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Dive-Bombers Sink 3 British Destroyers

British "Scorch Earth" As Japanese Take Burma

With a heavy sledge a British soldier smashes electrical machinery at Umangysaung, Burma, against a background of blazing oil wells, as Japs moved to prevent their destruction. The Yenangyaung power plant, completely destroyed by the British before they retired, produced power for the production of 85 per cent of Burma's oil. The machinery is irreplaceable in war time. Picture was radioed from Cairo to London, cabled from London to New York.

'Bad Weather' Blamed by Japs For Defeat in Coral Sea Battle

By UNITED PRESS

A Japanese naval spokesman in Shanghai asserted today that "bad weather and nothing else" prevented the Japanese fleet from achieving a knockout victory in the naval-air battle of the Coral Sea.

Had it not been for bad weather in the southern part of the Coral Sea off Northern Australia the Japanese would have been able to pursue and "completely destroy" the allied forces, the Spokesman said, according to a Shanghai account carried by the German radio.

The Japanese radio, in a tacit confession of the importance of the battle, disclosed that the Japanese warships were commanded by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the Japanese combined fleet.

The naval spokesman at Shanghai, a Capt. Kamada, said that the allied warships engaged in the battle consisted of two aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers of 10,000-ton size and six or seven destroyers.

Japan stuck to its story that it won a great victory in the Coral sea and had "destroyed the main strength of the Anglo-American fleet."

500 Officers And Men Saved From Vessels

Germans Claim Battle Took Place Near Crete Shore

LONDON, May 12.—(UP)—The British admiralty today announced the loss of three destroyers, one among the largest in the world, in a battle with German dive-bombers in the eastern Mediterranean yesterday.

The German radio, in its version of the battle, said the attack occurred south of Crete where axis dispatches have reported two recent British attempts to make landings on small islands.

MANY RESCUED

The British have not confirmed the attempted landings and there was no indication in the admiralty's announcement today that the destroyers were engaged in such operations when the German dive-bombers swept upon them.

The admiralty said that more than 500 officers and men had been rescued from the three destroyers—which had normal complements totaling less than 600—and therefore, "the total number of casualties cannot be heavy."

The three destroyers sunk by bombs were the 1,690-ton Kipling and Jackal, both of the Javelin class, and the 1,920-ton Lively, one of the largest vessels of her class in the world. The Jackal was sunk by her own crew after being badly damaged by bombs.

Built since the start of the war, the Lively was one of a light force which wiped out two convoys of axis supply ships in the Mediterranean last November. Ten ships of the convoy were sunk as well as two escorting Italian destroyers.

The Kipling participated in the sinking of two German U-boats in the Mediterranean last December when 130 axis soldiers were rescued from the water.

All Remaining Japs in County Must Move

70 Persons Will Be Evacuated From This Area

Orders for evacuation of all Japanese aliens and citizens remaining in Kitsap county were posted at noon today by the western defense command, U. S. army.

The orders specified that evacuation will begin Saturday, May 16, and be completed by noon Monday, May 18, to assembly centers to be announced later.

Japanese on Vashon Island and all other islands of King county in the waters of Puget Sound also were ordered evacuated at the same time.

The order specified that a civil control station for the Kitsap county area was being established immediately at the Bowers building, Main st., Poulsbo. It directed that a responsible member of each family and each Japanese living alone must report to the station between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Another control station was set up at the Vashon Community House, Vernon, for convenience of Vashon Japanese.

AFFECTS 70 PERSONS

Oliver Harstad of the U. S. employment service, in charge of the Poulsbo control station, said the evacuation order for Kitsap county would affect only 70 Japanese. There are approximately nine Japanese families in the Silverdale-Poulsbo-Kingston area; most of them are farmers, one is a nurseryman and two are oyster growers.

More than 200 Japanese were evacuated several weeks ago from Bainbridge Island, also a part of Kitsap county.

Harstad praised the co-operation extended by the Japanese. The farmers in the Poulsbo area have been awaiting the evacuation order and all have either leased or sold their farms. "But they are working on crops up to the last minute," Harstad said.

FARMS WORKED

On an inspection trip to Bainbridge Island yesterday, Harstad said the former Japanese acreage being tilled or prepared for harvest.

In addition to evacuation orders affecting Kitsap county and Vashon, the army also ordered Japanese moved from most of Pierce county, some additional areas of King county and from three counties of California. This action brings to 75,000 the number of Japanese excluded from the coast areas.

