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R.A.F. RUNS INTO FIERCE OPPOSITION IN SWEEP

Japs May Threaten Russia Via India

Chungking Prepares For Ordeal By Fire

Fog blanket Will lift by First of May

Free Chinese Capital Expects The Worst; Anti-Gas Corps Formed.

By Spencer Moosa
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHUNGKING, April 12 — (AP) — The good fog, the blessed murk which for seven months has protected free China's capital from bombs, will lift in a few weeks, and Chungking must be ready again for the ordeal by blast and fire.

They call it the "bombing season" — last year it opened May 3 and closed Aug. 31. It was marked by a week-long siege of horror which began Aug 7 and in which the city lay under almost constant alert without light or telephone service, with the water supply disrupted and the food growing scarce. The blitz was intended to make the Free Chinese cry for peace and in this it failed completely.

Jap Bombers Assemble

This year the Japanese bombers are assembling at Hankow, the once great Yangtse Port used since 1938 as the main springboard for air attack on Chungking.

This year Chungking is getting ready for anything. An anti-gas corps of 3,000 has been organized. It will go into action at the throb of great drums if gas bombs are dropped. Anti-gas observation posts have been built. Many of the city's dugouts have been equipped with anti-gas screens.

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Early morning Fire destroys Cardigan garage

Fire of unknown origin, discovered about seven o'clock yesterday morning, completely destroyed Cardigan Garage at Cardigan. Fanned by a light wind, the flames spread rapidly through the wooden building leaving nothing but a smouldering ruin. Two cars which were in the garage, were destroyed while a light delivery truck, owned by the proprietor, Mr. Norman MacKenzie, was saved from a similar fate.

When discovered by Mr. George Gallant, the fire had already made much headway and the large crowd which gathered could do nothing to save it. When the doors were thrown open in an attempt to remove the cars, the flames gathered momentum and only the small truck near the door could be removed. An automobile belonging to Miss Mary MacDonald and another owned by Mr. James Shaw were destroyed.

The garage, which was a large one storey wooden structure, and a large quantity of valuable tools were lost. It is situated between the wharf and John A. MacDonald and Company's store. The flames did not threaten any other buildings because of the direction of the wind. Loss is estimated to be in the vicinity of $1,000 exclusive of the cars. The blaze lasted only about an hour. It is understood there was no insurance on the building. No one is believed to have been in the garage since early in the previous evening.

CONFETTI FOR WAR

LONDON — (CP) — Under the new waste paper order throwing of confetti on newly married couples or anyone else is a punishable offence

Coming Events

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**Will be loading Hogs Tuesday, April 14th at Vernon. Leo Praught

**Loading Hogs every Tuesday until 2 P. M. at Five Houses. Justin Larkins. L-1115-3-21-

**Brookfield's Pantry Sale at Rogers Hardware Store April 18th for war purposes.

**Garden seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1942 catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.

**Notice. Our stock of wall paper has arrived, many nice patterns. G. C. Green, Emerald. L-167-4-8-61.

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War Situation Last Night

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

The expected April upsurge in the war on all fronts is in full swing, marked by events everywhere which are putting the United Nations' grand strategy to an acid test.

That strategy, by every indication, rests on the conclusion that the crux of the war this summer will come in Russia. If that is true (and much has been risked and lost across the Pacific and the Mediterranean in grim allied determination not to be diverted from the job of bolstering Russia) there is some silver lining to the war clouds.

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Help for Russia has not been halted nor seriously delayed. The only positive news yet cropping out of the mission of General Marshall and Harry Hopkins to London was that repeated assurance.

War cargoes for Russia are going through despite Nazi battleships, submarines and planes striking at convoys from close-up bases in Norway and a swarm of Axis submarine raiders in North American waters taking heavy toll of shipping. Axis efforts to cut that lifeline or seriously impair the flow, or to force withdrawal to other danger points of the British-American patrols that keep it open, have failed.

That is the most cheering aspect of the struggle, otherwise blurred by such allied disasters as the overwhelming of the American-Filipino army on Bataan and initial British sea losses in the Indian Ocean.

