

ALLIES PUMMEL JAP BARGE BASE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(UP)—Tokyo radio today said American planes again attacked Ponape and Truk Islands in the Carolines Tuesday. (Pacific Fleet headquarters yesterday announced that American planes hit Ponape and Truk Monday.) The enemy broadcast, recorded by United Press, said that the attacking planes were shot down.

In the Central and North Pacific, American planes ranged over Japanese targets from Matsura, Onokotan, Paramushiro and Shumushu in the Northern Kurile Islands to Truk, Ponape, Uluk, Orolok and Nemoi in the Carolines, plus the usual raids on by-passed enemy bases in the Eastern Marshall Islands.

For the first time since their 18-day attack ended last month, Japanese opened up with artillery fire Monday and lobbed a dozen shells on the Piva bomber strip at the Empress Augusta Beachhead on Bougainville Island in the Solomons.

Headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, South Pacific ground commander, commented this type of shelling by the Japanese on March 8 opened their assault on the beachhead perimeter which resulted in an estimated 8,000 enemy killed.

Flash - Bomb's Glare Helped Kurile Raiders

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HEADQUARTERS, Eleventh Air Force, Alaska, April 10.—Matsuwa Island in Japan's Central Kurile chain was bombed in the predawn darkness today by a small force of Army Liberator bombers based in the Aleutians.

Returning from the 2,000-mile round-trip flight, Capt. Thomas O. Wood of Wheeler, Tex., a veteran of many strikes against the Kuriles, said his ship unloaded its bomb racks on an enemy airstrip and hangars. He said the targets were plainly visible in the glare of a 5,000,000-candlepower photographic flash-bomb. The light was dropped to aid in photo reconnaissance of Matsuwa, the small stub of a volcanic peak which rises from the North Pacific 139 miles southwest of Paramushiro.

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The strikes against Matsuwa were the longest ever carried out from the Aleutians. The round trip, taking about 12 hours, is a grueling mission for the airmen because of the bitter North Pacific cold and violent weather over the ocean. The pilots gressed their faces for protection against frost-bite and were electrically heated underwear.

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CAPITAL CAPTURED



ON EASTERN FRONT—Simferopol, capital of the Crimean Republic before the war, and Feodosiya, port on the southeast coast, were captured, along with another port on the west coast, Premier Marshal Stalin announced today in three orders of the day. Plane and bomb-burst symbols indicate aerial attacks yesterday by the Black Sea Fleet Air Force on Feodosiya, which helped soften it up for the capture, and Constanta, Romanian port and oil-shipping center used by the Nazis.—A. P. wirephoto.

Russ-Nazi War

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Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army, which delivered a "bold blow struck by tank formations and infantry," Stalin said.

Tolbukhin's forces, Moscow dispatches added, were rolling swiftly along toward Sevastopol, where Red army soldiers, marines and workers battled in the ravines and rocky defenses in an eight-month struggle before the Germans finally captured the naval base in June, 1942.

The three orders of the day, issued from Moscow within an hour, added up to a story of remarkable progress in a six-day campaign, which had swept the enemy from two-thirds of the 9,900-square mile peninsula.

The Germans were rapidly being driven into the mountain rim along the south coast.

German broadcasts admitted that Nazi and Romanian troops were busily "disengaging themselves" in the Crimea.

A Pravda correspondent attached to Tolbukhin's army reported that panic was spreading among the retreating Axis troops, especially the Romanians, who were said to have been denied motorized transport by the Germans.

"One entire Romanian division was reported to have fled, knowing it would be abandoned by the truck columns which were taking only Germans aboard," the correspondent said.

Other dispatches asserted that German officers were abandoning their own men as the Russian forces pressed forward.

The twin Russian drive through the Crimea, which dispatches said was crumpling Axis defense lines in all directions, was materially aided by the Soviet Black Sea Fleet Air Force, which was blasting enemy evacuation ports and communication lines with devastating results, the war bulletin reported.

NAZIS REGROUP FORCES IN ITALY

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Italy, April 12.—(Delayed)—(UP)—The heaviest concentration of American artillery in any theatre of the war guards the Anzio beachhead, and it seems the German batteries in both numbers and technique, it now may be revealed.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 13.—(UP)—German forces in the Garigliano sector southwest of Cassino have begun to assume a more aggressive spirit, reacting sharply to Allied reconnaissance.

There are indications that the Nazis are continuing to regroup the forces which were observed there last week and German engineers seem to be mining the Garigliano River.

Yesterday there were a number of minor patrol clashes on the Adriatic sector and the Germans made attacks on several houses southwest of Crechchio, but the front generally remained quiet.

Quiet, too, reigned on the Anzio beachhead below Rome, although there was some artillery duelling. The heaviest of German two enemy guns were reported silenced by Allied shells.

ARMY SENTENCES 5 BALKING JAPS

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala., April 13.—(UP)—Japanese-American soldiers found guilty of "willful disobedience of an order of their superior officer" have been sentenced to terms ranging from five to 30 years imprisonment at hard labor by an Army court-martial board at this infantry replacement training center, the Army announced today.

