

DE GAULLE PLEDGES EISENHOWER SUPPORT

'BEST WISHES' OF FRENCH SENT

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, sent a message to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the Allied armies in North Africa, pledging that in the present North African struggle, "the ardent good wishes of the French people go with you—personally and with the gallant Allied armies under your command."

The Fighting French leader's communication apparently was aimed at dispelling the feeling in some quarters that there were differences between De Gaulle and the Allied commander in North Africa. The Fighting French made no effort to conceal his disappointment recently at General Eisenhower's request that De Gaulle delay his visit to Gen. Henry Giraud, high commissioner for French Africa.

General Eisenhower did not announce his reasons for asking delay in the trip, but Prime Minister Churchill suggested the explanation in a statement last Wednesday agreeing with Eisenhower in deprecating the visit by De Gaulle during the battle crisis in Tunisia, which requires the undivided attention of the Allied Command.

N. Y. Orchestra Chairman Sues 13 Union Agents

NEW YORK, April 10.—(AP)—Clymen Fleisig, chairman of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra's shop committee, filed union charges yesterday against 13 officials of Local 802 of the Musicians' Union, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, accusing them of failing to support him and other players in their dispute with Dr. Arthur Rodmans, conductor of the symphony orchestra.

Fleisig's principal complaint was that union officials granted "an unreasonably lengthy postponement" of the trial of Dr. Rodmans on charges preferred against him after Fleisig and 13 others were advised that their contracts would not be renewed.

Italians Insist On Giving Up To Sleepy Yank

WITH U. S. FORCES IN SOUTH-EASTERN TUNISIA, April 8.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Soldiers up and down the front line get a chuckle out of the story of two bewildered Italians who tried to give themselves up to a tired doughboy, who preferred sleep to prisoners.

An American infantryman, worn out by almost two weeks' continuous fighting to rout the Axis from "Debil Djebel," east of El Guetar Oasis, was snoring in a foxhole when an Italian soldier came up and prodded him with his feet.

As soon as the doughboy opened his eyes and saw him, the Italian thrust up his hands in surrender. "Go away," said the doughboy, turning back to sleep.

WAR COMMUNIQUE'S

—AFRICAN FRONT— UNITED NATIONS ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 10.—(AP)—An Allied communique said today: "Eighteenth Army, Our forward elements were in contact with enemy rear guards with tanks and infantry. Our troops occupied Mahares after some enemy resistance. The advance continues. General Manerini and the headquarters of his Saharan group were captured April 8.

"Fondouk Sector: A successful attack was started April 8 in which British, American and French troops cooperated to secure high ground north and south of Fondouk. More than 500 prisoners have been taken. The operations continue.

"Northern Sector: In the area between Medjez-el-Bab and Munchar further advances were made in face of considerable opposition and over very difficult country. Since operations in this area were started April 8, the attack has advanced ten miles and 1,000 German prisoners have been taken.

"In the Enfidaville area, Hurricane bombers attacked a concentration of troops and transport, destroying several vehicles and damaging many others.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 10.—(AP)—A British Royal Air Force communique said today: "Our intruders were over Sicily last night and an enemy aircraft was destroyed.

ROME (from Italian broadcasts), April 10.—(AP)—The Italian High Command communique today said: "In Tunisia, persistent enemy pressure is held by Italian and German forces which are carrying out prearranged movements in good order.

BERLIN (from German broadcasts), April 10.—(AP)—The German High Command communique today said: "A violent defense battle, waged on the Tunisian front against the enemy, who time and again throws new forces into battle, is being continued. Numerous attacks were frustrated by unshakable fighting by German troops. Several breakthroughs were closed.

FAR EASTERN FRONT— UNITED NATIONS ALLIED HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIA, April 10.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today issued this communique: "Northwestern Sector.—Dutch New Guinea: Timika. Our medium units bombed the enemy-occupied village of Keaukuwa and supply dumps on the beach, starting fires.

"East Sector.—New Guinea: Madang area: In a successful coordinated surprise attack just after dawn, our emergency medium units and long-range fighters bombed and strafed the airfield, town and dock area from low level. This was followed by heavy bomber attacks. Six aircraft, two bombers and four fighters, and field installations were destroyed on the ground, anti-aircraft positions were silenced and huge fires were set, and operations were started in the wharf area. They were still burning furiously when our aircraft departed. Photographs taken later in the day revealed smoke and flames rising 3,000 feet in the air. Sweeping up the coast, our fighters strafed buildings and surface craft, inflicting heavy damage. At Amvon, buildings were set afire and an ex-hydroplane launch and five loaded barges were strafed, one barge bursting into flames with two others left sinking.

"In addition, the powerhouse, sawmill area and enemy headquarters building all were left burning. In these attacks 63,000 rounds of cannon and gunfire were expended in strafing. Heavy anti-aircraft fires were met, but there was no attempt at interception. All our planes returned.

"Finschhafen: One of our heavy bombers at low altitude strafed the beach area.

