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R. A. F. IN DARING DAYLIGHT RAID ON NAZIS

Jack Miner Is Ill



KINGSVILLE, Ont., Jan. 4—(CP)—Jack Miner, 76 year old noted Canadian nationalist, was reported by friends in this Essex County town to be resting comfortably tonight in a Detroit hospital following an operation today. He was taken to hospital last Friday and operations for appendicitis and gall stones followed, it was learned.

Mr. Miner maintains an internationally-known wild life sanctuary at his home near here. He is also prominent as an author and lecturer.

Mr. Miner was taken ill last Monday and suffered a relapse New Year's day. Members of his family have refused to comment on his condition, stating only that he is "under observation" at hospital.

U. S. Navy To Use Australian Base

CANBERRA, Jan. 4—(CP)—Prime Minister John Curtin announced today that under the united nations strategy, the United States navy will operate from an Australian station.

Declaring that Australia's strategic position is vitally important in the plan of Britain, the United States, Netherlands East Indies and Australia to fight and work together, Mr. Curtin said: "The part which Australia plays in the plan of the United States navy will be to provide a base for the United States navy which recently visited Australia. You talk like us and fight like us. That United States navy unit will operate in an Australian station which is a natural sequel to that declaration."

The term Australasia is a loose term which includes New Zealand, the Netherlands East Indies, the Malay Archipelago and the numerous surrounding archipelagos as well as Australia.

The United States naval commander referred to by Mr. Curtin was Rear Admiral John H. New.

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No information Re Bluenose

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 4—(CP) Cable—Officials here said they had no information tonight on an unconfirmed report that the Bluenose schooner Bluenose had run aground off St. Pierre, near Newfoundland's south coast.

Custs officers said the one-time international schooner carrying champion had last been reported as about to leave Belleoram, Nfld., for Harbor Breton, Nfld.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word
- **Wanted to buy Chicken Fowl Island Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-11.
- **Loading hogs, Albany every Tuesday 12 to 3 P. M. George McKay. L-283-1-3-5.
- **Whist and dance, Vernon Hall, Monday, January 5. L-363-1-3-21.
- **Annual Meeting Kingston Public Hall Company, Kingston, Jan. 12th, Thursday, January 8th, 8 P. M. L-201-1-5-11.
- **Central Shipping Club Bradalbane loading hogs Tuesday, January 6. Club Secretary. L-341-1-5-21.
- **The Annual Meeting of the Wilshire Dairy Co. will be held in the hall on Monday, January 12th at 2 P. M. Roland Easter, Secretary. L-128-1-2-51.

Naples, Tripoli Blasted in R. A. F. raids

British Bombers Harry Axis Supply Route.

(By Eric Biggs)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
CAIRO, Jan. 4—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers, striking at both sides of the Mediterranean, blasted Naples and Tripoli in week-end attacks while fighter planes and bombers swooped over the chief Libyan battleground and harried the Axis supply route, it was announced today.

British headquarters reported that fighting on the Agadabia front was restricted chiefly to artillery fire and thrusts by mobile columns against German Gen. Erwin Rommel's Axis army "on a wide front" but the R. A. F. told of the following widespread operations:—

At Naples, 800 miles across the sea from the most advanced British position in Libya, bombers scored hits

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War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Four weeks from Japan's surprise attack in the Pacific there is little of immediate cheer for Anglo-American war partners and their Filipino, Netherlands and Chinese allies in the China Sea theatre of action.

Britain has lost the Hong Kong defence pivot in a gallant but losing stand. Manila and the Cavite naval base have been yielded to the foe, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's outnumbered army still dominates Manila Bay against Japanese use.

The Luzon pivot still functions from Corregidor and the Batan Peninsula to lessen the strain on Singapore, most vital allied bastion in the China Sea. That American-Filipino toe-hold on Luzon is a segment of the battle of Singapore, still thwarting effective Japanese exploitation of their capture of Manila.

Nor can it be emphasized too often that time is what counts for the allies, time to mobilize the vast resources in man and industrial power. That is the silver lining to the otherwise clouded China Sea outlook.

It is worth while to look over the estimates of those ultimate sources. At this moment, due to Germany's huge war effort, there is little allied advantage in numbers of men under arms, all too little for the world-wide fronts to be maintained.

Most authorities place the probable aggregate Axis armies at between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 men, including 8,000,000 Germans. That could be a little more than doubled if every resource in the Axis camp were tapped.

Against that the indicated present army strength of the anti-Axis allies is placed usually at around 15,000,000. That includes the United States, Britain and the Dominions, Russia, China and the Netherlands East Indies, the Free French, Polish forces and various other contingents.

The potential anti-Axis man power strength, however, runs into staggering figures. It is conservatively placed at more than 100,000,000 men or a ratio of about 7 to 1 over Axis potential manpower.

That potential manpower disparity graphically indicates the basis of London and Washington insistence that it is the long view of the war that must shape anti-Axis planning and strategic conceptions. The economic resources in raw materials, fabricating skills and the like are no less overwhelmingly weighted against the Axis mates.

