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AMERICAN DEFENDERS BATTERED Gas Deliveries To Stations In East Cut One-Third TWO BRITISH CRUISERS SUNK BY JAPS

Warships Hit By Bombs In Bengal Bay

Jap Forces Reported Within 30 Miles of Bengal Border of India... LONDON. — (AP) — Two British eight-inch-gun cruisers, the 10,000-ton Cornwall and the 9,975-ton Dorsetshire whose torpedoes finished off the German battleship Mismarek little less than a year ago, have been sunk by Japanese bombers ranging the Bay of Bengal and battering at thin-stretched British naval communications to India, the Admiralty announced today.

Chinese Heavily Engaged With Japs Battle Enemy on Eastern Flank of Allied Line in Burma

LONDON. — (AP) — Advances from Burma today said Chinese forces holding the eastern flank of the Allied line were heavily engaged with Japanese troops on the highway between Toungou and Mauchi.

Plan India Government Hope Is Mounting For Settlement

NEW DELHI, India. — A general understanding on the main points of issues between the British and the newly formed government in India, which is to be held today, with reported help by leaders of the Indian Congress Party and the Hindu Mahabha to establishment of a national government for India.

Great Area Of Mandalay Smashed By Unchallenged Jap Warplanes

Editor's Note: The first part of the following dispatch from Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent in Burma, has not been received. His gripping, eye-witness account, however, indicates that a great area of Mandalay has been laid waste by Japanese warplanes which have been in control of the skies.

New Slash In Supplies Effective On April 16

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The War Production Board today ordered gasoline deliveries to service stations in seventeen Eastern states, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia cut one-third commencing April 16, and average deliveries last December, January and February.

British Counter Threat In Africa Reported Taking Initiative With Attacks on Axis Forces

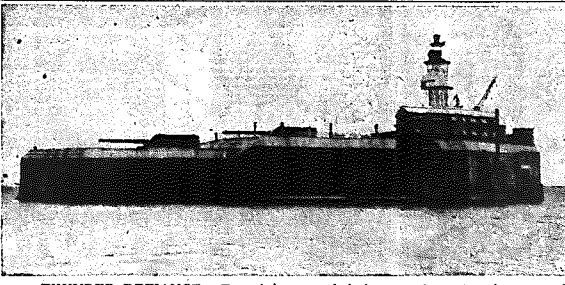
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THUNDER DEFIANCE—Forced by overwhelming numbers to give ground in Bataan, General Wainwright's heroic American forces continue the battle from the Corregidor fortifications in Manila Bay. Pictured above is Fort Drum. Below is Fort Mills where General Wainwright has established his headquarters.



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GEN. WAINWRIGHT

Talk French-Nazi Pact

ISTANBUL, Turkey. — (AP) — Infamed German circles in Istanbul today were talking about "a final settlement between Germany and France," which they said would involve cession of the entire French fleet to the German Navy.

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Today's Temp.: H. 81; L. 64  
Sunset Today 7:57  
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:57

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