"Mubo: Our attack units carried out a low-level sweep over enemy positions in Kitchen Creek, executing seven bombing runs and 13 strafing passes."

NEW DELHI, April 10.—(AP)—A British communique said today: "From the Arakan front there is nothing to report.

"Yesterday morning and again in the afternoon, Royal Air Force Blenheim escorted by Hurricanes bombed the Japanese-occupied villages of Angnam and Magyichaung at the southern end of Mayu Peninsula. In both attacks all bombs were seen to burst on targets.

"Our fighters on an offensive patrol machine-gunned road and river transport in the Taungup area. At Sakamun, about 60 miles north-northwest of Taungup, a 60-foot cargo barge was left sinking. A convoy of seven lorries, two of which carried troops, was attacked in the morning on the road between Taungup and Letpadan and casualties were inflicted.

"In the afternoon, Hurricanes attacked 12 lorries in a convoy on the Taungup-Dale road. Ten of the vehicles were probably destroyed and the other two severely damaged.

REDS HOLD FIRM ON DONETS LINE

MOSCOW, April 10.—(AP)—Massing new forces, the Germans have tried again to smash the Red army line south of Balakleva but have lost more than 1,200 dead and a number of tanks in the battle for bridgeheads along the Donets River.

The army newspaper Red Star said that battles are fierce in this area. But there is no indication that the assaulters are on the gigantic scale which the Russians turned back on the Northern Donets Line.

From the Red fleet came a report that Stormovik bombers sank a large German transport ship crowded with troops at an unidentified place on the Black Sea Coast.

Crime Increase By Youth Peril To Home Front

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, called for law-enforcement agencies today for a "counter-offensive" against increasing crime which, he said, threatens a "breakdown on our home front."

"Crime figures last year were truly alarming," Hoover said in a speech prepared for delivery at a graduation exercises of the F. B. I.'s annual academy attended by specially selected local police officers.

"Something has happened to our moral fibers when the nation's youth under voting age accounted for 15 per cent of all murders, 35 per cent of all robberies, 58 per cent of automobile thefts and 50 per cent of all burglaries," Hoover said.

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Davis Rebukes M'Arthur Aide On 'Idle' Planes

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(UP)—War Information Director Elmer Davis last night rebuked an "authoritative source" at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters for charging there were 10,000 idle combat planes in the United States.

"It simply isn't so," said Davis in his weekly radio view. "The exact number of combat planes in this country is, of course, a military secret. But they are not lying idle."

Sfax Falls; Rommel Flees Toward Sousse

CAUGHT in the rush of British and American forces from the south, the side was General Mannerlin, commander of an Italian Saharan group, who was taken prisoner at his headquarters when he was out of the junction of the United States Second Army Corps and the Eighth Army.

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CONGRESS MAY FORCE SAVING

By GEORGE CULLEN Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Roosevelt's warning that the nation must be prepared to spend less and save more to "hold the line" against inflation stirred speculation today as to whether the administration is planning to recommend to Congress a compulsory lending of compulsory savings tax.

Proposals for such levies have been advanced by Treasury officials as part of an expanded tax program to siphon off \$16,000,000,000 in estimated excess public purchasing power which the Treasury terms this year's "inflation potential."

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Nazis Believed Holding Planes To Meet Allies

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—The authoritative civilian magazine Aeroplane said today that the Germans evidently are conserving their air force to fend off an Allied invasion of Europe, but appear mistakenly to be banking on the strategy which saved Britain in 1940.

"Arguing from British experience, the Germans seem to have persuaded themselves that a strong fighter defense for disputing command of the air, and a moderate bomber force for smashing invasion fleets in port and at sea, should give their coasts the same immunity from landings that was secured for the British coasts in 1940," an editorial in the weekly said.

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U. S. AT START OF VICTORY-KNOX

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 10.—(AP)—The United States, producing fighting ships on a heroic scale, is at the beginning of ultimate victory, says Secretary Knox.

The Navy secretary, at a press conference last night, asserted that the United States was "just getting away to a good start," and "we are now in a position to dictate where the fighting will take place."

Construction Is Rushed

At a rally opening the Second War Loan campaign, Knox told of the growing might of the Navy and said that production of fighting equipment, mainly aircraft carriers and destroyer escorts, was on a "heroic scale."

The Navy in 1943 will complete more new fighting ships—exclusive of noncombatant craft—than there were fighting ships in service at the end of 1942, the naval chief disclosed in his address.

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Get on the... VICTORY BAND WAGON Plant Your Garden Oregon Town 100% Behind Bond Drive LA GRANDE, Or., April 10.—Elgin Union County, with a population of 900, yesterday became the first Oregon community pledged 100 per cent to the new war-savings effort. W. E. Moore, county war-savings chairman and Elgin victory and war bond chairman, announced that the \$500,000 worth was reached in a two-hour whirlwind drive for purchases Monday, first day of the new drive. Tax Title Land Permits Available at 216-A County-City Bldg.