

HEAVY AIR RAIDS HIT JAP'S BASES

By Associated Press.

The Japanese took ever-heavier hammerings at Rabaul on New Britain, Ponape in the Carolines, and in the Solomons.

Rabaul's latest record pasting, this time by medium and light bombers, cost it 143 buildings—damaged, knocked down or set afire. The weight of explosives cast on this ravaged enemy base was nearly 100 tons.

Ponape for the first time was hit by American fighter planes, which eliminated 13 Zeros trying to intercept them over this outpost guardian of Truk 400 miles to the west. The Ponape raiders also hit Ujelang Atoll, 125 miles south of Eniwetok in the Marshalls.

In the Solomons American defenders of the Empress Augusta Bay beachhead, got the jump on another Japanese suicide attack and with 5,000 rounds of artillery shells, prevented the enemy from massing his forces. Charles H. McMurtry, Associated Press war correspondent, who had forecast that more suicide attacks probably would be attempted, reported that 115 tons of shells were poured into a small area to break up the Japanese concentration.

Wewak on New Guinea was hard hit. Its airbases and supply dumps were bombed, and a 1,000-ton cargo vessel was sunk.

In the Admiralties, Americans mopped up Japanese remaining on Manus Island.

U. S. Protests Leak in News Of Diplomacy

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The United States has protested to Great Britain against leakage of information on problems under mutual consideration, a State Department official said today, but he reiterated that this government is open to political censorship.

Michael J. McDermott, public relations assistant to Secretary of State Hull, discussed the question of political censorship with reporters in detail after Hull had been questioned closely at a press conference for the second successive day.

Burman D. Hulen, New York Times reporter, raised the question by referring to a London dispatch to his paper relating to Hull's statement yesterday that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York was "100 per cent wrong" in saying the State Department had sought British censorship of political news from London. The dispatch to The Times said Hull's statement raised the question of what he meant by political and that if the word was used synonymously for "diplomatic" the record "is not so clear." It added: "There have been repeated instances of objections from Washington to articles by American correspondents for American newspapers about diplomatic developments which had been passed in regular routine through British censorship."

Save My Tires!

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 28.—(AP)—When his automobile caught fire, a motorist telephoned the Fire Department: "Please send firemen in a hurry so they can save my tires." The car isn't worth much, but — Both car and tires were saved.

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Communiqués UNITED STATES

PEARL HARBOR, March 28.—(AP)—Pacific Fleet Headquarters yesterday issued the following communiqué:

"Ponape Island was bombed on March 26 (West Longitude date) by Mitchell bombers of the Seventh Air Force accompanied by Corsair fighters of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing. The attacking planes were intercepted by 15 Zeros. Nine Zeros were shot down and three were severely damaged. Corsair fighters strafed the runways. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Ujelang Atoll also was strafed by these planes.

"Coronado search planes of Fleet Air Wing Two strafed a small vessel near Ujelang, and bombed Kusie Island and Ujelang Atoll.

"On the same day Ventura search planes of Fleet Air Wing Two, Mitchell bombers of the Seventh Air Force and Dauntless dive-bombers and Corsair fighters of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing bombed four enemy-held islands in the Marshalls. Fires were started and heavy explosions observed.

"All of our planes returned from all of these operations."

UNITED STATES ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, March 28.—(AP)

Text of today's communiqué:

"Northwestern Sector—'Reconnaissance activity only.

"Northeast Sector—'Admiralty Islands: Our ground forces, with air support, are engaged in mopping up the final enemy remnants. Our naval units bombed Rambutou Island, destroying Lenkau Village.

"New Ireland: Our Solomons-based dive-bombers attacked Kavieng airbase. To the southeast, air units strafed targets of opportunity.

"New Britain—Rabaul: After a night of harassing attacks, our medium and light bombers from the Solomons dropped more than 70 tons of explosives on the township and supply areas at Batavai Keravia Bay and Tavui Point. Gun positions were damaged and many large fires started from hits on fuel and ammunition depots. In this and the attack the previous day, 100 tons of buildings were demolished. At Massava Bay, air patrols destroyed a dam and two barges.

"Open Bay: Our air patrols attacked coastal villages from Bangula Bay to Pondo Point and destroyed a barge off Rangombu Point. On the south coast, our long-range fighters bombed and strafed villages near Camp Dampier.

"New Guinea—Aitape: Our attack planes bombed Aitape on a coastal bivouac area at Aitape and on coastal villages to the east, damaging buildings and destroying a large barge. One plane is missing.

"Wewak: Our escorted heavy and medium units in a forenoon attack dropped 178 tons of bombs on enemy installations at But and Daga. Six gun positions were silenced and large fires were started in supply dumps. Damage was heavy and widespread. In the afternoon other medium units attacked enemy shipping near Misusu Island, destroying or seriously damaging a 1,000-ton freighter, a coastal vessel and seven barges.

"Hansa Bay: Our medium units struck bivouac and supply areas here and set afire a coastal vessel in Broken Water Bay. To the east, air patrols bombed gun positions at Uligan Harbor and strafed buildings at Malas Point.

