NAZIS STEP UP LONDON RAIDS

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A substantial number of German raiders made a two-directional assault on London last night, showering high-explosives and fire bombs over wide areas here and in other English sections, causing casualties including at least ten killed and starting fires in several districts.

The raiders stirred up a barrage which many agreed was the heaviest of the war. Ten of the enemy planes were destroyed, one by a Canadian Intruder over its base in France.

Two Waves Over City

Making their 11th assault on London this month and the fourth in five nights, the attacks came in two waves over the east and south coast. They converged on London and then spread out.

The main cargo of the raiders was incendiaries, perhaps many of them the new explosive type the Germans say they now are using. In size the attacking force appeared equal to any sent against Britain in recent nights, perhaps larger.

For more than an hour a massive and continuous barrage was hurled skyward. Anti-aircraft shell fragments came down like metallic hailstones, kicking up sparks from the pavement and clanking on rooftops.

Schools Wrecked

A number of schools, including a famous one in the London area, were among the buildings wrecked.

One bomb dropped in a hospital grounds just as an ambulance arrived with injured from another district, but did little damage.

At one time six enemy planes were caught in the beams of searchlights over different areas of the city.

The first raiders to come over loosed red and green flares which lighted up the target for those that followed with their loads of explosives and incendiaries. The glow of many fires started by the attack brightened the sky.

Laborite Criticizes 'Allies' Bomb Tactics

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Laborite Richard R. Stokes denounced in Commons today what he described as the Allies' indiscriminate bombing of Europe and said, "I listened with some astonishment to the prime minister talking about the honor of bombing Berlin."

Referring to Churchill's war review yesterday, Stokes declared: "Dictators all use the same language and not long ago Mussolini talked about the honor of bombing London."

Stokes, who has made similar speeches previously, protested against what he termed "the awful stories we read of these mass bombardments, of children on fire and hundreds of people roasting in shelters."

Freon, a refrigerant used in air conditioning and refrigeration, is scarce because of military needs.

HEALTH QUIZ

	YES	NO
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Russ War

IN UKRAINE — Possible targets of the Red armies in the Lower Dnieper Bend are shown, with solid arrows indicating the position of Russian forces. Possible next objectives are Kherson (open arrow) and Nikolaev. The Germans, routed from Krivoi Rog yesterday, were reported today to be retreating toward the Bug River. Shaded area is German-held.—A. P. wirephoto.

Communiques

Pacific

UNITED NATIONS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Text of today's communique:

"Northwestern Sector—

"Reconnaissance activity only.

"Northeastern Sector—

"New Britain: Our medium units bombed enemy installations and small craft at Cape Hoskins and Fulleborn Harbor. Our fighters strafed enemy positions at Garove Island, silencing gun poistions and inflicting casualties. Our light naval units at night destroyed or damaged four enemy barges.

"Rabaul: Our escorted medium bombers from Solomons bases continued their daily attack on airdromes, dropping 52 tons of bombs on newly repaired runways at Lakunai and starting large fires in the revetment area. There was no interception. One of our planes was shot down by ground fire.

"New Guinea: Hansa Bay: One of our heavy units bombed supply areas and our air patrols destroyed or damaged six enemy barges along the coast.

"Madang Coast: Our escorted heavy units bombed Vitar Plantation. Our attack planes bombed and strafed enemy installations on Karkar Island and air patrols swept the coast, silencing gun positions and destroying ground installations.

"Saidor Area: Our ground forces captured Gabumi Village and established a bridgehead on the Mot River, west of Yami. Our artillery fire broke up enemy concentrations near Cape Iris. Farther west, our dive-bombers bombed and strafed Minziri, causing fires.

"Green Islands: Our night air patrols shot down an enemy float plane.

"Bougainville: Our ground units report killing more than 120 of the enemy in a series of patrol clashes in the interior. Our light artillery shelled enemy targets in Empress Augusta Bay. Our air patrols by day attacked perimeter targets at Torokina and to the south. At Matchin Bay and Buka Passage, they destroyed 21 barges. By night our light naval and air patrols attacked enemy positions at Ballale, Sarime Plantation and coastal targets on Buka and sank two barges off Mutupina Point."