News Briefs

LONDON, Jan. 4—The London Daily Mail today quotes the German-controlled Paris radio as saying the United States fleet has joined battle with the Japanese fleet in the Pacific.

(The Associated Press said after a check there was no substantiation of the report.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—(AP)—Following up his demand of two weeks ago that non-combatants donate warm clothing to the German army in Russia, Hitler called on his people today to turn over their skis, according to an NBC recording of a German radio broadcast.

"The front needs your skis," said Hitler's appeal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—(AP)—An "invasion" of Turkey by German troops A.W.L. from convalescence centres in Bulgaria was reported by the BBC today in a German-language broadcast. The announcement, heard here by the CBS, said the Nazi soldiers "preferred desertion to being sent back to the Russian front" and were interned in Turkey.

TOKYO, Jan. 4—(Japanese broadcast recorded by AP)—The newspaper, Yomiuri said today in a dispatch from Bangkok, Thailand, that 90,000 fresh Australian troops landed in Singapore, Dec. 31.

(No confirmation of this report was available from allied sources.)

Claims Berlin, Vichy Relations frigid

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm reported today that relations between Berlin and Vichy have become more frigid than at any time since the armistice.

The report, quoting the Berlin correspondent on the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, said there was no indication on an impromptu visit.

It pointed out that Otto Aebetz, the German ambassador to Paris, has been in Germany for several weeks with no sign that he was planning to return to his post and that "the Germans talk somewhat bitterly of the fact that they already have sent 500,000 French prisoners back to France."

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British Withdraw On Malayan Front

Move to new positions under heavy Japanese pressure.

U. S. to produce Heavily-armed plane

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—(AP)—Quantity production will begin soon on a new, high-speed intercepter plane, heavily armed with large and small calibre guns and said by the United States army to be the world's fastest single-engine airplane.

This was disclosed Saturday by the office of emergency management which said also that the future production of military planes would be concentrated on a few proved, high-performance types.

The new ship, designated the "P-47," is manufactured by the Republic Aviation Corporation and the O. E. M. said, has made 600 miles an hour in power dive test and more than 400 miles an hour in level flight.

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Jap Offensive Ends In Debacle

30,000 Japanese troops reported killed on Changsha front.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 5—(Monday)—The Chinese high command announced today 30,000 Japanese were killed and wounded at Changsha yesterday in a battle in which the Japanese offensive against that Hunan Province capital was turned into "a catastrophic debacle."

This makes a total of 52,000 Japanese casualties in three days before Changsha in a slaughter all but eclipsing anything witnessed heretofore in the nearly 4-1/2 years of fighting in China.

The announcement said the Japanese were in general and disorderly retreat after yesterday's decisive action in which the invader's 6th division was virtually wiped out.

Other invaders, it said, were mowed down when they tried to break through a Chinese ring of steel thrown around Changsha.

Several high Japanese officers were reported killed in this third and costly attempt by the Nipponese to take and hold the provincial capital.

(A Domei broadcast from Tokyo claimed Changsha was completely occupied Saturday, a claim that failed to square with previous Tokyo outgivings. Yesterday a Japanese military official there was quoted as saying Changsha was occupied Friday but that the Japanese did not intend to stay "permanently," since, as he put it, their task of crushing Chinese strength

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London well Pleased with Wavell move

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—Authoritative sources expressed themselves well pleased with Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's appointment as supreme allied commander in the southwest Pacific, pointing out that he is known as the general "who can do much with little."

This ability, they added, will be useful in the Far East zone where the allies may have to fight weeks and months against superior man, power and equipment.

With a handful of troops not too well equipped, Gen. Wavell drove the Italians across Libya into Tripolitania just a year ago, then held German armored troops at bay on the Egyptian border after the ill-fated Greek campaign had stripped his resources.

It is generally agreed by observers here that the Greek campaign was undertaken for political reasons against Gen. Wavell's military judgment.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4—(AP)—A Lehigh Valley railroad express train which state police said was carrying \$250,000 in gold struck an automobile stalled and abandoned on a dead end road crossing near here early today and hurtled from the track, killing one man and injuring 13 other persons.

The crash occurred at 2:45 a. m. in the midst of a blinding snowstorm. The crossing is located 200 feet from the Susquehanna River and leads to an abandoned ferry.

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Four Jap planes Downed in raid On Corregidor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—(AP)—Gunnery in the besieged fortress of Corregidor shot down four of a squadron of 21 Japanese bombers which hammered again today at the heavily fortified island in the mouth of Manila Bay. The Japanese gave up the attack after half an hour.

This information was contained in a radio report from Gen. Douglas MacArthur to the United States war department, a communique which also accused the Japanese captors of Manila of giving especially harsh treatment to American civilians in the city.

Moreover, said the communique, the Japanese were "discriminating against white residents of Manila," including the nationals of Japan's axis allies, Germany and Italy.