"Madang Coast: Our fighter-bombers strafed the building area, starting fires and damaging barges along the coast. Attack planes started large fires in an attack on Bonggu east of Bogadjim. In the Mintim Valley, our fighters dive-bombed and strafed enemy positions near Daouma.

"Bougainville: Our night air patrols attacked enemy barges off the Jaba River in Empress Augusta Bay."

Italy Setbacks Disappointing To Churchill

LONDON, March 28.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declined in Commons today to make a statement "at this time" on the Cassino and other Italian warfronts.

Edgar Granville, Independent member, asked:

"Do you consider it satisfactory that despite your telegram (a request to Allied commanders last month to tighten censorship in the Mediterranean, critical reports continue to come in from war correspondents in Italy and at the same time no authoritative statement is made by the government in the House of Commons on the progress of operations?"

"Perhaps," Churchill commented, "there may not be sufficient progress of operations for any statement to be made by the government. I certainly have not concealed my disappointment that progress has not been quicker."

Grandma's Remedy Is Best for Burns

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 28.—(AP)—Two armed services surgeons reported today that "the method of treating burns seems to be swinging back to a modified version of Grandma's remedy."

Navy Capt. Don S. Knowlton of Camp LeJeune, N. C., told the Southeastern Section of the American College of Surgeons that doctors with the Marine Corps on Guadalcanal had found that ordinary petroleum or boric ointment were the simplest and most effective preparations for treating burns.

Maj. Borden Bosworth of New York City, who was a surgeon in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, reported similar results and said the Army has accepted the compounds as standard treatment.

Jap Centers Feed Selves

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Japanese-American farmers living in the ten War Relocation Authority centers have converted 10,000 acres of idle land into gardens which are producing larger than usual crops of the vegetables needed by the 90,000 residents of those centers, Dillon S. Myer, W. R. A. director, reported today.

Russ-Nazi War

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denly came face to face with the Russians who had seized the river crossings and struck enemy positions up and tanks plunged to their midst, scattering them in panic. Drivers abandoned their vehicles and guns and fled, each man for himself.

The small groups who got across the river were mowed down by a blanket of Soviet gunfire, dispatches said.

Russian tanks and mobile artillery, pounding on the heels of German columns, were reported transforming the retreat into a headlong flight.

Across From Cernauti

To the northwest, other Red army units massed along the Upper Prut River across from Cernauti (Czernowitz), biggest city and capital of Bucovina Province, after a spectacular advance of 24 miles at a speed of a mile an hour.

(The Berlin radio said that Russian troops had crossed the Upper Prut River in prewar Poland—an apparent acknowledgement that the Red army had cut the Lwow-Bucharest Railroad, the last direct link between units of the split Southern German army group. The radio reported the crossing of the Prut in the area of Kolomyia, 45 miles northwest of Cernauti and 100 miles southwest of Lwow, where the railroad parallels the river, crossing it a few miles below that town.)

Pounding forward in concert to clean up the entire bank of the Upper Prut and clear the way for a grand-scale surge into Rumania, the First and Second Ukrainian Armies drove spearheads within 20 miles of the junction, which would close the neck of a German salient looking northeastward from captured Kamenets-Podolsk, trapping thousands of enemy troops.

There was no word here to indicate that the Russians had crossed the Prut, but front dispatches describing extreme German demoralization and the probable Soviet command of river crossings suggested they could ford the river at will.

All signs indicated that the Russians had passed deliberately at the Prut, straight out to their saw-tooth lines through the Ukraine and Old Poland and perhaps to deal with the menaced German salient along the Black Sea, tipped by Nikolae, where Russians were fighting in the streets,

M'NUTT OPPOSES DRAFTING LABOR

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt advised Congress today against enacting national service legislation—a wartime control recommended by President Roosevelt just 11 weeks ago.

The Indiana, who has held a series of high posts under Mr. Roosevelt, told a House military affairs subcommittee it would be "little less than tragic" to displace voluntary cooperation with military or bureaucratic processes.

McNutt conceded that "there may come a time" when a labor-draft law is needed, but said that time has not arrived. He promised: "I shall come before you if I believe legislation is necessary."

HITLER MUST BE QUICK TO SIDESTEP CRISES IN RUSS, BALKAN SECTORS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

Herr Hitler will have to be quick on his feet to sidestep the fresh crises which are rushing at him in the Russian and Balkan theatres.

The collapse of the army under Prussian Field Marshal von Manstein in the Southern Ukraine—in itself a great catastrophe—has developed two other extremely dangerous situations for the Fuehrer to handle. They are:

(1) The route into Rumania has been laid open to the onrushing Muscovites, and that means a new front for the Hitlerites to defend in the strategic Danubian Basin.

(2) The defense of the present Nazi line in Southern Poland—one of the westbound lanes which lead to Hitler's inner fortress and Berlin—has been rendered all but hopeless. His whole scheme for holding Poland and the Baltic states is thus in fresh jeopardy.