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Lacking knowledge of present British strength in the Bay of Bengal to cope with the widening Japanese attack, the outcome in that battle area is beyond prediction. There is much to indicate, however, that impressive British naval and air forces may have been ordered to Indian waters to protect the flank of the Burma defence front and deal with any ambitious Japanese undertaking against India. It is wholly possible that the greatest sea fight of this war may be shaping up there.

It is more than possible that Axis manoeuvring in the Mediterranean and in Libya, implying major offensive operations against Egypt and middle eastern oil resources, is in part calculated by Berlin to lessen the sea and air power Britain might divert from that front to meet the Japanese challenge in the Indian Ocean. Britain has whittled Italian fleet strength to almost half of its former power and has heavily discounted the probabilities of a full scale Axis attack in Libya or across the Mediterranean.

London observers estimate that a considerable portion of Hitler's total air power is engaged in the battering at Malta, Alexandria and British lines in Libya. Without seapower to complement that air strength, however, a sea-borne invasion thrust across the eastern Mediterranean would be an outside military risk. Only an Axis oil shortage so urgent as to justify any risk would warrant an operation of that sort.

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Conjecture as to when and where the main German offensive effort of this year will come always must reckon with unknown factors. One of these is the Nazi estimate of Russian ability to counter another German drive—and that estimate must be based in part on the availability of British and American equipment for the Russians.

Another factor is the state of Nazi oil reserves. If they have been dangerously depleted by the war in Russia, the German main offensive must fall on the approaches to the Caucasus. That is the only land route to oil unless Hitler can win unopposed passage through Turkey or is ready to risk war with that powerful neutral.

Confidence In Victory Sweeps Soviet Union

Believe long expected Spring offensive will be their offensive

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer)

KUIBYSHEV, U. S. S. R., April 12—(AP)—As two warring armies sparred across a 2,000-mile slushy front, a wave of confidence in victory over the Germans went up and down the Soviet Union today, touching each of Russia's 190,000,000 from the lowliest Volga boatman to "Papa" Michael Ivanovich Kalinin.

The Russians say it is good healthy optimism based on realism.

While today's communique reported only localized actions and repeated the familiar phrase that no substantial changes had taken place, Russians summed up these reasons for optimism:—

First, and above all, they believe the long expected spring offensive will be their offensive.

Second, they are convinced that the German army will be crushed on Soviet soil—and this year.

Third, if worst comes to worst—and they never for a moment consider that it will—the Russians are prepared to fight on, to the Urals, Siberia and beyond, in the cause of a victory they are sure will be theirs ultimately.

When many other countries of the world were worried by the reported invincibility of the German army and this same army was thrusting into Soviet territory, some here might have been troubled by the same opinion. But that is all gone now.

As the Red army moved forward from the very gates of Moscow, the realistic Russians found evidences of the strength of their young fighting force.

Kalinin, as nominal head of the U. S. S. R., now expresses it this way: "Russia is stronger even than we sometimes think."

Such sweeping statements come from high quarters without hesitation—and in confident tones but without bragging.

From the respected judgment of the trusted Kalinin came a declaration that German aviation is no longer superior in the air.

In tanks, he said, the Russians

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German Sub "On Our Side"

VICTORIA, April 12—(CP)— Lt.-Cmdr. T.P. Ryan of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, here on leave after two years of service with Atlantic convoys, said in an interview Saturday a German submarine captured by a Canadian destroyer several months ago "is now operating on our side in the Atlantic."

Cmdr. Ryan said the submarine was captured with the aid of a fleet air arm pilot named Thompson and towed to an Atlantic port. Its crew of 49 "were glad to be out of it," he added. Most of them were "pretty young" and inexperienced.

Col. Ralston In Halifax; To visit here

HALIFAX, April 12 —(CP)— Defence Minister J. L. Ralston arrived here tonight on the first lap of an inspection tour of the military and naval defences on the east coast. While here he will hold a conference with commanding officers of reserve forces in the Maritimes.

Col. Ralston was accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the general staff, Maj.-Gen. B. W Brown, recently-appointed director-general of the reserve forces, and Col G. S. Currie, the defence minister's executive assistant. Mrs. Ralston accompanied the minister.

The defence minister had no statement to make tonight, but will hold a press conference some time tomorrow after he completes a tour of the Halifax defences.

