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3,000 PLANES HIT REICH, HUNGARY

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RUSSIAN WAR 'ORPHANS' HERE INTRIGUED BY ZOO, FOOTBALL, AUTOMOBILES



These Russian boys, 12 to 15 years old, are apprentices on a Russian ship in Seattle for repairs. Back row, left to right—Nikolai Ulianin, Lev Andreev, Igor Shishkin. Front row—Vladimir Dubovskoi, Vladimir Naumenko and Vladimir Grigorov.

B-CAR OWNERS MAY BUY NEW 'SECOND' TIRES

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Office of Price Administration announced today that motorists previously eligible only for used passenger-automobile tires may obtain new "factory seconds" as well, beginning next Monday.

In this group are motorists who are issued B gasoline rations for nonpreferred occupational driving.

O. P. A. also announced that new passenger tube "factory seconds" are being removed from rationing and will be available without a certificate.

About 50,000 tires of this type were in manufacturers' hands on April 1, O. P. A. said.

"No plan for prospect directed toward resumption of passenger car manufacture at any specified date is being considered," War Production Board said, adding that this is in line with the agency's "well-established policy that no major reconversion can begin till after the European war is won."

By HAZEL MILLIKIN

Six small Russian boys, who couldn't understand a word of the English spoken around them, were a sober-faced, pensive part of the audience yesterday when a Russian string orchestra entertained Lake Washington Shipyard workers at noon.

The six, temporarily "orphaned" while their fathers are "somewhere on the Western Front" with the Red army and the remainder of their families labor in munitions factories and other Soviet war plants, are apprentices on a ship in port for repairs.

The six, whose ages range from 12 to 15 years, "loaned" themselves January 1 to the government, were "adopted" by one of the officers aboard ship who is responsible for their health and education, and shipped out to sea to learn firsthand how to become chief engineers, captains and machinists.

Boys "Americanized"

Clad identically in brown leather jackets and blue shirts, the six arrived in the United States almost a month ago and have rapidly become "Americanized," except for their language.

As they sat down to lunch in the shipyard cafeteria yesterday, two carefully removed their chewing gum before they began eating. Unanimously they chose ice cream and milk and accompanied each mouthful of food with a bite from a large handful of bread.

Questioned by an officer from their ship, who answers in turn were interpreted by a Russian engineer at the shipyard, the boys

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FOE SEEKS TO ENCIRCLE INDIA BASE

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
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NEW DELHI, April 13.—The Japanese have edged around to the northwest of Imphal, supplementing their positions to the southwest of that partly surrounded base in the Manipur plain of Eastern India, a communique from Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command headquarters disclosed today.

The announcement said British and Indian forces had captured a hill position in that area in hand-to-hand fighting.

A Domei (Japanese news agency) dispatch said Japanese formations were launching thrusts near an air field 2 1/2 miles north of Imphal and three miles northwest of Imphal. Other forces on April 6 had reached a position nine miles northwest of Imphal and Sengal, 12 miles northwest of Imphal, the broadcast said.

(Radio Tokyo, heard by United Press, said Japanese troops had occupied Kanglatien, identified by the enemy broadcast as the northern gate to Imphal. The broadcast said that east of Imphal Jap troops captured a fortress near Parel.)

Declaring that both Parel, 24 miles southeast of Imphal, and Moirang, another strategic point, were about to fall, a Domei correspondent said another "special Japanese attack force" was maneuvering to "cut off the enemy's only line of retreat along the Bishenpur-Silchar road and also

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Hospital Aide Errs; 4 Babies Die, 6 Are Ill

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 13.—Four babies are dead and six seriously ill due to an employer's error in mixing a formula, Administrator Richard F. Hancock of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital reported today. Ten more babies are under close observation.

Boric-acid powder instead of dextrose powder was used in preparing a formula.

Three of the dead, all children of Navy men, were the three-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Enders of New London and the four-day-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Evans of Groton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman of Norwich. They died Monday and yesterday. The fourth, who died today, was Fred Patrick Thomas, son of Chief Specialist and Mrs. Fred Thomas, who died this afternoon. The child's father is in the Coast Guard at Fort Trumbull here.

Hospital officials said there was no known antidote for the boric-acid poisoning and added that adults probably would have been made only mildly ill by the preparation.

Bricker asks jobs, not doles, for vets. Page 28.

U. S. Won't Be Bestial With Jap Americans, Says Ickes

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said today the War Relocation Authority "will not be stamped into undemocratic, bestial, inhuman action" in handling Japanese Americans evacuated from the West Coast.

Ickes said he believed the War Relocation Authority program "has, in general, handled with discretion, humanity and wisdom" the problem of caring for the evacuees sent away from West Coast points by Army orders.

In a statement outlining his views, Ickes said the eventual status of the Japanese Americans who have been investigated and proved loyal is to a large extent "a local problem."