The Russian army no sooner had slashed through Bessarabia to the Prut River, which is Rumania's frontier, than the Red artillery cut loose with an intense barrage, signaling the intention to launch an offensive into Rumania proper. The beginning of that push, which is likely to drive another nail into Hitler's coffin, may even be underway as this is written.

No Boundaries!

In this connection the Soviet army newspaper Red Star sang a psalm which appears on the face of it to be of such significance that I especially call your attention to it. Said Red Star:

"For the Red army there are no boundaries; her boundaries are victory, Berlin, and a straitjacket for the mad German Valkyrie."

Intentionally or otherwise, this psalm is an answer to the story—probably written by the fertile brain of Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels—that when the Soviet forces have expelled the enemy from Russian territory, Moscow will make peace with Berlin and let

A.A.U.W. FAVORS WALES BOMBED, DRAFT OF WOMEN

The American Association of University Women favors drafting of women for military service, if deemed necessary by the War and Navy Departments, the Washington State division announced today.

The 24 branches in Washington State were queried on "the subject by Miss Muriel Mawer, president of the state division, and the majority reported in favor of the draft.

"Equality for women is interpreted to mean equality of responsibility as well as equality of rights," the association announced. "Replies to questionnaires indicated a strong feeling that women should serve their country as a duty as much as men."

Honolulu-to-S. F. Record Is Smashed

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—(AP)—Consolidated reported another speed record today for the eastward flight from Honolulu to San Francisco Bay—8 hours, 59 minutes.

The transport division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, said the Liberator bomber, converted for transport, averaged 269 miles an hour for the 2,400-mile trip.

The previous record, made by the same line March 7, was 9 hours, 27 minutes.

Three Postmasters O. K'd

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The Senate has confirmed the following postmasters for Washington State: Amelia K. Stalling, Grayland, Grays Harbor County; Robert L. Van Arsdale, Lakeview, Pierce County; and Bertha M. Simmons, Milton, Pierce County.

Railroads Facing Postwar Rebuilding Job, Says Jeffers

American railroads are taking a "terrific beating" and will have to make vast improvements in the postwar period, William M. Jeffers said here today.

And that will be a chore hampered by the fact government regulations and taxation forbidding setting aside enough money now to make these changes in the future, said Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Jeffers is the man who started as an office boy, became No. 1 man in the vast Union Pacific organization, then took on the additional job of straightening out the complicated rubber problem of the United States—for which he received 97 cents.

Rubber Program O.K'd

Jeffers still is content with the rubber picture, which is why he resigned six months ago.

"I figured the job would take ten months, but it took 12," said Jeffers, with a big Irish smile. "I finally got compensation in two weeks."

Alies Must Invade Soon 'Or Miss Bus,' Says Berlin

By ROBERT STURDEVANT Associated Press Foreign Staff

STOCKHOLM, March 28.—The German press sought with fresh vigor today to prepare the people for the western invasion which it said could be expected any time now.

A front-page article in The Berliner Nachrichten declared "final steps" for the attack on the Continent were being prepared in England and "the coming weeks will make England the scene of enormous military operations."

The newspaper declared it imperative that the English and the Americans to hurry up the invasion "in order not to miss the bus."

As evidence of the imminence of the attack, Nachrichten cited Monday's intense Allied air attacks along the French invasion coast. It also said a force of Luftwaffe bombers, much larger than usual, raided Bristol Monday night.

(A message received at the London office of the French Committee of National Liberation said the Germans were evacuating the civilian

Mexico has presented a Mendoza machine gun the invention of a Mexican, to President Chiang Kai-shek of China.

LONDON, March 28.—(AP)—The German air force, in one of the heaviest aerial attacks it has launched on British targets exclusive of London in the past two years, scattered bombs over South Wales and parts of Western, Southern and Southeastern England last night in a series of raids which cost the Nazis eleven planes.

Berlin said the main target of the assaults, which caused some casualties and considerable damage, was the big west coast port of Bristol.

British night fighters fought furious running battles with the raiders and ground batteries put up a heavy barrage. One anti-aircraft shell chattered through the roof of a building in Wales, killing eight persons and injuring 16 others seriously.

The raids touched off alerts in some sections of London, but no bombs were dropped on the capital.

The German radio played up the assaults as a great victory for the Nazi air force.

In Southwest England two Nazi flyers who had parachuted from a burning plane walked into a police station to give themselves up.

Canada Will Pay Subsidy on Coal

OTTAWA, March 28.—(AP)—Munitions Minister C. D. Howe announced in the House of Commons yesterday subsidies ranging from 15 cents to 65 cents a ton will be paid beginning April 1 to Western Canadian coal mine operators who have been operating at a loss.

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REMEMBER HOW UNCLE JIM USED TO PLAY "THE BLUE OF THE NIGHT" OVER AND OVER ON THIS— AND NOW HE'S 'WAY OUT IN GUADALCANAL WHERE THERE'S NO MUSIC AT ALL, I GUESS!

AND LOOK, JUDY, HERE'S THAT LITTLE FLUTE THAT YOU PLAYED IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE—LET'S SEND IT ALONG—

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