Europe

UNITED STATES

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—An American communique:

"The United States Strategic Air Force in England announces that the A. A. F. destroyed 133 Nazi fighters in air battles February 22 during combined operations of the Eighth and Fifteenth Air Forces against aircraft industries and other targets deep inside Germany.

"Of the total, heavy bombers based in the United Kingdom destroyed 34 and those based in Italy, 40. A. A. F. fighters from Britain shot down 59. In three days' record-breaking operations aimed at destroying Germany's capacity to maintain aerial resistance, A. A. F. planes have accounted for 310 enemy fighters. Of this number, 153 were shot down by long-range fighters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and 117 by heavy bombers of the Eighth.

"Forty were destroyed by the Fifteenth Air Force bombers in Tuesday's combined operations. Other enemy aircraft were hit on aprons of factories and in parking areas.

"In addition to targets already announced, the Fifteenth Air Force bombed railway yards at Peterhausen on Tuesday.

"Italian-based heavy bombers carried out diversionary attacks. Twenty heavy bombers and two fighters of the Fifteenth A. A. F. are missing from Tuesday's coordinated operations."

Sparing of Rome Asked by Pope

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII. has appealed to the belligerents to save Rome from destruction by an agreement similar to those which spared Cairo and Athens, according to the Vatican radio.

"Rome still, in spite of the war, is a center of religion," the Pope was quoted as saying. "The belligerents agreed to spare the monuments of Athens and Cairo, and in the same way Rome should be saved. The abbey of Mount Cassino already has been destroyed."

The broadcast, transmitted last night, was recorded by Associated Press.

Sweden to Send Delegates

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Swedish government has decided to send representatives to the International Labor Office meeting in Philadelphia April 20, the American-Swedish News Exchange said yesterday.

GERMANS MASS AGAIN IN ITALY

LONDON, Feb. 23. —(AP)— The German - controlled Rome radio said today that "the German High Command has deemed it advisable to halt operations south of Rome for the time being," the listening post of Reuters news agency reported. There was no indication of such plans from Allied quarters.

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
Associated Press Foreign Staff

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 23.—American troops threw back two localized German attacks west of Cisterna yesterday, Allied headquarters announced today, as Field Marshal Albert Kesselring brought his long-range artillery into play and apparently regrouped his forces for another attempt at driving the Allies off the Anzio beachhead.

Nazi artillery lobbed shells at the nerve center of Anzio and other beachhead objectives, and 130 German planes hit at ground troops, but the Allies countered with 1,600 aerial sorties, and gunfire against enemy troop and vehicle movements.

Nazi Infiltration Fails

A lull continued in the fighting on the Cassino sector to the east. The Germans tried to infiltrate around Fifth Army outposts on two peaks northwest of town, but withdrew under cover of a smoke screen when Allied artillery opened fire.

Otherwise headquarters reported only normal patrolling from both sectors, with more snowfalls hampering movements in the mountains.

British guns shelled enemy troops and vehicles near the Nazis' main concentration point of Carroceto. Allied group troops could see the Germans busily moving their forces in rear areas, indicating Kesselring was preparing for a renewed assault after repulse of his second major offensive last week-end.

Foe Keeps Up Pressure

The enemy also maintained steady pressure around the perimeter of the beachhead.

On the Eighth Army sector, Canadians on the coast beat off an attack by 30 Germans late Sunday, and Allied artillery on a sector held by Indian forces destroyed houses near Arielli which the Germans were using as machine-gun and artillery-observation posts. A German raid on Eighth Army lines northwest of Casoli was broken up.

W. P. B. Sorry Jack & Heintz Date Conflicts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—War Production Board officials professed regret today that a W. P. B. war exposition next Tuesday night conflicts with a dinner party to whicvh all members of Congress were invited by the partners of Jack & Heintz, Inc., Cleveland war contractor.