The soldiers, members of the 33rd Training Battalion, refused with 23 other Japanese-Americans to obey orders on March 20. They were confined in the Fort McLeellan stockade, pending disposition of their cases by Army court-martial boards.

A hearing for the five privates began Monday night and was completed yesterday. The second of the courts is now in session trying five others of the remaining 23.

The convicted men and their sentences were listed as Masao Kataoka, 30 years; Richard T. Nakamura, 25 years; Katsumi Taniguchi and Utaka H. Morioka, both 20 years, and Tim T. Nomiya, five years.

MARCH V-MAIL BREAKS RECORD

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(UP)—The War Department said today that V-Mail broke all previous records during March, when the Army postal service handled 61,252,856 letters.

Of the total, 30,991,269 were sent from the United States and 30,261,587 sent to this country from overseas.

Communiques U. S. AND BRITAIN WARN NEUTRALS

Pacific UNITED STATES PEARL HARBOR, April 13.—(UP)—Pacific Fleet Headquarters today issued the following communique:

"Ventura search planes of Fleet Air Wing Four bombed Paramushiro and Shumushu in the Kurile Islands before dawn April 12 (West Longitude date). Hits were obtained on air fields and fires started. Light anti-aircraft fire did no damage to our planes.

"Liberator bombers of the Eleventh Air Force bombed Shusukotan (Shashikotan) and Matsuwai Islands the same day. No opposition was encountered.

"All our planes returned." Pacific Fleet Headquarters last night issued the following communique:

"Ventura search planes of Fleet Air Wing Four bombed Paramushiro and Shumushu in the Kurile Islands on April 11 (west longitude date.) A Liberator bomber of the Eleventh Air Force bombed Matsuwai.

"A search plane of Fleet Air Wing Two bombed a beached ship at Oroluk Atoll. Another bombed Ulul Island and a third dropped incendiary bombs on Ponape the same day.

"Mitchell bombers of the Seventh Air Force, with a Corsair fighter escort from the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing, also bombed and strafed Ponape, hitting buildings, a storage area, airstrips and small craft. Anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"Mitchell bombers of the Seventh Air Force, Ventura search planes of Fleet Air Wing Two, two Dauntless dive-bombers and four fighters of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing and Navy Hellcat fighters bombed and strafed three enemy-held atolls in the Marshalls. Gun positions and runways were hit.

"All our planes returned." Fleet headquarters yesterday issued the following communique:

"Liberators of the Eleventh Air Force bombed Matsuwai and Onokotan in the Kurile Islands on April 10 (West Longitude date).

"Moen and Dublon in the Truk Atoll were bombed by Liberators of the Seventh Air Force on the same day. Fires were started at Dublon Town and a large explosion observed. Hits were obtained on the Moen airstrip. Six enemy planes were seen but only one attempted interception and it did no damage. A single Liberator from this force bombed Ponape Island.

"Ponape also was bombed by Seventh Air Force Mitchell bombers, which obtained hits on airfield runways.

U. S. AND BRITAIN WARN NEUTRALS

LONDON, April 13.—(UP)—Britain and the United States toughened their policy toward neutrals today by tightening the Irish blockade with reduced steamship service, protesting against increased Turkish shipments of chrome to Germany and condemning the Spanish seizure of Allied oil stocks in Spanish Morocco.

The Ministry of War Transport announced steamer service from Britain to Eire would be cut after April 24. This followed suspension of telephone service and virtual prohibition on travel permits.

Britain and the United States were both said by an authoritative informant to have made strong representations to Spain about oil and to Turkey about chrome. The emphatic diplomatic language used followed closely the address by Secretary of State Hull, in which he warned neutrals their continued dealings with the enemy would not be tolerated.

It was probable that similar notes would be dispatched dealing with Spanish and Portuguese shipments of wolfram and Swedish exports of ball bearings to Germany. Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., here on an official visit, called together experts of the American Economic Mission headed by Philip Reed to map ways of meshing the gears of American and British economic warfare even closer together.

Stettinius scheduled later today with Foreign Office officials on current European problems. Spain seized oil belonging to Allied-owned companies at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco.

Seizure of stocks belonging to the Anglo-American, Shell and Vacuum Oil Companies has been reported, after the refusal of the companies to pay a special tax imposed on them after the United States government clamped a ban on the delivery of Caribbean oil to Spain last January.

Stocks involved are believed to be small. (In Washington, Hull said today that trade between neutral countries and the enemy is receiving careful and constant attention by the Allies. Hull told his press conference that developments in such conversations with Spain, Turkey and Sweden are taking place from week to week, but he declined to disclose the details.)

Sugar Stamps Fixed For Shoes, Is Charge

TACOMA, April 13.—(UP)—A complaint charging a Vancouver man with transforming sugar-ration stamps into shoe stamps and then selling them was filed by the Office of Price Administration in Federal Court yesterday.

The man, charged with violation of the Second War Powers Act and the General Ration Order No. 3, is Joseph Virgil Williams, who, according to the complaint, passed the transformed stamps in Vancouver March 28. At a hearing before United States Commissioner L. M. Burnett in Vancouver yesterday he was bound over to the grand jury with bond fixed at \$500.

