

# COTTON MILLS DEVELOPED TO WAR WORK

## Japs Reported Kept On Alert By New Air Raid Alarms

## ALLIES SCORE FIRST VICTORY IN BURMA

### Oil Center Retaken and Many British Men Saved

**Chinese Forces Make Drive**

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese forces which captured the oil center of Yen Yangyang, saved 7,000 encircled British troops and 100 supply trucks in the first Allied victory in Burma, an Army spokesman said today.

After capturing the British, the Chinese fought with their Allies under British command and drove three miles south of Yen Yangyang through the rubble of burned oil wells to which the torch had been applied.

Severe fighting with the Japanese still is in progress, the spokesman said.

The Chinese, commanded by U. S. Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, moved into the British sector of the region of their Allies.

One Chinese battalion commander who led his troops in the capture of Yen Yangyang, was reported to be high.

Chinese dispatches assure us they are as determined as ever to check the enemy's advance," the spokesman said, "the British, who have been hard pressed even longer, certainly deserve success in the form of more adequate air support."

The British in a New Delhi communique confirmed the recapture of Yen Yangyang, saying the Chinese forces more than 100 persons and several tanks.

More than 150 agents and local police struck at 62 places last night, Conroy said.

Chinese forces as allies and others were held pending action by the United States Attorney General.

**British Plan Household Rationing of Fuel**

LONDON — (AP) — A British spokesman said today that the government had decided to institute household fuel rationing with the hope of reducing domestic consumption of coal by 10,000,000 tons a year.

### Hero Of Pacific Air Battle Given Highest Award

**Medal of Honor For O'Hare**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Lieutenant Edward H. O'Hare, the intrepid naval aviator who destroyed five Japanese bombers and damaged a sixth in five events since he received from his commander in chief, President Roosevelt, today the Congressional Medal of Honor and a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Standing at attention, with his eyes blinking rapidly, O'Hare heard the Chief Executive read a citation which called his feat "one of the most daring if not the most daring single action in the history of combat aviation."

Then, while the President clapped his hand, O'Hare watched his bride pick the medal around his neck.

Calling attention to the stripes of a Lieutenant junior grade on the sleeve of the young officer, the President remarked that O'Hare had not yet got time to get the star's for an early conclusion of the war.

**Jap Firing Upon Corregidor Abates**

Big American Guns Score Hits Against the Enemy

By VERN HAUGLAND

U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA — (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur signaled the establishment of his new Southwest Pacific Headquarters today by issuing his first daily communique which embraced operations in the Philippines, Dutch East Indies and Australia.

With a staff composed largely of his aides who were in the Philippines, he also highlighted the attention he is devoting to that sector of his command by announcing that Japanese artillery firing upon Corregidor fortress in Manila Bay was abating.

The big American guns firing from the island had registered telling hits upon enemy troops, his communique said, and enemy shelling and bombing was having negligible effect.

Announcing a new raid yesterday on Salamaua, Japanese foothold on New Guinea, north of Australia, Gen. MacArthur said the Japanese Government-controlled radio broadcast today a Domei dispatch quoting Tokyo radio, most famous Japanese Christian peace, as asserting that among Japanese Christians "prayers are being offered for the restoration of peace throughout the world."

The purpose of the broadcast by the Government-controlled radio is obscure but it might be the beginning of a Japanese "peace offensive."

### West Japan Reported On Alert for Long Period

**That Area Is Nearest China**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

New air raid alarms kept central and western Japan, containing vital naval bases, ports and industrial cities, under prolonged alerts this afternoon, Axis sources reported, even while Japanese broadcasts continued to minimize the effects of Saturday's attacks attributed to American planes.

The Japanese themselves said nothing of the alarms, stating instead that the Cabinet received reports from its ministers that Japanese life had been affected only to a small degree by the Saturday raids and that postal service was quickly resumed.

**SEAN REPORT**

The British, however, reported under a Tokyo dispatch that alarms sounded in central and western Japan, including the island of Iwo Jima, (3 and 4 A. M.) Eastern War Time.

