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MORE U. S. VESSELS SUNK American Troops On Alert For New Bataan Assault CHANGING INTERVESSES IN INDIA DISPUTE

Acceptance Of British Plan Urged On Indians

Send Message to Pandit Nehru By H. R. STIMSON NEW DELHI, India.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, advocate of war collaboration between 400,000,000 Chinese and 300,000,000 Indians, was reported today to have intervened in British-Indian negotiations, urging acceptance of Britain's proposal of post-war dominion status for India.



BABY BORN IN LIFEBOAT ON STORM-TOSSED SEA—Safe in a hospital at Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Desarka Mohorovic, of New York holds her baby son, Jesse Roper Mohorovic, who was born in an open lifeboat, plunging through 18-foot Atlantic waves after an Axis submarine torpedoed the ship on which Mrs. Mohorovic was a passenger. Her daughter, Vienna, also brought to safety in the lifeboat, admires her new brother. Smiling in his hospital bed at Norfolk is Dr. Leonard H. Conly (right) of Brooklyn, N. Y., who delivered the baby in the darkness, although he was suffering with two fractured ribs as a consequence of falling from the sinking ship into the lifeboat.



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Japs Pierce U. S. Line But Units Encircled

Report Enemies Being Mopped Up By EDWIN STOUT WASHINGTON.—(AP)—American front line troops stood alert today against a third Japanese Bataan assault in two days, ready again to meet superior numbers and fire-power with determined counter attacks. U. S. forces were reported officially to be mopping up Japanese units which broke through the main defenses in two heavy attacks yesterday, only to be pocketed by an American counter-attack.



SANK JAP SUB—Lieutenant James Valentine Edmundson (above) of Santa Monica, Calif., skipper of a U. S. Army motor, is credited with sinking a Japanese submarine with a shower of bombs off Hawaii. He has also been decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart for heroic fighting at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7.

17 Crewmen Missing After U-Boats Strike

Radio Operator Hero in One Case—Sticks to Post To Call for Help By ASSOCIATED PRESS Three new ship sinkings in the Axis submarine campaign against American shipping were announced today by the Navy. Seventeen men were missing from their crews. Maritime sources in Havana said a fourth United States ship, a freighter, had been torpedoed and sunk somewhere north of Cuba. The lost ships announced by the Navy included two medium-sized merchant vessels sunk several weeks ago in the Caribbean and a small tug, towing three barges, sunk with two of its train off the Atlantic coast. Survivors of one of the freighters told in New York how the radio operator, Ignace Sholnacki, 24, of Brooklyn, N. Y., remained alone aboard his sinking vessel to send the ship's position. Then he leaped into the water holding his pet baby African bush monkey in his mouth. Sholnacki said he knew the two lifeboats had left the ship with the crew and engineer and "my job was to stay until I had sent SOS reports." His six calls for help were heard in a British port and the entire crew of 35 was rescued fourteen hours after the vessel was sunk. The attack came at night and Sholnacki was pulled aboard one of the boats only because he took with him a flashlight to signal his companions from the water. The monkey died shortly before survivors of the second freighter said in New York interviews that they spent six days in open boats and sailed 545 miles in shark-infested waters before they were rescued. The tug was missing from the crew of 34. They said that a U-boat, her name in black letters on the bow, surfaced within ten feet of the boat and four crew members climbed out of the conning tower to question them. They said the submarine trailed lifeboats until shortly before they were picked up by a rescue vessel. Sixteen men were missing from the attack upon the tug, but at Norfolk, Va., it was announced that the tug's master and engineer and nine members of the barge crew were rescued. Navy officials said the barge men expected the submarine was so near they could hear orders given for loading and firing the raider's deck gun.

Three Die In Race Fight At Fort Dix

White and Negro Soldiers Stage Bloody Battle in Jersey

FORT DIX, N. J.—(AP)—White and Negro soldiers fought a bloody fifteen-minute battle on the darkened plains of Fort Dix last night in which three men were shot to death and five others felled in a furious exchange of bullets. The sudden, bitter outburst ended when Negro and white officers appeared on the scene and ordered the embattled white military police and Negro enlisted men to cease firing. A score of military police had been hastened to lay siege to barracks housing Negro troops from which, Major Aage Woldtke said, a fusillade of shots had answered a bullet "fired over the head" of a fleeing Negro soldier.

Air Blows Exchanged

British and Germans Make Attacks

LONDON.—(AP)—In the fiercest exchange of air blows in many months, RAF planes inflicted heavy damage on the Luftwaffe truck plant outside Paris, riddled docks at Le Havre and carried out light sweeps over Nazi-held airfields last night while the Germans countered with searching blows at English south coast points. The Air Ministry said bomber pilots returning from the Matford raid reported they had carried out an effective bombardment of "this important objective—one of the key French industrial plants in the Air Ministry's master plan for demobilizing Nazi and Nazi-controlled war industries. Only two British planes were lost, the Ministry said. The German communique identified their objectives as Dover and Portland. Coastal observers said the Nazi raiders dared the British balloon barrage by coming in at extremely low level, then climbing sharply after releasing their bombs. The fury of the moonlit German assault, sudden and brief but of extraordinary intensity, suggested to some Britons that English aviation tables may have been turned. They speculated that the Nazis, fearful of a repetition of the recent British hit-and-run invasions of Occupied France, might have been trying to break up any new preparations on this side. The attack on the Nazi-directed Matford Works at Puteaux, near the Seine River, eight miles from Paris, was the third by the RAF in a month's time and the second on successive nights. Informed sources said Britain's big bombers "got in some good hits" on the works, reputed to supply Germany with steel. See AIR BLOWS on page 4