Struck Marienburg, destroying buildings. Our light naval units at night sank or damaged four barges at Napton Point.

"Saider: A single enemy bomber raided our positions at night, causing negligible damage.

Romania May Be Asking For Russian Peace

ANKARA, April 13.—(UP)—Balcan sources in Turkey said today that a Romanian mission headed by Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Mihai A. Antonescu has left for Moscow to seek an "honorable peace."

(The London Daily Express said foreign diplomats in London believed Romania has received detailed peace terms from Russia with the approval of the other United Nations. The terms were understood to be generous, the Express said.)

The mission was said to be prepared to propose that Romania become neutral for the remainder of the war under Russian control. It also will ask recognition of Romania's right to Transylvania, which Hungary likewise wants, informants said.

Romania's decision to send a mission to Moscow was prompted by Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov's assurance when the Red army crossed Russia's southern borders that the Soviets had no territorial designs on Romania, but sought only to destroy the enemy's armies.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., April 13.—(UP)—Corp. Edgar Foster's daily rollcall for the 14th Mess Squadron takes him over this list of tongue-twisting names:

Acierne, Espiridon, Blaszyczyk, Bellerjau, Bjellauist, Dlugosch, Eschrich, Gorczycki, Grijicz, Kozmarski, Klopschinski, Kretowicz, Krochmalny, Jurszowski, Lauferswiler, Maksymowski, Jelis, Oleszkowicz, Sklodowski, Tsoalis, Twardos, Tvevge, Vihonopolus, Wasiewicz and Yovakimoglau.

Kiwanis Club to Meet Prof. Jean Chessex of the University of Washington will speak on "The Crisis in Europe" at the meeting of the North Central Kiwanis Club tomorrow noon at 4012 Aurora Ave.

YUGOSLAVS TAKE 3 TOWNS, LOSE 2

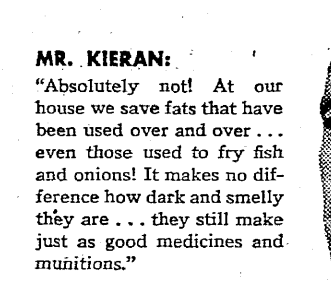
LONDON, April 13.—(UP)—Marshal Josip (Tito) Broz's headquarters announced today that Partisan forces had captured three towns in Eastern Yugoslavia, and admitted the loss of two other towns to the Germans in the southwestern section of the country.

As the Partisans stepped up their offensive operations to occupy Tomnica and Plavno in the Mrkva-Krnj sector, 115 miles east of Sarajevo and Stolac, 63 miles to the south, the Germans brought up reinforcements, including tanks, artillery and planes to augment their forces in Slovenia.

Lend-Lease Debate Set WASHINGTON, April 13.—(UP)—Legislation to extend the Lend-Lease program another year beyond next June 30 has been set down for House consideration next week.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

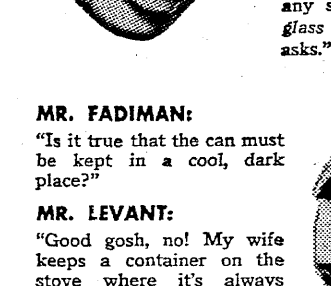
Famous "Board of Experts" clears up some wrong ideas about an important subject.



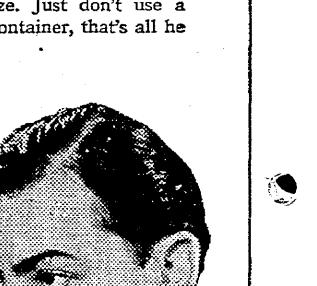
MR. FADIMAN: "Gentlemen, you all know, I'm sure, how urgently our government needs used fats to make munitions and battlefield medicines... but it is true that only clean, white odorless fats are good for this purpose?"



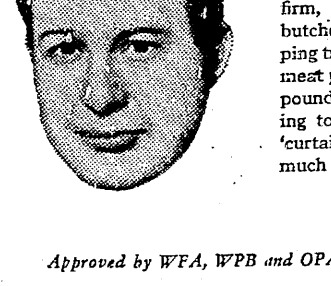
MR. KIERAN: "Absolutely not! At our house we save fats that have been used over and over... even those used to fry fish and onions! It makes no difference how dark and smelly they are... they still make just as good medicines and munitions."



MR. ADAMS: "Nonsense. In the first place, where would you find such a can these days? Uncle Sam is glad to get fats and oils in any kind of tin can... any size. Just don't use a glass container, that's all he asks."



MR. FADIMAN: "What about this rumor that you must save fats in a wide-mouthed can, is that a fact?"



MR. FADIMAN: "Exactly! It is a cinch as Mr. Levant so elegantly puts it. Then, of course, you set the fat in the refrigerator to get firm, and take it to your butcher on your next shopping trip. He gives you 2 free meat points and 4c for every pound. Won't you start saving today? It will help say 'curtains' for the Axis that much sooner!"