At the same time, it is expected some announcement will be made by Maj.-Gen. Brown on any changes which will be made in the reserve setup in this area. Considerable increased activity by reserve units and broadening of their responsibilities is anticipated by those close to the minister.

After inspecting the local defences, Col. Ralston will continue his inspection of training centres and defence establishments in the Maritimes.

His itinerary includes visits to Yarmouth and other southern Nova Scotia defences, and to Aldershot and Cape Breton. Thursday and Friday he will be in Prince Edward Island, and while there expects to deliver one or two speeches in support of an affirmative vote in the coming manpower plebiscite.

Col. Ralston will go to Saint John at the end of the week to inspect New Brunswick defences. His plans after that have not yet been definitely decided.

The primary purpose of his tour is to size up eastern defences and make plans for any reorganization necessary. Last week he concluded a similar inspection of the west coast.

Australia has No regrets

OTTAWA, April 12—(CP) —Australia, eager to take her part in the grand strategy of war, has no regrets for sending forces to Britain, the Middle East and abroad, Sir William Glasgow, Australian high commissioner to Canada said in a radio message tonight.

Sir William spoke over a national network of The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He expressed the Australian government's appreciation of an offer by the independent order of the daughters of the Empire to provide a Hurricane fighter for the Royal Australian Air Force.

"This is a practical demonstration of your sympathy towards your fellow Britishers who, since early December, have found themselves threatened with invasion," he said.

Australians had, even in peacetime, "a community of feeling and outlook with Canadians," Sir William continued.

12 ships sunk During week

By The Associated Press

Twelve ships were announced officially as sunk in the Atlantic during the week of April 6 to April 12, bringing losses in that area since Pearl Harbor to 127.

THE TABULATION:
Week April 6-12 since Pearl Harbor

Off the U. S.	9	68
Off Canada	0	23
In the Caribbean	1	30
Off South America	2	6
	12	127

Nine of the vessels sunk were United States ships, one was British and one Brazilian, and the 12th was a Norwegian merchantmen.

Russians use Spring floods Against Nazis

KUIBYSHEV, U.S.S.R., April 12—(AP)—Soviet forces in one of the most spectacular and resourceful exploits of the war have flooded the Germans out of a bitterly-defended and strongly fortified village on the eastern front by changing the course of a stream swollen from thawing snows, frontline dispatches said tonight.

This account said Red Army sappers, working under the guns of the Germans, dug trenches through which the flood waters went cascading to engulf the enemy positions.

..Battling through incessant rains, other Russian units were reported to have recaptured a town occupied briefly by the Germans on a river in the Bryansk sector and liberated two settlements on the Kalinin front north of Moscow.

German prisoners captured on the Leningrad front related there were enormous losses among their comrades during reckless March counter-attacks ordered by their commanders.

Expect Nazis To take over Italian Navy

MOSCOW, April 12 —(CP)— Control of the Italian navy by the Germans who intend to send it into action in the eastern Mediterranean and at the same time use the French fleet in the western end of the sea "is a matter of the near future," Tass news agency reported today from Geneva, Switzerland.

Italian navy officials have been objecting to the German plans although Mussolini has given in, Tass declared. ..

Quoting "well-informed Swiss circles," Tass said: "The Germans demand immediate decision on this question in connection with a number of preparatory measures they intend to carry out on a large scale prior to the beginning of spring operations.

"As has been learned from semi-official circles in Rome, Mussolini considers German control over the Italian navy as a settled issue, however, in secret negotiations with representatives of the German naval staff, representatives of the Italian naval command, in particular Admiral (Arture) Riccardi (chief of the naval staff), attempted to evade German pressure and brought forth a number of objections.

"They pointed out that Italy will bear too great a risk if she withdraws her navy from peninsula harbors, and that she would be able to participate in operations outside the central part of the Mediterranean only by withdrawing from the north African campaign. Undoubtedly, however, the objections of Admiral Riccardi and higher officers supporting him will be overruled.

"According to available reports, the German plans provide for transfer of the Italian submarine fleet to the west beyond Gibraltar with bases at Spanish ports, and for concentration of the greater part of the Italian surface ships in the Aegean Sea. The Germans intend to use the French navy and merchant fleet for operations in the central and western parts of the Mediterranean."

