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# BOMBERSR

The Eagle Strikes

American warplanes roared over Tokyo, Yokahoma, Kobe and other cities in the very heart of the Japanese Empire in a daylight raid today. Reports said that the smoke of burning buildings marked the course they followed in the daring attack that brought the war home to Hirohito, Tojo & Co. Japanese industry is centered around the raided cities over which the American planes swept with unerring aim. The map indicates principal industries in the area that felt the force of the bombs.

### 'Nazi'' Laval Forms French *Fovernment*

But Old Marshal Petain Seems To **Have Kept Some of Grip** 

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
France's pro-German Pierre Laval formed a new govment binding the nation more tightly to Germany today
kept three key posts for himself amid an explosive
ation pointed by reports of widespread hatred against
all expects the Expects providing

Big Defeat

Captured by Reds

Center for Resistance

Corregidor Guns Silence More Jap Batteries

> Blast Bataan Roads, Bridges

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—
The War Department reported today that Corregidor's guns silenced several additional enemy batteries and blasted roads and bridges on the nearby Philippines' Batan Peninsula, disrupting Japanese communications.

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shelling of Cerrgidor by enhalteries continued throughout
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"Reports from Cebu indicate
that Cebu City is in enemy
hands. The city is reported to
be hurning. Fierce fighting is
continuing in that vicinity.
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on the island of anny are
being vigorously opposed by
our troops.

Forces in Burma Are

Mr. MacKenzie's Analysis: Raid On Japan No Flash In Pan,

But A Thoroughly Organized Blow

Lindbergh Being Paid

Longest Daylight Offensive

Carried Out By RAF Fliers

Blast at Factory Credited With Making Half of

Submarine Engines of Germany

Over Islands In Daylight Japanese Nation Given Jitters as First Attack in History Comes

Planes Roar

TOKYO (FROM JAPANESE BROADCASTS) —
(AP)—Warplanes bearing the United States insignla
bombed Tokyo and at least three other great Japanese
cities for the first time in history today, strewing
death and destruction across a thousand-mile trail in
a bold daylight assault that stirred bitter outcries
from the Japanese people.

The raiders, striking at high noon, dropped founpound incendiaries and high-explosives in the industrial suburbs of the capital and also attacked Yokehama, Nagoya and Kobe.

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(Thus in one tremendous sweep, the attackers, what appears to have been the most daring air sault in history, struck at the heart of the Japan Empire: At Tokyo, the capital, population 7,000, the world's third city; Nagoya, 1,400,000, chief port the empire, shipping point for supplying the Japan armed forces in the Southwest Pacific; Yokoha 550,000, the port for Tokyo).

Raid alarnas were in force for varying per from the northern tip of Hokkades to Shikeka-was the supplying the Japan Town of the main island, How This embraces a sweep of more than 1,800, and Imperial Headquarters announced that awhich "approached from several directions over the Tokyo-Yokoham area half an head noon and that two hours later two planes of the magna and a Single raider dropped incomfactor Kobe. The latter is 376 miles west of Tokyo. SAY NINE PLANES DOWNED

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Official announcements said that "it is conflicted thus far that nine enemy planes were shot down" in the Tokyo-Yokohama area and that in all cases the

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(The claim of nine raiders destroyed suggrests a raid by a total of many times that number).

A Domei reporter described one plane which was shot down as falling like "a smoking comet."

"Observers declared that without doubt the planes which bombed the Tokyo-Yokohama region were United States machines," said the Tokyo radis. They said the American Blue Star Ensign could be seen clearly from the ground."

Communiques of Eastern Defense Headquarters, in Tokyo, and Central Defense Headquarters, in Tokyo, and Central Defense Headquarters, in Tokyo, and Central Defense Headquarters, in Hoshu showed that the following regions were underraid alarms for varying periods during the afternoon. All of Hokkaido, northermost of the sain islands; the Tokhoku district, the eastern coast between Tokyo and Osaka; the Kyoto-Kobe-Osaka triangle, industrial heart of the empire; the Chugoku district, around Okayama sust extending almost to the western tip of Hosshu's southeastern coast between Tokyo and Osaka; the Kyoto-Kobe-Osaka triangle, industrial heart of the empire; the Chugoku district, around Okayama sust extending almost to the western tip of Hosshu's besidend of Shikoku, south of Honshu, had seved "precautionary warnings" to the areas under its control.

(There was no indication, however, that the planes were over Shikoku, along whose northern above seven warnings" to the areas under its control.

WEATHER RAAF Pounds



### LONDON. —(AP)— The RAF, striring to hammer Adolf Hitler's new Europe out of shape, sustained its longest daylight offensive today with fresh waves of fighter planes while London assessed results of bold smashes into Germany and conquered territory within the past 24 hours. A factory credited with production of half of Germany's submarine engines, the big Diesel works at Augsburg aws "heavily damaged," at dusk yesterday, informed sources said, although the RAF paid a high price for this deep thrust into Naziland. Manpower Manpower Manpower Manpower **Body Named** Paul McNutt Named

Chief of Board

## Beginning

Congress Leaders Say Attack Means Action

### U. S. Bombers Strike Hard On Wide Fronts

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Gen. Marshall in Northern Ireland

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### Blast At Rangoon

Raiders Return Unscathed After Burma City Assault

NEW DELHI — (AP) — A squadron of U. S. heavy spers raided Japanese-occupied Rangoon in Burma Thurs-

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ue said.
raid occurred during the
and the raiders returned
thed, sustaining neither dam-

### Weather Slows Libya Fighting