Hitler Admits Soviet Army Wields Power

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Foreign Editor

Adolf Hitler's first effort to start a new axis offensive in Russia appeared to have back-fired today on the blood-stained Kerch peninsula guarding the Crimean "shortcut" to the oil fields of the Caucasus.

Meagre reports of severe fighting on the Kerch front indicated that the Germans and Rumanians had suffered heavy losses in a drive started with strong air support and "new weapons" on May 8, and that they had been hurled back to their original positions by the Red army, except for small gains on the northern wing.

This version came from British military sources but was supported by a German Radio explanation that the Russians were numerically superior on the Kerch front and had extraordinarily strong fortifications and good air bases.

The Russians after issuing a communique disclosing that "our troops waged stubborn battle against German troops that had taken the offensive," permitted nothing further to leak out and today's communique said only that there had been no important developments.

A report circulating in Sweden but lacking confirmation said that the new weapons used by the Germans included "nerve gas" which is non-poisonous but designed to paralyze enemy troops for a short period. It appeared likely, however, that this report arose from recent speculation on possible use of gas on the eastern front and information that the Germans had new gas masks in the Crimea.

THREAT TO FLANK

The circumstances of the Kerch battle, including Moscow's refusal to provide any information or to claim any success, left the whole question of a new German offensive in doubt. It also appeared likely that Hitler had started an attempt to drive the Russians from the Crimea in order to seize the most advanced jumping off place toward the Caucasus. He also may be trying to achieve the very important objective of removing a Red army threat to his flank. Any offensive the Germans may start later into the Ukraine will be in danger of flank attack until the axis has complete control of the Crimea.

Thus it appeared that the Kerch offensive was more in the nature of a preliminary to the long-heralded summer onslaught, which has been predicted for June.

BURMA BATTLE GOES ON

There was mounting action on other fronts, too, including the Mediterranean where three British destroyers were sunk by German bombers and in Burma where heavy fighting continued.

Dispatches included:

FRANCE—Anti-Nazis bomb six Paris hotels and restaurants requisitioned by the Germans; Marshal Petain and Laval confer on threatened rupture with U. S. over Martinique.

BURMA—British troops drive 300 Japanese soldiers southward in Shwegyin sector; Chinese troops hammer at enemy columns in north and force a 50-mile Japanese retreat.

AUSTRALIA — American and allied bombing squadrons continue battering attacks on Japanese invasion forces, knocking out two or three more vessels in islands north of Australia.

On the Burma-Southern China battlefront, veteran Chinese troops were fighting to hurl back Japan's mechanized invasion column from the border of Yunnan province above Mandalay and Lashio, forcing a 50-mile enemy retreat from the west bank of the Salween river to the Yunnan town of Mangshih.

KEEP FOOTHOLD

The Japanese still had a foothold on Chinese territory with heavy fighting reported in the Chefiang and Kiangsi provinces more than 25 miles inside the Yunnan-Burmese border.

The toll of Japanese ships sunk or damaged in the battle of the Coral sea and allied "mopping up" attacks rose to 24 today when Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that U. S. bombers had sunk or damaged two more enemy transports and a tanker at Japanese invasion islands off northeast Australia.

Unions Report Shortage of Skilled Help

Shortage of skilled labor in numerous trades was reported last night by union representatives attending the regular meeting of the Bremerton Central Trades and Labor council.

Carpenters' union and Electricians' union particularly said their members were unable to keep up with the volume of work available here. Men are being rotated on various jobs to keep the work progressing, it was reported.

The Machinists' union also said there was not enough trained help available to meet the markets' demands.

It was decided at the meeting that the council will henceforth meet only once a month—on the second Monday. In the past, meetings have been held twice monthly.

Receipt of a communication from the Metal Trades council, composed of unions whose members are employed in the navy yard, was reported. The Metal Trades organization asked the Retail Clerks' union to promote arrangements whereby Bremerton retail stores may remain open evenings to accommodate men and women employed on "swing" and "graveyard" shifts. No action has yet been taken on this proposal.

Painters' union No. 237 announced plans to hold a "victory parade" on May 17, which has been designated as "I am an American Day." Members of all unions were asked to cooperate.

