

U. S. ENVOY TO BRACE CALLED HOME

West Burma Oil Field Destroyed As British Retreat

STIMSON PROMISES OFFENSIVE NEAR

War Chief Says Army Getting Into Shape

Difficult Job, But Can Be Done

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson said today that "as far as the Army is concerned we are getting very nearly near to the stage of being ready for an offensive, however difficult it may be."

40,500 Fighters Lost On Bataan

About 25,000 Civilians Also Presumed in Hands of Japs

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The War Department announced today that more than 65,000 troops and civilians including sixteen generals, had been untraced for more than a week on Bataan Peninsula and were "presumably in the hands of the enemy."

Caution Kin Of Seamen

Shouldn't Be Misled By Jap Broadcasts

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A Navy spokesman today cautioned relatives of seamen and officers lost in the vicinity of Java against being misled by Japanese propaganda broadcasts describing rescuees of the crew members of American warships.

Italian Transport

Sub Knocks Off

LONDON.—(AP)—A British submarine has torpedoed and sunk a large Italian transport from the Adriatic, the navy announced today.

Bombers Raid Port Moresby

MELBOURNE.—(AP)—Five Japanese bombers, escorted by five fighters, bombed Port Moresby, New Guinea, this morning, a report from that advanced base said.

Day Great Number Of Nazis Kept On Alert Against British Drive

LONDON.—(AP)—More than 1,000 German soldiers and civilians are "fully engaged in defense" against the British offensive in the "Battle of the Java Sea," the Air Ministry News Service said today.



JAPS MADE PRISONER ON SHIP THEY REPORTED SUNK—Three Japanese prisoners, captured from a patrol boat during the recent United States task force attack on Wake Island, glow at their captors from the deck of an American aircraft carrier in this photo just released by the Navy.

Sacrificed To Keep It Out of Jap Army Hands

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—The British sacrificed the rich West Burma oil field at Yenangyaung today to keep it out of the hands of the Japanese who unleashed the fiercest onslaught of the Burma campaign in a new effort to crack the center of the Allied line and split the Chinese Fifth and Sixth Armies from the British.

RAF, Nazis Swap Blows

LONDON.—(AP)—Clearing weather unleashed war upon wave of RAF planes today for their virtually ceaseless offensive against the German-dominated continent, and Nazi bombers struck back savagely at a South Coast town which they said was Southampton.

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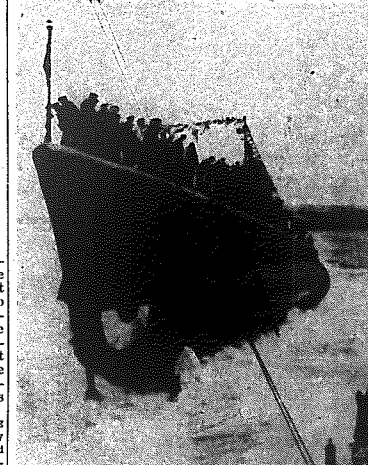
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THERE'LL BE PLENTY MORE LIKE IT—The big new American submarine, "Shad", churns into the waters of the Piscataqua River as she was launched at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard. She's the third to be launched at Portsmouth this year and a few hours later the U. S. House in Washington unanimously passed a \$900,000,000 bill for more like her.

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Weather

Continued mild tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 82; L. 61. Sunrise Today: 6:15. Sunset Tomorrow: 6:15.

Additional G. S. Weather Bureau data will be furnished upon request.

Note to Readers: Dispatches from Berlin, Tokyo and other sources are published by the news service of the United States.