard of international law, the Navy proposed an ordinance "revising" the rules of warfare and the precedents of international law which it said were based on the London declaration of 1909 and precedents of international law.

The precise nature of the revision as well as the specific charges against the United States and Britain were not given.

Ruthless Charge Thrown Straight Back at Japan

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Acting Secretary of State Welles expressed doubt today that the world would take seriously a Japanese charge that Britain and United States forces have been unduly ruthless in their methods of warfare.

The Japanese Government should know, Welles commented at his press conference, that if there are any nations in the world which have shown complete disregard for the rules of warfare and the precedents of international law they are Germany and Japan certainly fall into that category.

In other quarters, the Japanese charge was viewed as a backfire propaganda to obscure the atrocities of which the Japanese themselves have been accused repeatedly.

The Japanese Navy itself grossly flouted international law by attacking Pearl Harbor prior to a declaration of war, it was noted.

U.S. Planes Hit Cruiser

Army Bombers Make "Down Under" Attack

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SAME ACTION

(Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia announced at Melbourne yesterday that "our aircraft" bombed a cruiser, scoring a direct hit on the stern and setting smoke belching from the vessel, and that "near misses were observed on two other large vessels. This apparently was the same action announced by the War Department."

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ENLIST WPA TO GET METAL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The War Production Board today enlisted the aid of WPA labor and trucks to bring in scrap metal and rubber from the nation's farms.

Leslie J. Rosenwald, chief of the board's Bureau of Industrial Conservation, and a boarding party potential mines of metal and scrap rubber.

He estimated that the country's 6,500,000 farms had about one-quarter ton of idle scrap metal each, besides large numbers of useless rubber tires or tubes from which reclaimed rubber could be produced.

Saga of the Sea:

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Fearless men on United Nations merchant ships, writing a new saga of the sea by their actions, have added another chapter here with reports of valor by crews of two vessels sunk by submarines in the Atlantic.

Thirty-eight crewmen were saved from a medium-sized American freighter on which nine others were lost. Landing here from Cuba, some of them told yesterday of a bravery by men clinging to wreckage through eleven hours of darkness, then of two officers who lost their lives while attempting to make sure others were safe.

Aussies Snipe At Jap Troops On New Guinea

Commander Speaks While Australians Battle To Hold Enemy

CANBERRA, Australia. — (AP) — United States forces in Australia drew fresh inspiration today from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's promise of an all-out offensive to wrest back the Philippines, while the fight for this continent's northern approaches flared anew on the embattled outpost of New Guinea.

There Australian snipers—some of them "minute men" drafted from the civilian population—opened fire on a Nazi-directed Japanese column seeking to push up the Markham River Valley to gain its many fine airports for intensified attacks on Port Moresby.

Correspondents at Port Moresby wrote that the Japanese had crossed only the first and easiest part of the Markham Valley and still faced miles of material swamp, jungle and mountain ranges rising to a height of 13,000 feet. They saw the primary enemy aim as seizure of air fields to enable them to disperse their own aircraft in the face of intensified battering by the Allies.

(The Berlin radio relayed Tokyo reports that the Japanese were within 200 miles northwest of Port Moresby without opposition. That would place the invaders about 50 miles up the valley from the coast town of Lae, one of their original beachheads.)

Port Moresby, some 100 miles south of the Markham, and 200 miles across Torres Strait from the Australian mainland, had two new air attacks today—one by four see **MARTINUS** on page 10.

Churchill And Curtin In Row

London Appointment of Casey to Middle East Causes Surprise

CANBERRA, Australia. — (AP) — A long-distance controversy between Winston Churchill and John Curtin, head of Australia's Laborite Government, was eased today by Washington, Richard G. Casey, in the middle, was being aired today.

A summary of crisp exchanges between the Prime Ministers was issued today in advance of a white paper promised for next Wednesday which will contain full documentation of the argument over the best use to be found for Casey.

WANTED CASEY IN U. S.

Churchill wanted him to be Minister of State in the Middle East for the British War Cabinet.

Representative of the British King, Curtin in all but strictly military matters, Curtin wanted him to stay in Washington where he said, Casey's contacts had made him most valuable to Australia and his replacement most difficult.

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Axis Soldiers Busy in Libya

CAIRO — (AP) — Considerable Axis troop movements were seen yesterday between El Mechili and Tunis, British headquarters reported today.

The war report said Axis artillery shelled British patrols west of Ain El Gzail.

WEATHER

Warmer tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 66; L. 48
Sunset Today: 7:34
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:00

Note To Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and London are published in this paper with the exception that they are not published if they are of a purely sensational or propaganda nature. This should be kept in mind when the reader reads the news.

Fourth Assistant Engineer Charles Lott of San Francisco watched for the return of his chief, then he, too, went below.

Bold Boebicke and Lott went down with the ship.

Vinson said there was no time to save the vessel and a subsequent shelling, and flashed a distress call.

Chief Engineer, Vinson, second assistant engineer, of Cranford, N. J., said the chief engineer, Paul Bohm of Oakland, Calif., died when he returned to the engine room to seek two of the engine crew he couldn't locate at deck.

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