Perjury Count Laid Against Yard Employe

William W. Middleswart, 38-year-old Puget Sound navy yard shipfitter, was charged in superior court today with second-degree perjury for allegedly making false certification to obtain a motor vehicle operator's license.

The perjury charge was filed by Prosecuting Attorney Fred B. Cohen after Middleswart, who resides at 2123½ 8th st., had been called to Cohen's office for questioning yesterday. He was arrested at Cohen's office.

According to the information, Middleswart was convicted on a drunken driving charge in Tacoma and his driver's license was revoked as of Oct. 30, 1940.

On March 13, 1942, according to the information, Middleswart applied for an operator's permit and certified here before H. W. Kuett, a notary public, that he had not operated an automobile since

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Women's Army Auxiliary of 150,000 Okehed by Congress

Non-Combatant Service Anywhere In World Will Be Given Enlistees

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(UP)—The senate, by a vote of 38 to 27, today passed a bill to set up a women's auxiliary army corps. It rejected attempts to restrict the women to service in the U. S.

The measure, which has been approved by the house, now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

It would permit the army to enroll a maximum of 150,000 women in the auxiliary for non-combatant service with the regular army.

Sen. Francis T. Maloney, Dem., Conn., led the unsuccessful fight first to restrict and later to defeat the measure. He contended that it "casts a shadow on the sanctity of the home."

"Those patriotic women who wish to serve their country can render excellent service—as they did in the last war—in civil service positions," Maloney said. "No one has stated very clearly—at least to me—just what duties they would perform."

Army officials have testified that the women will be used in airplane spotting work for one thing.

Women enlisted in the auxiliary would not receive military titles although they would be under army discipline. There would be various grades. The lowest would get $21 a month for their first four months of service and $30 a month thereafter — the same as soldiers under the present law.

Enemy Sub Sinks Ship in St. Lawrence

OTTAWA, May 12.—(UP)—A freighter was sunk by an enemy submarine in the St. Lawrence river yesterday, Navy Minister Angus MacDonald announced today.

"Long prepared plans" for the protection of the St. Lawrence river have been put into operation by the Royal Canadian navy, MacDonald said.

It was the first submarine attack ever reported in the St. Lawrence, Canada's main outlet to the Atlantic ocean. Forty-one survivors were landed from the vessel. No details were reported.

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MIAMI, Fla., May 12.—(UP)—Fourteen seamen died in the flaming wreckage of a medium-sized Dutch merchant ship kindled into a "fiery torch" by two torpedoes from two axis U-boats, survivors said today.

Twenty were saved.

War Spending Now $131,600,000 Daily

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(UP)—The government spent $131,600,000 daily for war purposes during April, an increase of $16,700,000 over the daily average for March, the War Production Board reported today.

The April total of war expenditures was $3,421,000,000, compared to $2,957,000,000 in March.

This Day

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lancaster, Gig Harbor, a daughter, at the Bremerton Private hospital, on May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willis Angel, 1303½ 11th st., a son, at the Bremerton Private hospital, May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murker, Rt. 1, Box 1163, Port Orchard, a son, at the Bremerton Private hospital, May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jensen, 112 Sauer blvd., Westpark, a daughter, at the Bremerton Private hospital, May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Wallis, Bremerton Heights, a son, May 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Greer, 1239 9th st., a son, May 11.

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Marriage License Applications

William John Wiley, 19, Port Orchard, and Dorothy Ann Nicodemus, 21, Port Orchard.

O. Dell Anderso, 26, Keyport, and Vivian Riedel, 25, Falls City, Wash.

Jack McCarty, 22, Bremerton, and Theresa Daisy Kauffman, 18, Bremerton.

William N. Courter, 21, Bremerton, and Louise Elizabeth Weyers, 18, Bremerton.

Hansford Strath Wilson, 26, Manette, and Lenora Ruth Jacobs, 22, Takima.

George Henry Dunhan, 22, Silverdale, and Alice Thelma Ball, legal, Silverdale.

Walter Kistinger, 22, Bremerton, and Thelma Fernie Estes, 23, Bremerton.

Louis J. Salatino, 23, Tacoma, and Rosienelle Jovenia Holcourt, 23, Tacoma.

Randall V. McGuire, 21, Poulsbo, and Muriel Vernice Wilson, 24, Poulsbo.

William Howard Manning, 28, U. S. Army, and Dorothy Taylor DeWolf, 20, Bremerton.

