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NAZIS MUSTER 1,900,000 RESERVES GASOLINE RATION FIGURES DISPUTED

Ickes Scoffs At Talk of 21-2 to 5 Gal. Ration

Says That Is Far Too Low... WASHINGTON (AP)—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes scoffed today that there was "no justification for anticipating that Eastern rationing would be limited to as little as 2 1/2 to 5 gallons of gasoline a week."

Charlotte Bomber Gunner Figures In Australian Drama

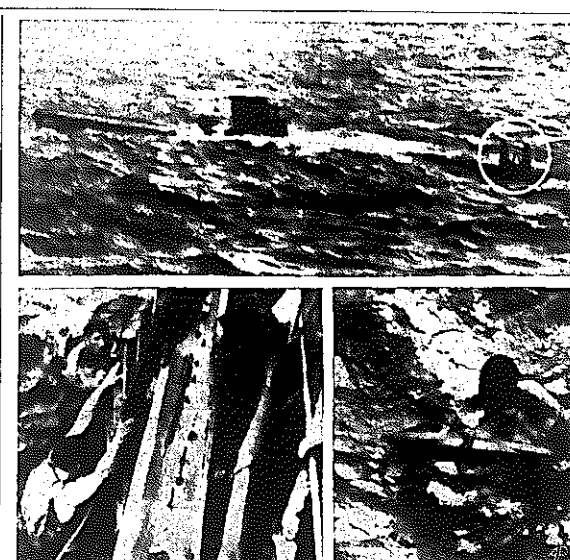
Lieut. Harkey in Protecting Plane... SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—A report from an advanced Allied headquarters and index of a successful flight by one of Lieut. George J. Harkey's bomber crew against a Japanese plane whose companion number crippled by Japanese fire planes.



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DEATH OF A NAZI SUBMARINE—The last act of a German undersea raider sinking to death somewhere in the Mediterranean—is shown in these photos. Top, the craft, bled down by a British destroyer and smashed with depth bombs, has been forced to the surface by the powerful explosions and but two of the crew have emerged. Lower left, one sailor and the sub's captain (holding rope) are pulled to the destroyer that blasted them. Right, the captain is shown in another scene as he was pulled in.

Nine Tenths Of Fighting Strength Is In Russia

Red Army Being Bolstered... By EDDY GILMORE... KUIBYSHEV (AP)—By mustering 1,900,000 reserves made up of workers in vital industries, boys as young as 17 and 18 and men from the conquered lands, the German Army has concentrated nine-tenths of its fighting force on the Russian front, a Soviet spokesman declared today.

Fear Move To Hand Japs Madagascar

"Reign of Terror" Through Arrests Of Free French on Island... A virtual reign of terror on the key French island of Madagascar, with the arrest of hundreds of De Gaulists, quickening speculation that Premier Pierre Laval may be planning to turn the island over to Japan.

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Nazis Grow More Afraid Of Attack

Both Germans & British Watching—But Berlin Appears Most Fearful... Following close upon yesterday morning's Commando raid at Bergen, German newspapers are assiduously sifting for war trends, reported today that the German expectancy of an invasion in western Europe had considerably increased.

Japs Take Key Town

Drive Up Subeven Valley in Burma... CHONGKING (AP)—Japanese forces driving up the Salween River Valley, the Eastern Burma captured the key town of Loikaw, Chinese defenders on Tuesday evening, a Chinese Army communique announced tonight.

Bring Ships Into Port

Torpedoed off Coast Of Georgia... BRUNSWICK, Va. (AP)—Two merchant vessels, captured off the coast on April 4 with the loss of 21 lives, were brought into port here by salvage boats and will be sent to another port for reconstruction.

U.S. Force Holding Out

Battle in Jungle Of Panay Island... TOKYO (AP)—Five to six hundred American and Filipino troops are holding out in the jungles on the slopes around the 1,200-foot Mt. Baloy, highest peak on Panay Island, the newspaper Asahi reported today.

Air Raid Alarm At Copenhagen

German Bombers... COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—German bombers were seen over the city of Copenhagen today, the newspaper Asahi reported today.

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Install English Church Leader

Continuously... ENGLAND (AP)—In a solemn ceremony which had its origin in the days of the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St. Augustine, the English Church installed today as its new primate of all England, the 43rd bishop, including one from the United States, stood by in a cathedral, hallowed by the presence of St. Augustine.

Last Flyable U. S. Plane Used In Final Moments Of Bataan Fight

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WEATHER... Little change in temperature tonight.

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