The officials also said they were sorry that Jack & Heintz is not among the 64 firms sponsoring the exposition under W. P. B. auspices. The W. P. B affair runs from February 28 through March 2

Jack to Speak

Members of Congress, the Supreme Court and the President's cabinet were invited to attend the exposition the night of February 29, the time set for the Cleveland partners' dinner, at which their company's war effort will be outlined by Bill Jack, president.

"We didn't know in time about the Jack & Heintz dinner else we might have revised our schedule," said one W. P. B. official privately. "The conflist doesn't mean there is competition. It is purely accidental and we are sorry."

Attitude Not Considered

Officials suggested that opposition by the Cleveland firm to the government's contract renegotiation program had nothing to do with their failure to participate in the exposition. Only last month Jack & Heintz was ordered by the War Department to reduce by $7,000,000 the cost of aircraft parts sold to the government in 1942.

Meanwhile, all members of Congress and a goodly number of high federal officials have two invitations on their hands. They could, of course, go to the Jack & Heintz dinner at the Mayflower Hotel and hurry later to the W. P. B. exhibit. g..xO r li::mSYtv-oheedf-vtvsu (AP)

First Kurile Photos Still Guide Raiders

AN ALEUTIAN BASE, Feb. 23. —(AP)—A former Wisconsin cheese-factory worked took the first aerial photographs for the United States armed forces of Japanese installations on the Northern Kurile islands of Paramushiro and Shumushu. Sergt. Roman H. Schoop, Darlington, Wis., since transferred from this war theatre, took the photographs last August. He received the Air Medal.

Officers of the Eleventh Air Force said virtually all subsequent operations against Paramushiro and Shumushu were planned from photographs taken by Schoop. The sergeant's camera was the only one in the squadron functioning properly. "I was sure working faster than I ever worked in the cheese factory making cheese," he said later.

Argentine Paper Raps Restrictions

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Arguing against restrictions imposed on the Argentine press, the influential newspaper La Prensa asserted in an editorial today that the government decree ordering registration of all publications and their staffs contains unfair imputations to the Argentine press, and that it would be the "duty of good government" to invoke those regulations.

"The newspapers have not been permitted ot print the truth since 1941, when the state of siege was estabiiished," the paper stated.

Jap Dodges Shells to Aid Yanks in Italy

By LYNN HEINZERLING
Associated Press Foreign Staff

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, Feb. 22. — (Delayed)— Nobody is ever going to accuse Pvt. Nitsukaze (Mike) Miyake of bragging about his part in the war.

Miyake, an American of Japanese descent from Honolulu, was commended by his superior officer for coolness under fire in carrying provisions to the men in Cassino and bringing back wounded.

"I wasn't the only one," Mike protested immediately. "There were five others."

"Tell the correspondents about the barage," the officer said.

"Oh, yes," Mike said. "That wasn't so bad."

"Tell them about the screaming meemies," the officer persisted.

"You mean those things that come six at a time? That wasn't bad. It didn't last too long."

Mike finally admitted he and his companions were caught under a barrage that lasted about an hour.

"Some rocks fell on us and shell fragments whizzed by, but they were shelling a little behind us," he said. "We moved on and they were still shelling behind us. One of the boys was hurt by a big rock but for some other boys it was much worse."

Mike said he was a student at the University of Hawaii before the war and was eager to talk about the university's football team.

"It's just a light team," Mike said. "But we have a lot of fast-breaking plays. We beat California one year. I didn't play football."

Paasikivi Flies Home; Gloomy; No Peace Word

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23. — (AP) — Juho K. Paasikivi, former Finnish cabinet member whose arrival here February 12 led to rumors that his government was trying to negotiate a separate peace, returned to Helsinki today without any indications that Finland is any nearer getting out of the war.

Paasikivi, who played an important role in negotiating the treaty that ended the Finnish-Russian War of 1939-40, left Stockholm by plane at 9 a. m., accompanied by his wife.

The former minister declined to comment on the subject of Finnish peace negotiations, but he appeared to be in a less jovial mood than on his arrival, giving correspondents the impression of a man whose mission has been none too successful.

When asked if he planned to return to Stockholm, Paasikivi said: "I've been here too long already."