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Died

John P. Johansen, 69, Rt. 2, Box 272, Port Orchard, at the Kitsap County hospital, May 12.

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Tides for Wednesday

First high—3:31 a.m., 11.1 ft.; first low—10:36 a.m., 0.9 ft.; second high—4:07 p.m., 9.6 ft.; second low—10:39 p.m., 4.5 ft.

Sunrise and Sunset

May 12—Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.; sunset, 8:36 p.m.

May 13—Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.; sunset, 8:38 p.m.

Rotary Club's Members Donate To Blood Bank

Members of the Bremerton Rotary club yesterday responded to a plea from the Kitsap county chapter of the American Red Cross and volunteered to donate blood to the blood bank being established at the naval hospital.

Cora M. Wilson, chairman of the project, and Mrs. Myrtles Benton, Red Cross staff assistant, appeared at yesterday's meeting of the club and asked for co-operation of members. Members who volunteered will register at the Red Cross office and then be taken to the hospital where each will contribute one pint of blood to the bank.

Films of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the U. S. attack on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands were shown at the meeting by Dr. Carl Melin. The club also voted to extend honorary membership to Dr. Harold Christensen, Bob Ford and Mert Makins, three members who have joined the armed forces.

Another 'Alert' in S.F. Bay Region

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(UP)—The presence of "unidentified aircraft," later identified as friendly, caused 21-minute "yellow" alert in the San Francisco Bay area today.

The fourth interceptor command ordered the alert at 11:20 a.m. in San Francisco and Oakland and the "all clear" at 11:41 a.m.

Sedans Collide

Sedans driven by Richard E. Kline, marine barracks, and Benjamin W. Lindsey, Tracyton, collided about 8:30 o'clock last evening at State st. and Gregory Way. Police reported no one injured.

Order to Curtail Deliveries Is Postponed Until June 1

Firms Given More Time to Plan For Compliance With U. S. Decree

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(UP)—The office of defense transportation today postponed until June 1 its order restricting to one a day local deliveries by newspapers, dairies, laundries, and other establishments.

The order had been scheduled to become effective May 15. The ODT ordered postponement to give concerns affected by the order more time in which to revise their delivery schedules and work out plans for conservation of tires and equipment under wartime standards.

As it now stands the order, when effective, would eliminate special deliveries and prohibit more than one delivery to the same person on the same day by any power or horse-drawn rubber tired vehicle. Deliveries to hospitals and the armed forces are exempted as well as emergency deliveries made in the interest of life, health and safety.

In announcing the postponement, ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman expressed his gratification over the efforts being made by industries affected by the order to put their delivery operations on a wartime basis. He said that maximum conservation of existing transport facilities is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war on the home front.

Range Stolen; 'Hot' Case for the Police

City police had a "hot" case to work on today.

Theft of a Majestic electric range from a residence at 416 S. Callow ave., owned by Robert F. Chaffey, 938 Pacific ave., was reported to headquarters.

"Most Beautiful" the Boys Left Behind

Pretty Miss Mercedes Katherine Lefley, 19, Olympia, Wash., stenographer, was voted most beautiful of the girls the Seventh Ordnance Department, U. S. army, left behind. She's 5 feet 4, loves to cook and dance. The contest was conducted by the Midwestern, the department newspaper.

Children's Health Round-Up To Be Held May 18-June 5

Free physical examinations will be offered children from six months to six years of age not attending school at the annual summer round-up, May 18 to June 5, which is sponsored by the Bremerton Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and Pre-School groups in conjunction with the Kitsap county health department.

Kitsap county health department, U. S. public health service, will be established in the Westpark school, Eastpark school and the high school and examinations will be conducted by nurses and physicians of the health department.

Parents are urged to take advantage of this physical check-up, purpose of which is to discover all minor ailments in pre-school children so that they may be in the best condition at the time they enter school.

Mrs. J. A. Hill, chairman of the annual project, said today that "now is the time to lay the foundation for the post-war fight against diseases by building strength and teaching good health habits."

Dates for district examinations will be announced later. Mothers planning to attend the round-up are asked to bring a robe or blanket for each child and a paper bag in which to store his or her clothes.

Immunizations against smallpox and smallpox vaccinations will also be given. Clinics will be established in the Westpark school, Eastpark school and the high school and examinations will be conducted by nurses and physicians of the health department.

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