"It is a problem for people in California, in Washington and in Oregon," said Ickes.

"I hope that the clamor of those few among you who are screaming that this situation should be resolved on the basis of prejudice and hate will soon be overwhelmed by

Loyalty



IN PHILADELPHIA—"I married a man, not face," said Mrs. Lois Spencer, flying Fortress bombardier who lost his ears, nose, one eye and some fingers when his plane was hit over Germany. Spencer, who comes from Peoria, Ill., is now in Valley Forge Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. He will receive the Distinguished Service Cross. Mrs. Spencer, the former Lois Jean Benson, is from Topeka, Kas.—A. P. wirephoto.

YANK BOMBERS HIT KURILES 3RD SUCCESSIVE DAY

By Associated Press.

UNITED STATES FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, April 13.—Heavy Liberator bombers of the Eleventh Air Force raided Matsuwa yesterday in the third attack within three days on that Japanese base in the Kurile Islands, northeast of Tokyo, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The Liberators also hit Shashikotan, the first raid on that bleak Central Kuriles Island, while Navy Ventura search planes bombed Paramushiro and Shumushu, at the northern end of the chain.

Shashikotan, the new target in the brisk renewal of air operations over the enemy's far northern bases, usually is shrouded in dirty weather. The island, about 13 miles long and five wide, has two active volcanoes.

All planes returned from the raids in the Kuriles.

Ventura pilots who struck at Paramushiro and Shumushu before dawn reported hits on air fields started fires. Light anti-aircraft fire was encountered and none of the attacking planes was damaged. Crew members said they encountered no opposition over Matsuwa and Shashikotan.

The Wednesday raids raised to 31 the total of American air attacks on the Kuriles since the start of war in the Pacific.

(Jap South Pacific bases pounded. See communique, Page 8.)

Stalin Tells 3 Victories In 3 Orders Of the Day

By Associated Press.

LONDON, April 13.—The capture of Ovidiopol, on the Dneestr Estuary southwest of Odessa and on the last German escape route from that area, was announced by Moscow tonight.

By Associated Press.

Simferopol, Feodosiya and Yevpatroiya have fallen to rapidly advancing Red army troops in the Crimea, Marshal Stalin announced in three orders of the day.

Simferopol, capital of the Crimea 35 miles inland to the north of the naval base of Sevastopol, was described as "the main strong point of enemy defenses guarding the pass to the port of the southern coast of the Crimean Peninsula" in the third order of the day.

Stalin said Simferopol was captured by a "vicious attack by tank formations and infantry" which were pushing rapidly toward Sevastopol, captured by the Germans July 3, 1942, after nine months' siege.

Yevpatroiya is on the west coast 42 miles north of Sevastopol, and Feodosiya is on the south coast, 100 miles east of the naval base.

Simferopol Old City

Simferopol, a city of 98,500 before the war, was captured by the Germans on November 2, 1941; in their first year's rush of conquest in Russia. The city is built in two sections, the modern Russian part, which has many tall buildings, and the old Tatar part, which was called Akmechet (White Mosque) until the Russian conquest of the Crimea in 1784. It was burned by the Russians in a previous war in 1736. A small fortress was built on the site in 100 B. C.

The first order of the day said Gen. Andrei J. Veremenchuk, Independent Maritime Army "broke through the enemy defenses" at Akmanai, where the Germans had constructed a fortified belt across the narrow neck of the Kerch Peninsula, and stormed Akmechet (White Mosque) bombed yesterday by the Black Sea Fleet Air Force.

Yevpatroiya tumbled before Gen. (Continued on Page 8, Column 2)

YANKS BOMB FROM ITALY AND BRITAIN

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
Associated Press Foreign Staff
LONDON, April 13.—United States heavy bombers landed a double blow at German aircraft production today, striking from Italy at works in Hungary and from Britain at important plants in Germany.

More than 3,000 planes took part in the two-way attack on Germany and Hungary.

The Fifteenth Air Force, based at Foggia, Italy, hit a Messerschmitt factory near Gyor, 70 miles

417 NAZI PLANES BAGGED IN 5 DAYS; YANKS LOSE 210

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—American heavy bombers from Britain and Italy with fighter escorts have shot down 417 German planes since opening their latest offensive against the Reich on last Saturday, tabulations showed today.

The Americans in the five-day period lost 151 bombers and 59 fighters. Today's operations are not included in these figures.

U. S. Bomber Downed By Swiss Planes

BERN, Switzerland, April 13.—One of 13 American bombers ordered to land was shot down today when it failed to respond to these instructions, a communique said tonight.

The bomber was brought down by Swiss fighter planes. Several members of the plane's crew parachuted to safety before the bomber fell into upper Lake Zurich, near Stichen.