A possible indication that a Russian-Finnish peace is not likely in the near future came from Helsinki yesterday when it was disclosed that Finnish trade negotiations with Germany were resumed Friday, despite Secretary of State Hull's warning that the Finns must break with Germany or suffer the consequences.

Aerial

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were reported lost by a Mediterranean headquarters spokesman.

The first reports received at headquarters here from the Mediterranean had reported 20 of the United Sttes Fifteenth Air Force bombers lost, or a day's total of 61 big planes. This figure was later revised as more planes returned.

"In three days of record-breaking operations aimed at destroying Germany's capacity to maintain aerial resistance, American Air Force planes have accounted for 310 enemy fighters," headquarters said, with 153 falling to fighters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces in Britain, 117 destroyed by Eighth Air Force bombers, and 40 by Fifteenth Air Force bombers.

The Germans threw up savage resistance as the Britain-based bombers struck the Junkers-88 assembly plant at Bernburg and airframe and component factories at Aschersleben and Halberstadt. The Fifteenth Air Force bombers from Italy blasted two Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, and bombed freight yards at Petershausen, 20 miles north of Munich.

Heavy bombers flying from Britain bagged 34 enemy fighters yesterday, and their escorts knocked down 59, while the bombers of the Fifteenth Air Force destroyed 40 Nazi craft.

Other enemy craft were hit on the aprons of factories and in parking areas.

Eleven fighters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces in Britain were shot down yesterday, making the total day's loss of bombers and fighters over Germany Tuesday 64 planes.

(A headquarters spokesman in Italy said three fighters were lost yesterday over the Anzio beachhead area, and that 50 enemy planes were downed during the day, including the 40 over Germany and ten over the beachhead).

The Mediterranean Air Force sent out a record number of planes for one day in the blows on Regensburg as well as at Zagreb airdrome and Sibenik harbor in Zara and in Jugoslavia.

119 Toll, Says Berlin

Today's German communique asserted 119 Allied planes, including 95 four-engined bombers, were destroyed yesterday over Germany.

Some returning flyers described the air battles yesterday as even more intense than those of the Schweinfurt raid last October, when 60 bombers were lost.

Royal Air Force Mosquitos maintained the offensive during the night, hitting unspecified targets in Western and Southwestern Germany without loss.

A Berlin broadcast first had given American losses yesterday as 104 planes, 15 per cent of them fighters.

The United States communique listed only the number of planes shot down by American fighters based in England. Since Royal Air Force, Dominion and Allied fighters also provided support, it was reasonable to assume that they added to the enemy losses.

JAP DEFENSE AT RABAUL WANING

By MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

Allied air operations yielded evidence today of success in the steady campaign to knock out Rabaul as the pivotal base for war-won Japanese territory in the Southwest Pacific.

In another significant development, the Southeast Asia Command announced that Allied troops are seizing the initiative from the Japanese on the Arakan sector in Burma.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that the Japanese failed to send up a single interceptor plane to oppose Sunday's 52-ton bombing of Lakunai airdrome in furtherance of the daily assault on Rabaul at the northeast tip of New Britain Island.

Reconnaissance showed the lowest number of planes and ships ever spotted at Rabaul, indicating a withdrawal by the enemy as the result of recent heavy losses. Allied attacks have cost the Japanese 55 vessels sunk and probably more than 300 aircraft shot down in February.

Abandonment Doubted

Murlin Spencer, Associated Press correspondent, wrote from Allied headquarters, however, that with the enemy's ability to move planes in and out of Rabaul without great difficulty, "it is unsafe to say that the Japanese are even thinking of abandoning Rabaul."

Indian troops captured high points overlooking strategic Ngakyedauk Pass in the Mayu Hills of Burma. West African forces aided Allied assumption of the initiative on the Arakan sector by encircling the town of Kyauktaw in the Kaladan Valley below Buthedaung.

Chinese fighters were credited with killing more than 400 Japanese in their effort to drive the enemy from the Hudawng Valley area of Northern Burma.