Tass said the French units would take over Italy's task of supplying the North African Axis armies.

INVENTORS HONORED

KUIBYSHEV, April 12 — (A P) — Four Russian inventors, who are said to have invented a Naval gun capable of firing a missile forther than any other known weapon, received the Stalin prize for their invention today. Each was given 30,000 rubles.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM OF CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Major drive Is expected Within weeks

United Nations Rush Aircraft To Defence Of Country.

By Carl C. Cranmer
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, April 12—(AP)—Another front, second in importance only to Hitler's eastern front in Russia, is likely to open up in India as a result of events of the last week.

The failure of the mission of Sir Stafford Cripps and the release for other battlefronts of most of the 200,000 Japanese troops who have been tied down to the conquest of Bataan probably mean that the Nipponese will make a major effort to overrun India.

They may calculate that they can seize most or all of the peninsula in time to threaten Russia from a new direction by the time Hitler is ready to begin his major 1942 drive in the summer.

A Desperate Struggle.

Despite India's great resources and large manpower the United Nations at this stage appear to be in for a desperate and up-hill struggle if the Japanese launch a real offensive across the Bay of Bengal.

Chief Allied reliance may be in sea and air power.

If Britain is able to detach battleships from her Mediterranean and home fleets she might force the Japanese to send part of their main battlefleet into the Indian Ocean. In that event the United States would have a great opportunity to fall upon the remainder of the Pacific.

Britain, forced to concentrate against the Nazi battleship Tirpitz in the North Sea and against the Italians in the Mediterranean, may not be able to detach such a force, however. Moscow reports today said Germany is bringing great pressure upon the Italians to bring their battleships out into the eastern Mediterranean to give battle, and in addition intend to use the French fleet in the western Med-

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Soviet Officer Does Not Expect Offensive

MOSCOW, April 12 — (AP)—A Soviet brigade commissar broadcasting from the western front said today: "A German offensive this spring appears to be most unlikely."

"My belief is based not only on statements made by German prisoners of war but on the quality of reinforcements that have been sent to the front," he said.

"These consist mainly of very young, half-trained men or semi-invalids, deaf and one-eyed, or of wounded not quite recovered.

"In spite of levies on the Czechs and Poles, Hitler cannot produce for this spring an army like the one which he attacked the U. S. S. S. last summer."

Allies take Toll of 28 Jap Planes

By C. Yates McDaniel
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

MELBOURNE, April 12 — (AP)— United States bombers, protected by Australian fighters, smashed during the week-end at Japanese bases on the outer Islands and were credited tonight with destroying or seriously damaging at least 28 enemy planes and spreading flaming ruin among the invaders' ships and military establishments.

The raids were conducted over a 2,400-mile arc extending from Kupang on Netherlands Timor to Faisi in the Solomon Islands but the greatest destruction was spread at Lae on the north-eastern coast of New Guinea, and at Rabaul on the northern coast of New Britain.

At least 12 of the Japanese planes were destroyed at the cost of only two Allied aircraft.

Rabaul—the main Japanese base for any invasion attempt—was raided both Friday and Saturday.

Eight Japanese bombers and a fighter were destroyed on the ground Friday and other planes were damaged. In the attacks Saturday, three moored flying boats were damaged by machine-gun fire and a P-type fighter was chased away damaged in a steep dive.

GREEKS GET FOOD

JERUSALEM, April 12 — (AP) — Greek stevedores were so hungry and exhausted they were hardly able to unload 7,000 tons of Australian wheat at the Greek Port of Piraeus, crew members of the Swedish freighter Radmanso said today. The Axis and United Nations arranged safe passage for the cargo.

Fighting Most Severe Since Summer Of 1940

Air battles developed as Britisn struck at railway yards at Hazebrouck; R. A. F. bombing Fleet growing rapidly.

LONDON, April 12—(CP)—The Royal Air Force ran into "some of the fiercest air fighting since the battle of Britain" on a bombing sweep today against the railway yards at Hazebrouck in northern France and indications were that losses in aircraft were relatively heavy on both sides.

The Air Ministry announced the loss of one bomber and 13 fighters in the thick of the numerous dogfights that developed when the R. A. F. encountered German planes in force. Two fighter pilots bailed out and were reported safe.