Ex-Davidson Man Killed

Lieut. Hinton McLeod Dies in Plane Crash

ALBANY, Ga.—(AP)—Second Lieutenant Hinton S. McLeod, 26, of Fayetteville, N. C., and Aviation Cadet Emerson W. Kaler of Crestline, Ohio, were killed here last night when their training plane crashed near Leary. Former field officers said the two were on a routine training flight. Cause of the crash was undetermined. Lieutenant McLeod, former Concord, N. C., newspaperman, is survived by his wife of Albany and his mother, Mrs. Frances McLeod, of Fayetteville. He attended both Davidson College and the University of North Carolina. Cadet Kaler is survived by his parents in Leary, N. C. See CAROLINIANS on page 4

Blanket Freezing Order Discussed

Would Set Prices on All Consumer Goods Not Already Under Ceilings

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—An order freezing prices of all consumer goods not already under ceiling orders, was under discussion between high officials of the Office of Price Administration and the War Production Board. Such a blanket freezing order, to be applied to both retail and wholesale levels, has been discussed by the War Production Board. A definite decision has not been reached, it was said. The action, if forthcoming, would take the form of a permanent freezing order, cutting prices back to the levels of some chosen date, probably several months ago, it was reported. Numerous Administration officials have voiced dissatisfaction with present price control methods. A definite decision has not been reached, it was said. This feeling has been accentuated with the flood of new WPB curtailment and production stoppage orders of recent weeks, affecting radios, phonographs, vacuum cleaners, electrical appliances and many other major and minor consumer items. As each curtailment order has appeared, a buying rush has occurred and prices have moved up, resulting in such emergency action as last night's freezing of block sales. Such a sweeping price control would represent abandonment of the "selective" purchase program and the application of individual price orders to single items, as each item goes out of line. Dissatisfaction with this method has been expressed by some officials. See FREEZING on page 6

Say 25,000 Nazis Slain

Reds Capture Huge War Supply Stores

MOSCOW.—(AP)—More than 25,000 German troops have been slain and huge war supply stores captured by Red Army men on the neighboring Leningrad and Kalinin fronts in thirteen days of large-scale fighting still growing in intensity, the Russians said today. (Old military casualty ratio tallies have been upset by quirk of 1939-42 style warfare, but a death toll of 25,000 probably indicates a total of from 75,000 to 125,000 Red reserves from the south where observers expect Adolf Hitler to try to center his Spring offensive. Sharp fighting also was reported on the southern front, where the Soviet Information Bureau said the Russian army had hurled fresh infantry reinforcements into unsuccessful counter-attacks which cost 300 men from Calcutta and a third of the Russian claimed local successes in various other sectors. Special communiques announced that 200 German dead were seen. See REDS REPORT on page 6

Today's Axis Lie

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Under the heading of "Today's Axis Lie," the Office of Facts and Figures released without comment the following reports from the Berlin shoreward radio. "Further reports from London state that the British have captured in the United States will be turned into scrap iron. The total number of cars taken out of traffic on account of tire and gasoline shortages is estimated at twelve million."

Weather

Warmer tonight. Today's Temp.: H. 78; L. 58. Sunrise Today: 6:45 a.m. Sunset: 7:55 p.m. Tomorrow's Temp.: H. 75; L. 55. Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph. Rain: 0.00 in. See WEATHER on page 4

Low Door Knobs & Other Customs In Australia Puzzle Americans By JOHN LARDNER. SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—Witless—as he wanted in a blackout in the chill hours before dawn for the bus that would take us to the plane for a flight over "Never, Never" land to Australia's northern defenses—an ornate, elegant, from Nebraska came alongside chewing gum. "How do you like it here?" he asked. "Good," said your correspondent. "Yeah, good so far," said the sergeant. "As a matter of fact we got our country down here but I'll tell you something you oughta put in the papers." At this moment the sergeant was interrupted by the approach of an air transport hostess, pulling on her hat. She was a brick, pretty Adelaide girl named Patricia Threlwell and she thinks Americans are fine people except that they always expected wonderful service at all times. "Come on," she said. "We'll have to wait a little while and we might as well get some breakfast." At a nearby cafe we sat down to three peaches, corn flakes and eggs.

Will Help Observe Pan-American Day WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today he expected to participate in an observance of Pan-American Day on April 14. He told a press conference he thought it would make a speech but would have representatives of the Pan-American nations over to the White House on that day.

British Forced To Fall Back To New Positions North Of Promote 100 miles south of the Yenang-yaung oil fields. The communique said the withdrawal was made under heavy Japanese attack in which the invaders penetrated to strategic heights just south of the oil fields. The next main line of British resistance was not identified, but presumably between Proma and another British tributary of the Irrawaddy, some 20 miles north. Denying Chungking reports of yesterday that Japanese forces covered by bombers and destroyers had landed at Ayeyar, a military spokesman said that British

Notes To Readers. There had other news items in this issue. The main item was a report that the British had captured a German U-boat in the Atlantic. The U-boat was carrying a large amount of supplies for the Axis forces in the Pacific. The British command reported them holding the U-boat in the Atlantic.