Prome, Akyab Bombed

American flyers blasted Japanese camps and railway communications in Northern Burma Monday, New Delhi announced. Royal Air Force bombers and fighters scored hits on Japanese-held strongpoints in Western Burma. Prome, communications center on the Irrawaddy River, was attacked last night, and heavy bombers raided Akyab on the Bay of Bengal.

Both in the New Britain area and in the Northern Solomons, Allied naval and air units added to the toll of Japanese barges which President Roosevelt said yesterday probably amounted to 1,000 in the past year, accounting for a large number of enemy personnel.

The Chief Executive praised what he termed amazing cooperation among the armed services in the Marshall Islands and Truk operations—operations carried out with the damage of only one vessel.

The United States carrier assault on Truk, No. 1 enemy naval base in the Central Pacific, accomplished more than the destruction of 19 ships and 201 planes. A Tokyo broadcast said it had impressed the Japanese people more than any other development since the war's outbreak.

Question of Time

There was no new report of progress in the invasion of Eniwetok Atoll in the Western Marshalls, but previous accounts suggested it would be only a question of time before the Japanese holding out on Parry Island were overwhelmed.

Parry has been a South Sea death house for days, and the Japs garrisoned there know it, Howard Handleman, representing the combined American press, observed in a February 22 dispatch from Eniwetok. He quoted Rear Adm. Harry W. Will, commander of amphibious forces:

"Japan has never had a blacker month. In three weeks we moved 800 miles closer to Tokyo, and that is a tremendous advance in any man's war when you are moving on the enemy's capital."

New Action on Bougainville

Brisk fighting reported on invaded Bougainville in the Northern Solomons despite the recent occupation of the Green Islands, was seen as an attempt by the Japanese to rush sizeable forces against the strongly fortified American perimeter.

An Allied move in the direction of Madang, Japanese shipping center on the northeast coast of New Guinea, was disclosed with the capture of a village 11 miles northwest of the American beachhead at Saidor.

Radio Tokyo said today enemy surface craft on Monday bombarded Taroa Island of Maloelap Atoll southeast of American-held Kwajalein after a Sunday aerial assault that kept up the sustained offensive against Marshalls bases still occupied by the Nipponese.

Chinese Soft-Pedal Communist Question

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23. — (AP) — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, replying to a petition by foreign correspondents to visit Yenan, Communist "capital" of China, today said the government would extend them a formal invitation "when the time comes."

Liang Han-chao, minister of information, told his press conference certain press telegrams on the Communist question had been suppressed on grounds it was not in the national interest to make them public. "Our relations with the Communists must be regarded as a family affair," he said. "The government are the elder members of the family and the Communists the junior members. The elders are not keen on publicizing disputes within this family.

Cheaper, Better Tires Seen

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Tire companies advocate continued production of synthetic rubber on a reduced scale after the war but the industry will not abandon natural rubber as its primary source of supply, James J. Newman of Akron, vice president of the B. F. Goodrich Company, asserted yesterday. Newman predicted post-war tires would be cheaper and better than pre-Pearl Harbor tires.

Pre-Invasion Raid on Japs Led by Seattle Commando

(The following account was written by Staff Sergt. Joseph L. Alli of Buffalo, N. Y., a Marine Corps combat correspondent, and distributed by Associated Press.)

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.— (Delayed)— **First Lieut. Joseph A. L. Fournier of Seattle** helped write a blazing pre-invasion prelude to the battle of New Britain several days before marines landed on the Jap-infested island.

Lieutenant Fournier's wife, Lilah, and infant daughter, Joline, live at 4737 Seventh Ave. N. E., Seattle.

Operating under the noses of the Japanese, Lieutenant Fournier led a seven-man patrol on a dangerous advance reconnaissance mission, and brought back information that contributed greatly to the success of the invasion.

The Leathernecks negotiated their landing from a rubber boat, under cover of tropical darkness, simultaneously with a similar landing by a second group a short distance down the coast.

Boys Pretty Tense

"Most of the boys were pretty tense as we paddled ashore," Lieutenant Fournier said after returning fro mthe successful mission. "We had little idea of what we might possibly run into.

"But everything went off according to plan. Two hours later we were ready to start back. That's when the real excitement began."