Going beyond the communique announcements, the Air Ministry news service characterized the fighting as the most severe since September, 1940, when Germany was making her all-out effort to pulverize Britain from the air.

The communique said four German fighter planes were destroyed for certain. The air ministry news service said that besides two shot down by British fighters and two others which knocked themselves out in a collision a number of other Nazi planes were damaged.

The R. A. F. appeared to be bombing the French channel ports again tonight.

From the southeast coast watchers saw great flashes in the Calais and Dunkerque areas and were shaken by reverberations of the explosions across the channel.

Crowds gathered on the seashore despite a bitterly cold wind to watch the bursting anti-aircraft shells and searchlights sweeping the skies.

New four-motored Stirling bomb-

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Force Germans To withdraw

CAIRO, April 12 — (AP) — British authorities reported today that the Germans had been forced to withdraw their right flank column operating in no-man's land in the desert in Libya and that other forward posts and vehicles near the coast west of Ain El Gazala also had been forced back by artillery fire.

The R.A.F. announced a new attack on Crete airdromes where German Field Marshall Albert Kesselring has been gathering air forces apparently for a possible middle eastern offensive. The results were not announced.

Three German planes were shot down and two others damaged in a formation encountered along the front in Libya, the R.A.F. said. It disclosed a loss of seven of its own planes in various operations.

Claim Direct Hit On Enemy Carrier

NEW YORK, April 12 —(AP) —A New York Times dispatch from a United Nations air base in the southwest Pacific said tonight a direct hit was scored on a Japanese aircraft carrier near Rabaul, New Britain, during week-end raids by United Nations airmen.

This account said the planes also scored two near-misses and that all the raiding craft returned safely from the attack. It added there was no claim that the carriers was sunk but that "it obviously was a heavy bombing."

Bennett says Too few troops At Singapore

MELBOURNE, April 12—(AP)— Lt.-Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett, who has been appointed to command an army corps in Australia, told interviewers today that Lt.-Gen. Arthur Percival who surrendered Singapore to the Japs had been "much maligned, in many respects unjustifiably."

He said Percival was worried about holding the island because there were too few troops and the air defence was weak. He declared that in many places the line was extremely thin.

"The day before the Japs landed," Bennett said, "Percival and I inspected the defences of the western part of the island. Each Australian battalion had four or five miles of front to hold. Percival asked me if I could answer the question of how to hold Singapore. I replied: 'More soldiers.' Percival agreed that was the only answer and that is the reason Singapore fell."

News Briefs

LONDON, April 12—(CP)—(CP) — Exchange Telegraph's special correspondent with the British forces in the Middle East reported today that the Axis is "digging in and laying minefields along the Marmarica (Libyan) front which confirms the impression that a major offensive is not being contemplated at least for the present."

ROYSTON, Yorkshire, April 12 —(CP) — United States airplane production "within five or six weeks will be equal to the total output of Germany, Italy and Japan," Labor Minister Ernest Bevin said today.

OTTAWA, April 12—(CP)——Gasoline stored by non-commercial motorboat owners before the government's gasoline rationing became effective April 1 must be returned immediately to the bulk station from which it was bought, the Munitions and Supply Department announced Saturday.

OTTAWA, April 12 — (CP)— Prime Minister Mackenzie King is scheduled to leave not later than Tuesday afternoon for Wednesday's meeting of the Pacific council in Washington. He will represent Canada at what may prove to be the most important meeting of the council since its initial session a fortnight ago.

Irish Girl Voted "Debutante No. 1"

NEW YORK, April 12—(AP) —A 16-year-old girl who says she is not "lace curtain Irish" but definitely the other kind today was voted "Debutante No. 1" of the New York 1942 Social Season. The very cute "shanty Irisher" is Oona O'Neill, daughter of Eugene O'Neill, playwright.

"My first name is not a typographical error," she said. "It's an old Irish name and James Stephens, the Irish writer, suggested it to father. Of course I'm not lace-curtain—I'm shanty Irish and proud of it. How do I feel about being a glamor girl? —I'm pretty darn excited."

High tide this morning at 9.28 and tonight at 9.41.

Sun sets this evening at 6.42 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.18.

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