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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA.—(AP)—Three Japanese destroyers, protecting a merchant vessel outbound from Kavieng, New Ireland, toward bases, were needling supplies, watched helplessly on Good Friday as a high-flying Liberator bomber started the 8,000-ton ship toward the bottom of the Bismark Sea.

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By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW.—(AP)—The furious German counter attacks in the Kuban region of the Caucasus, which in the last few days had approached the intensity of an offensive, slackened significantly today as the Germans counted several thousand of their dead in addition to a heavy loss in airplanes, tanks, guns and munitions, Russian front dispatches said.

The dispatches gave no immediate explanation for the cessation of the Nazi attacks, which had been marked by numerous futile charges against the Russian lines from the Black Sea coast near Novorossiysk, through the Kuban delta to the coast of the Sea of Azov.

The German lost almost 8,000 men and almost 200 planes in less than a week—probably far in excess of the losses they had counted on, it was reported.

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Interpreting is a large German commissary base, a concentration point for reserves and an important rail junction between Koenigsberg and Riga.

Red Star said the planes arrived precisely on schedule in good weather and encountered heavy ground fire, which soon slackened as bombs saturated the city.

The Germans sent up numerous night fighters, but the dispatch said they were "apparently ineffective" by the large number of Soviet planes.

Heavy explosions and fire soon followed up and down the harbor, which was blazing furiously, Red Star said.

Pray With Them and For Them



Go to Church Easter Sunday

Finland Forced Near Showdown

Little Country Caught In Squeeze
Between Germany And United States

By WADE WERNER
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The threat of a Nazi coup in Finland, inspired by Hitler's growing fears for his "European Fortress" and designed to set up a 100 per cent pro-Axis government, was seen in diplomatic quarters here today as one of the factors behind Helsinki's newest crisis.

And it was expected to force a final showdown in the little nation's strange war triangle.

Only the operators were represented at the hearing called by the board today to determine procedure and timing for the conduct of the case.

Chairman William H. Davis said no communication of any kind had been received from the mine workers in response to the boards request for Lewis to appear.

The panel personnel, still unnamed, will consist of a representative of the public, of the employees and of labor.

Lewis could not be reached in New York to comment on the WLB's order, but a spokesman, who asked not to be quoted by name, said "The miners will have no statement to make on any phase of the War Labor Board hearing until they have studied the board's proceedings and reported to the Policy Committee meeting on Tuesday."

Drive Toward Bizerte; First Army In Gain

British Take Long Stop Hill As
Big Allied Push Gets Underway

By WILLIAM B. KING
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.—(AP)—American troops, transferred from the southern Tunisian front to the north, have advanced six miles toward Mateur, eighteen miles southwest of Bizerte, and the British First Army has taken Long Stop Hill, 28 miles west of Tunis, dispatches from the front said today.

Another U. S. unit hacked its way for seven miles through stiff enemy fire northeast of Beja and to the north of the Beja-Mateur road, fighting its way hill by hill.

While the Americans pounded forward in the most difficult terrain of all Tunisia and parried violent enemy counterattacks, British and American armor extended the Allied advances to practically all the Axis' western flank by hammering out a gain of six to seven miles in the Goubelat-Bou Aradja sector.

ALLIED AIR FORCES' bombers and fighters yesterday flew a "record number" of sorties in collaboration with the Allied ground thrusts, an official statement said.

Despite the fact these sorties numbered 1,500, only six Allied aircraft were lost against the diminishing Axis opposition.

While the British Eighth Army of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery engaged in vigorous patrol work during which it repelled a local German counter attack on the El Guejar-Dalmeida sector, the British First Army in the north was making contact with the Allied forces in the Bizerte area.

"This decision involved the moving of large numbers of troops and great quantities of stores and equipment from the whole length of the front and senior British officers have the fullest admiration for the excellent staff work, particularly for the speed and secrecy with which the move was carried out."

"They equally praised the excellent discipline of the United States troops, who, on roads crossing several mountain ranges which, so consistently, they have kept open for several weeks ago, are now disengaging into clouds of dust, the first of the modern mechanized drivers and passengers alight with a gray, fuming coating."

Rommel last was known to have been in Africa during the Kasserine Pass fighting in February, when captured letters mentioned him.

Recent reports have said variously that Rommel had been recalled to take charge of the defense of Italy, Sardinia and Sicily because the German command was convinced that Africa was lost, that he was in disgrace with Hitler and that he was seriously ill with malaria and recuperating in Germany.

Marshall Petain Is 87
LONDON.—(AP)—Marshall Petain was 87 today, there was no celebration in France, whose rulers had expressed the desire to have him "celebrate" the event in their hearts without any official manifestations.

Motorists Who Can Drive Over 240
Miles A Month To Get Best Tires

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Motorists whose gasoline ration cards permit them to drive over 240 miles a month will become eligible for the best grade of tires May 1.

This was disclosed in an Office of Price Administration order today, coincident with news that manufacture of lower quality "Victory tires" made from reclaimed rubber has been halted.

Previously a mileage ration of 560 miles had been required for the best tires and a mileage of 240 to 560 for grade "B."

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