For Central Japan the all-clear sounded about 2 P. M., the broadcast said, "while the alarm remained in force for the island of Iwo Jima, especially for Kyushu."

Kyushu, one of the four main islands, lies south and west of the others nearest China. On it are the great naval base of Sasebo, the port of Nagasaki and a heavy industry belt, including many steel plants, along the northern shore.

The broadcast made no mention of planes seen or bombs dropped and the alarm may have been merely a symptom of Japanese fears of air attack since the High Command reported raids Saturday on Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and Osaka.

**TOJO TO MAKE TOUR**

It was announced that Premier General Hideki Tojo would leave Tokyo tomorrow for a tour of industrial establishments in Miyagi Prefecture.

This is a district some 250 miles west of Tokyo. Just west of the Nagoya industrial district, it contains the port of Yokohama. Tojo's tour, reports said, was visited by machine-gunning enemy planes, and many industrial establishments making war supplies.

A Berlin broadcast, quoting a Tokyo dispatch, said the Japanese Government had decided to put into effect immediately the law passed by the last Diet session providing recompense for Japanese subjects suffering air raid damage. Families whose wage earners had been killed in a raid will be given Government support.

A Domei French-language broadcast said that the High Command said dropped bombs on Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe.



**A NATION DIVIDED**—This is France in the Spring of '42, a nation divided not only by the Nazi occupation line, but also by her people's views on collaboration with the Nazis. The new Vichy Government may swing the nation back into war in following its pro-Hitler policies, while anti-Nazi Frenchmen are primed with war propaganda to accept war against their former allies. Meanwhile, British anti-German incidents continue there, and ominous military and naval activity is reported in Vichy's half.

### Merchant Ship Hit Off State Coast

**Runs Into Nest of Submarines, Crippled, but Towed Into Port**

WILMINGTON — (AP) — A Panamanian registered merchant ship was torpedoed off the Atlantic coast, with the loss of three lives on April 12 after it crossed a nest of three enemy submarines.

Forty-eight officers and men were saved and the ship, with a huge hole in its port side, was towed into a port. The crew was composed mainly of Filipinos.

Survivors said a third was felt shortly after midnight Saturday, April 12, but an inspection of the ship failed to show any damage or anything out of order. About 48 minutes later there was a terrific explosion and Captain A. T. Japan immediately ordered an order to abandon ship.

One man jumped from the deck into the ocean and was not seen again. Two others died from exhaustion after clinging to an overturned lifeboat for almost two hours. The ship was towed to the port by the tugboat.

**Mr. MacKenzie's Analysis**

**Alaska To Play Big Role When Time For Grand Offensive Comes**

### To Convert Half Their Facilities In 60 Days

**Drastic Order Is Given by WPB**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government ordered the cotton textile industry today to convert approximately half of its facilities to war production within the next 60 days.

Under terms of the order, cotton mills must convert specified percentages of their looms, making various cotton fabrics commonly used in clothing and furnishings, to production of war materials—coarse bagging, canvas, and other heavy fabrics.

Effect of the action will be to double the production of war materials and other heavy fabrics, and to reduce the production of civilian goods.

Further, the War Production Administration said today that it will insure that certain war materials will be produced in certain areas.

The conversion order will affect 20 per cent of all looms now making war materials and 10 per cent of all looms making civilian goods.

**BAG SKEWERING**

For production of bag skeewing the order requires conversion of 10 per cent of all looms now making war materials and 10 per cent of all looms making civilian goods.

**Charge 'Running Out' On Understanding**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The president of the AFL and CIO, William Green and Philip Murray, accused the National Association of Manufacturers today of "running out" on the understanding of industry and labor with President Roosevelt.

A joint statement by the two labor leaders referred to a recent NAM advertisement which said "America wants victory — not the closed shop." Green and Murray said "a more honest statement of the NAM position would be 'we want the open shop—even at the expense of victory.'"

The labor leaders said that the President, after consultation with spokesmen for industry and labor, had agreed to a plan for the NAM composed of an equal number of industry, labor and public representatives.

**WEATHER**

Not quite so hot tonight.

Today's Temp.: N. 60; S. 70. Sunset Today. Sunrise Tomorrow.