One of the major difficulties was in contacting the naval vessels from which they had launched their rubber boats.

"We had moved several hundred yards from our landing point," he explained, "and with our portable radio out of order, we had to use a flashlight to signal our boats."

The threat of being discovered by the Japanese added to the group's anxiety. Enemy planes could be heard overhead, Jap patrols were in the nearby jungle, and three heavily armed barges were headed toward the beach. A long, tense hour was spent in waiting, wondering.

Japs Open Fire

"All of us were pretty nervous," Lieutenant Fournier continued, "but none of us said much. There was a general sigh of relief, though, when we finally boarded the vessel."

Shortly after leaving the beach, the tiny convoy encountered the

LIEUT. JOSEPH A. L. FOURNIER
'All of us were pretty nervous'

enemy barges. The Japs opened up with everything they had, and in a few moments the quiet of the night was shattered with blazing guns.

The marines, taking over some of the guns, helped sink the enemy barges in the intensive running battle that followed. All escaped injury, though three of the Navy personnel were wounded.

"The fireworks were popping merrily for awhile," Lieutenant Fournier said. "Once there was a loud explosion behind us, followed by a spray of machine-gun fire. It sounded like a Zero, but we weren't certain."

Lieutenant Fournier, who was commissioned from the ranks, amphibious scouting tactics from the British Commandos. He spent several months in England in 1942, and frepently accompanied the Commandos as an observer on their raids on the French coast.

His next assignment, before joining his present unit of Guadalcanal veterans, was to help train a raider battalion at Camp Pendleton.

Italian Pinball Machine Distracts Lardner, Near Front

By JOHN LARDNER
North American Newspaper Alliance

WITH THE ALLIED FIFTH ARMY ADVANCED FORCES NEAR CASSINO, Feb. 21.—(By special radio) — (Delayed) — In a cold grove of trees on a rough mountainside stand any number of olive trees, shaped like pretzels and scarred by shells. Up till now I am describing practically all army field camps in Italy north of Naples. Today's grove, however, has a special feature, namely, a pinball machine nailed to one tree in the middle of the group.

Maj. Raymond Lund of Oldham, S. D., hurried by today on his way to do something or other.

No Slugs, Please

"Don't put any slugs in there," he yelled at your correspondent.

"Where did this thing come from?" I yelled back, but Major Lund had already disappeared among the olive trees to the south. He looked like a man who had just heard there might be chicken for lunch.

Your correspondent studied the machine and felt a curious but familiar impulse stealing over him. The machine had a label pronouncing it to be the product of the House of Bisagna. It looked like a soft touch. I was reaching in my pocket for a coin, any coin, when a private first class whizzed past.

"You don't need money," he called. "It's been decommercialized. Just play it."

Two shells falling near by distracted me. Then I contemplated the layout again. Under the glass cover was a labyrinth through which a little ball meandered when you pulled one handle. When you pulled another handle a metallic citizen in a clown's costume and with a hat in its hand began moving due west over a metal track. You are supposed to catch the ball in the clown's hat. Nothing could be fairer than that.

Game Easy on Suckers

I caught the ball on my second try. Seemingly, the House of Bisagna is tolerant of suckers and likes to encourage them. A captain striding down the path behind me paused long enough to state that the machine had been taken from a monastery.

"How do you mean a monastery?" I asked.

"I don't know," said the captain. Like everybody else he was in a hurry. "That's what someone told me."

A few minutes later the private first class came back.

"How do they mean this thing came out of a monastery?" I asked him.

"A monastery?" said the private first class. "Oh, yes. Well, they found it in a building on a hill. Around here every building on a hill is called a monastery. It don't mean anything. Know what I mean?"

That Makes It Simple

"More or less," I replied.

"Like up at the beachhead," said the private first class. "They got a building everybody fights for that they call the factory, but it ain't a factory at all. They just call it a factory. I read about it in 'The Stars and Stripes'."

"Well, there you are," said the private first class and moved on.

There, indeed, we are. This is only an olive grove in Italy with a pinball machine in it and as soon as people stop moving around so fast and stand still I may be able to find out where it came from.