North of Manila Bay, in Pampan-

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King Winter out In full force

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4—(CP)—King winter was out in full force across Manitoba's Provinces and the Pacific Coast Sunday as the cold spell which began Friday continued unabated.

The temperature at Winnipeg early Sunday morning was reported at 26 degrees below zero with a forecast of air and decidedly cold. No let-up was reported in sight.

The Pas, Man., and Prince Albert the mercury dropped to 28 below and Saskatoon was shivering in 20-below temperature.

More cold weather was forecast at Edmonton where it was 30 below Sunday and then moderated to 15 below at night but becoming hot on the Pacific Coast Vancouver reported it was clear and nippy there with readings ranging from 21-34 above zero—decidedly cold for that part of the country.

Fort Smith in the North West Territories had 33-below weather but one of the coldest spots in northern Canada was at Armstrong, Ont., where the thermometer dropped to 39 below.

Admiralty denies Claims by Tokyo

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—The admiralty categorically denied today Tokyo claims that a large number of British warships had been captured by Japanese forces at Hong Kong.

"Mr. Eden was noted," said an admiralty press notice, "that statements made by the enemy claim that a large number of British warships were destroyed or fell into Japanese hands at the surrender of Hong Kong."

"These enemy claims vary considerably and are quite irresponsible. Our naval losses in Hong Kong were confined to a few small vessels, mostly auxiliaries."

Eden Predicts Closer British, Soviet Ties

British Foreign Secretary praises Red Army and Russian industrial machine.

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—Great Britain and Soviet Russia have been drawn closer in trust and common effort than at any time since the first Great War and still closer ties are in prospect, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden broadcast today, informing the world of his recent talks in the Kremlin.

Of his talks with Joseph Stalin and Soviet Premier Vyacheslav Molotov, Mr. Eden declared:—"When our communique states our views on all questions relating to the conduct of the war, those words are not mere diplomatic jargon; they tell the literal and absolute truth."

"The experience of my visit and the talks that I had with Stalin and Molotov have convinced me that closer political collaboration between us can and will be realized. Mr. Eden said.

"We have to get rid of the legacy of suspicion on both sides. There is a contrast in the forms of government, but I will never accept that this need divide us. What matters in foreign affairs is not the form of the internal government of any nation but its international behavior."

"The trouble with Hitler, for instance, was that he had no sense of the difference between the internal and external."

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Railways In France Given Heavy Bombing

Airmen report little resistance from either air or ground.

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—R. A. F. fliers made a bold daylight raid on northwest Germany today, penetrating German anti-aircraft defences to strike at railway communications and other objectives.

Such raids by daylight are rare and may indicate that the Germans are so occupied in Russia and have had their air power so severely diminished that they are unable to maintain adequate defence at home.

Tonight radio listeners reported that certain German stations and the Nazi-controlled Paris radio stations went off the air at 9 p.m., the usual time of sending news bulletins. This ordinarily is a sign of R. A. F. activity over Germany and the occupied territories.

Flying singly, the British planes in the daylight raid used both bombs and machine-gun fire, swooping down close to the ground to pepper their targets.

A third front In Spring is London talk

LONDON, Jan. 4—(CP)—A British offensive in western Europe timed to strike when the Germans attempt a new drive in Russia was predicted Saturday by observers as a likely development next spring.

They pointed out that British and Russian strategy are closely intergraded and that some parts of Nazi-occupied France possess these characteristics deemed necessary for creating a "third front":—

1. A friendly civilian population to harass the Nazi rear with sabotage and guerrilla attacks;
2. Accessibility for combined naval and air operations supporting invasion forces;
3. Nearness to Britain for economy of shipping and naval power;
4. Limited transport facilities available to the defence.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 4—(CP)—The New Brunswick legislature is expected to meet the latter part of this month to consider an agreement between the province and Dominion on transfer of taxation authority to the federal government.

Date of the legislature opening probably will be set at a provincial government meeting due to start Wednesday. Premier J. B. McNeil said tonight he expected a draft of the proposed agreement probably would be available here then.

UNIQUE INKSTAND
LONDON—(CP)—Acting Lt. Brendan (Paddy) Finucane, Irish fighter pilot with 23 enemy planes to his credit, became a full-fledged Flight Lieutenant in a list of R. A. F. promotions.

Churchill poses For Cameraman
TORONTO, Jan. 4—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	6	11
Victoria	5	10
Edmonton	27B	8B
Regina	28B	15B
Winnipeg	26B	6B
Toronto	20	30
Ottawa	4	14
Montreal	8	15
Boston	32	35

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and decidedly cold in the Prairie Provinces and Northern Ontario and light snow has occurred in Southern Ontario where temperatures have been moderate.

BOSTON, Jan. 4—(CP)—Forecast for northern New England: Fair except considerable cloudiness with occasional light snow flurries in mountains; continued cold Monday.

High tide this afternoon at 1:10 and tomorrow morning at 12:34.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.

Last quarter moon Jan. 19, 10 a.m.

Summerside tide 15 minutes after and Charlottetown 15 minutes after 7:38.

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