Other American planes landed at the Dubendorf Air Field, one came down at Altenrhein and another at Oberglatt.

In addition to putting fighter craft into the air, Swiss anti-aircraft guns also went into action as Zurich experienced its longest raid since the war—three hours and ten minutes—while Allied planes were blasting at targets in Germany.

British Earl, Who Beat Sullivan, Dies

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—The Earl of Lonsdale, prominent sportsman who once fought John L. Sullivan five rounds under an assumed name and won, died today at Oakham, Rutland. He was 87 years old.

Gentle Shaken Up In Forced Landing

A UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, April 13.—(AP)—Capt. Don S. Gentle, top fighter ace in the European theater with 30 planes destroyed in the air and on the ground, was shaken badly when he was forced to crash land his fast fighter at his home base after a recent mission, it was disclosed today.

Casualties, up 5,442 in eight days, total 178,681. Page 17.

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UNIONIST ARGUES



IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY—Mike Mann (left), a union official, drove home a point while in animated discussion with an unidentified policeman during a strike of employees of the Montgomery Ward & Co. central mail-order house and retail store.—A. P. wirephoto.

Captain Bong Tops Pacific Aces With 27 Japs Bagged

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, April 13.—(AP)—Capt. Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wis., has shot down 27 enemy planes in aerial combat to become the highest ranking American ace in this theatre.

Headquarters announced today Bong's 26th and 27th victories were achieved in raids over the Japanese base at Hollandia, New Guinea.

Bong's total exceeds the 26—A. P. wirephoto planes credited CAPTAIN BONG to Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, First World War ace. All of Bong's victims have been shot down during aerial combat while flying Lightnings over enemy territory.

Bong holds 20 Army decorations. (Capt. Don Gentile, Piqua, Ohio, flying in the European theatre, is credited with 30 enemy planes, including seven destroyed on the ground.)

Air commanders in the Southwest Pacific do not credit pilots with planes destroyed on the ground.

Sixteen Saved After 2 Nights On Navy Rafts

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(UP)—Fifteen crew members and one passenger of a win-engineered Navy patrol seaplane, forced down at sea 300 miles west of San Francisco, have been rescued after having spent two nights in rubber rafts, Western Sea Frontier headquarters announced here today.

26,000 JAP DEAD COUNTED; ENEMY LOSSES HIGHER

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—More than 26,000 Japanese have been killed in fighting in the Southwest and Central Pacific during recent months, Secretary of War Stimson said today.

Stimson, at a press conference, gave this summary of enemy casualties in the Pacific war:

Central Pacific—11,000 to 12,000 dead in the past three months.

Southwest Pacific—5,370 from March 8 to April 8.

New Britain—4,679 since the landings there early this year.

The Saldor sector of New Guinea—1,953 up to April 8.

Admiralty Islands—2,962.

Stimson said these Japanese casualties include those who died of wounds and disease behind the enemy lines or were given mass burial" by the Japanese before American forces penetrated former enemy areas. Likewise, the totals do not include those who died on ships and barges attacked by the Allies or who met death in air raids on Japanese installations.

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Silk stockings, only a memory in the United States, are plentiful in Naples, Italy, and service men count them as favorites among gifts to send back home. Left to right—Ray Shirley of Seattle, Taylor, machinist's mate, second class, St. Clairville, Ohio, and Pvt. Joseph Sgarabella, Yonkers, N. Y., and attendants of the shop.

M'Arthur Warns U. S. Not To Repeat Fascist Foes' Errors

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the capital learned with interest today, has replied with noncommittal but friendly letters to a Nebraska congressman urging that the Southwest Pacific commander "permit the people of the country" to draft him as Republican nominee for President.

To Representative Miller, Republican, Nebraska, who broached the subject last fall, MacArthur replied in October.

"I do not anticipate in any way your flattering predictions, but I do unreservedly agree with the complete wisdom and statesmanship of your comments."

South's Backing Seen

Miller had predicted in a letter in September that President Roosevelt "will probably not even be a candidate should you be nominated," and that MacArthur would cross every state, including the Solid South, among Miller's comments were declarations that "there is a tremendous groundswell in this country against the New Deal" and that "President Roosevelt is scared to death of the movement in this country for you."

"You should announce that you would serve but one term, this to eliminate the fear of a military dictatorship in the years to come," Miller advised. "You should indicate that you will remain the commander in chief in the Pacific unless and until you are elected President."

Solon Backs Draft Campaign

Miller is active in the draft-MacArthur campaign.

In a second letter dated February 11, MacArthur wrote Miller that he appreciated very much the "scholarly letter" the House member had addressed to him January 27, in which Miller said "more than a political revolution" against the centralization of power in the federal government, was under way, and added:

"If this system of Left Wingers and New Dealism is continued another four years, I am certain that

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