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Warship Isn't A Boat, Lost Flyer Is Told

ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC AIR BASE, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A seagoing man dislikes having his ship called a boat, which explains in part this radio conversation off Bougainville the other day.

A Navy Corsair pilot returning from Rabaul, lost from his formation, with instruments damaged and gasoline low, sighted a warship. He radioed:

"Hey, you boat, can you give me a bearing?"

"What's the matter," came the sarcastic reply, "you lost?"

"Yes," pleaded the pilot. "My 'gas' is nearly gone and I gotta get to —— Field. Can you help me?"

"Okay, Ace," replied the warship. "The bearing is —— degrees and its exactly —— miles. Think you can find it, Ace?"

"Thanks a million. I'll remember you guys in my will."

"Think nothing of it, Ace. Just call on us anytime. Only next time don't call us a boat."

The conversation was recorded by Tech. Sergt. Murrey Marder, Philadelphia, attached to an air squadron.

Two service leagues in South Africa have organized to provide houses for ex-servicemen after the war, the principal housing projects being in the Johannesburg area.

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Nazis Reap Billions From Seized Lands

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Germans now are exploiting part of their conquered domain at a rate equivalent to about $10,400,000,000 annually, the House of Commons was told yesterday by Dingle M. Foot, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

In a written reply to a question, he said the estimate included occupation costs and unaccounted exports for much of Europe, but did not include any data on levies against occupied parts of Russia, Greece and Luxembourg or those parts of Poland, France and Belgium which have been incorporated into the Reich.

Club to Hear Dr. Cooper

The Negro problem in America will be discussed by Dr. F. B. Cooper, Seattle Negro dentist, at tomorrow's noon luncheon of the Engineers' Club, in the Arctic Building.

NAZIS RETREAT AS RUSS DRIVE

By Associated Press.

The Germans retreated toward the Bug River and the Carpathian Mountains today after bloody ejection from Krivoi Rog, and Marshal Stalin said Nazi diplomats were scurrying from one capital to another in vain search for a separate peace.

"It should be clear to all that Hitlerite Germany is advancing inevitably toward catastrophe," Marshal Stalin declared as his armies drove west.

"Hitlerite diplomats are rushing from one neutral country to another, trying to establish contacts with pro-Hitlerite elements, and hinting at the possibility of separate peace, sometimes with our state, sometimes with our allies. All these subterfuges of the Hitlerites are doomed to failure."

Like Churchill in his address yesterday to Commons, Stalin declared firmly that all attempts to foster discord in the Allied camps were doomed to failure.

Road Open to Southwest

The Red army capture of Krivoi Rog littered the streets and approaches of that iron center of 197,000 with "thousands of enemy dead," the Russians said. The victory opened the routes of conquest to Kherson and Nikolaev on the Black Sea, 95 miles away, and to the metropolis of Odessa, 155 miles southwest.

More spectacular advances were made in the north, where 300 hamlets were captured west of Lake Ilmen and Kholm. The important rail and road junction of Dno was brought within ten-mile artillery range in the wide advance upon Pskov.

1,000 Miles in Year

Stalin declared the Red army in a year had advanced more than 1,000 miles in places (from deep in the Caucasus to the Western Ukraine) and captured 77,000 square miles and 13,000 populated places. This, he said, meant that three-fourths of the Russias overrun by the Germans had been recaptured, suggesting that only aoout 25,000 square miles still was under the German bootjack. Stalin sounded a warning much like that of Churchill and President Roosevelt:

"We must be vigilant and not allow overconfidence in our ranks, or complacency."

High Allied diplomats in Moscow viewed Stalin's reassurance of United Nations' solidarity as the most healthy declaration since Teheran, and said his words would do much toward increasing friendship among the Russians toward Britain and the United States.

Japan Strengthens Formosa Defenses

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Chinese reports today said a special headquarters for Formosan forces had been established with Adm. Kiyoshi Hasegawa, governor of Formosa, as commander in chief. The step was said to have been taken with approval of Emperor Hirohito as a precaution against eventual Allied invasion of Formosa.

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