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CAPTURE OF SOUSSE AND KAIROUAN IMMINENT

Japs, Allies In Heavy Air Battle Over Oro Bay

R.A.F. And Russians In Raid On Germany

Canadians Form Part Of Attacking Force In
Saturday Night's Assault.

By Lewis Hawkins, Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 11—(AP)—The R.A.F. raided southwestern Germany in considerable force Saturday night after the Allies struck the Axis from the south. The Moscow radio said tonight the Russians had joined the aerial assault with attacks on Koenigsberg in east Prussia, hitting "many industrial objectives and causing large fires and explosions."

"Our planes raided Koenigsberg and bombed many industrial and additional military objectives," the Moscow radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet radio monitor. "Large fires and explosions were observed. All our planes returned safely."

It was the first announced Russian raid on Eastern Germany, where targets are beyond the practical range of British and American bombers, in several months. Berlin reported the attack several hours before Moscow but did not specify much-detailed Koenigsberg as the Soviet target.

Official reports disclosed a fresh daylight attack on Naples Saturday night and other Italian targets in Sardinia and Sicily from African bases, and raids on unspecified targets in southwestern Germany by British planes based on Britain.

The air ministry said heavy clouds obscured results in Germany. In the German attacks on Naples, 18 bombers were lost. The R.A.F. shot down three German night fighters.

At dusk tonight, Mosquito bombers of the R.A.F. struck at railway workshops at Malines, Belgium, and a factory at Hengelo, Holland, with two of the bombers reported missing. Two fighters also were shot down.

Halleux and Wellingtons from the R.C.A.F. bomber group formed the main force in the attack.

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LONDON, April 11—(AP)—The Allies urged German forces in Tunisia to lay down your arms while you still have an opportunity to do so.

"There is no road home from North Africa battlefield," said the broadcast, which was recorded in London by Reuters News Agency. "You are faced with alternatives—death or capture."

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Enemy Starts Air Offensive Reports Show

Twenty-Three Nip
Planes Shot Out Of
Skies Over New
Guinea.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 11—(Monday)—Twenty-three Japanese bombers and fighting planes were shot out of action in a furious air battle over Oro Bay, New Guinea, Sunday, the Allied High Command reported today.

The raiding enemy planes dropped 25 tons of bombs, the communiqué reported. One 2,000-ton merchant ship was hit.

"Fourty-five enemy dive bombers and fighters attacking Allied shipping were defeated by our fighters in air combat," the communiqué said in describing the fight.

"Twenty-three enemy planes were shot out of action, comprising 17 fighters and six dive-bombers."

"Our air losses were negligible. The enemy succeeded in dropping 25 to 30 tons of bombs. A small Allied vessel of 2,000 tons received two direct hits and was forced to the beach. Other damage and casualties were light."

A Japanese submarine sank a small Allied ship off Australia, the communiqué added. The survivors were rescued.

"Reconnaissance reports showing major increases in enemy air strength, and recent hostile attacks, indicate the enemy has initiated an air offensive which may attain considerable scale of effort," the communiqué said.

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—A Prices Board spokesman said tonight that servicemen home on five days leave may obtain ration cards from their local ration board offices, but that a twofold problem was raised by the question of supplying them with cards good for shorter periods.

ST. GEORGE, N. B., April 11—(CP)—Dr. H. J. Taylor, 86, former cabinet member of two Conservative administrations in New Brunswick, died at his home here Saturday after a period of ill health.

PARIS, April 11—(AP)—A sweeping inquiry into government curtailment of newspaper was ordered Saturday by the House of Representatives as part of an even broader investigation to determine whether there is an attempt to change our domestic economy along lines not authorized by congress.

WASHINGTON, April 11—(AP)—Daniel C. Roper, 76, former United States secretary of commerce, died at his home tonight.

von, N.B., and other Canadian non-commissioned officers described the German fire as "scary" but bearable.

They said some German methods are purposely designed to put fear into the opponents. For instance, in a night action they turn on automatic weapons that pour multi-colored tracer bullets through the dark on all sides.

War Situation Last Night

By Carl C. Cranmer, Associated Press War Analyst

Less than 10 months ago Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt were conferring in Washington on the anxious day when news of the fall of Tobruk and the rapid advance of the Africa Corps to the desert approaches of Alexandria was received.

Last week the turn of the wheel brought Hitler and Mussolini to take counsel in their darkening hour as the crash of bombs from the world's most powerful air combination beat the cadence of the Allied march toward "invasion day."

The Berlin communiqué, usually bellicose after a Hitler-Mussolini meeting, this time has a sombre ring for the Axis. The two dictators declared they are agreed on measures to be taken "in any respect"—a seemingly guarded way of saying that things may go from bad to worse.

They have found it necessary to "summon up hard determination" to meet "future danger" in the Mediterranean which they admit threatens from more than one direction.

Twice in the last 10 days raids by armadas of approximately 100 United States bombers on Sardinia air and naval bases have suggested that the Axis warlords see danger from that direction in particular.

If the Axis has selected Sardinia as a base for evacuation operations it may be because it has reasons for fearing that the island will be the first objective when the Allies take their next offensive step from North Africa.

There are several reasons why the United Nations might choose Sardinia as one of the first points of attack, and the Rommel army would be on hand to strengthen the regular garrison.

One reason is that Sardinia, along with Sicily and Corsica, is part of an island screen protecting the Italian mainland from the south and west. It is difficult to see how the Allies could expect to penetrate this island screen with a powerful naval expedition without incurring heavy losses in ships and men from the pounding it would receive from submarines and air attack from all sides. The chain of islands also tanks the route of amphibious invasion of southern France and would make that venture costly.

Although Sicily is the island nearest Tunisia, Sardinia probably is considerably less the bristling fortress than the Italians claim both islands to be.

Allied capture of Sardinia would break open a pathway to the Tyrrhenian Sea which washes upon the Italian west coast, bypass Sicily with its numerous large air and naval bases, and perhaps open the way to an Allied landing either in the vicinity of Rome or Naples, or on the south coast of France. Capture of Rome's seven hills in turn would cut Sicily's main communications with the north.

GENEVA, April 11—(AP)—The chief of the political department of neutral Switzerland, Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, warned his countrymen tonight that the war is approaching a crisis which might involve Switzerland militarily, but he asserted that the country is resolved to take up arms if necessary to defend its traditional neutrality.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 11—(CP)—A Japanese merchant ship was destroyed and another small ship set afire by allied planes which dropped 20 tons of bombs on Wewak, New Guinea, the High Command announced today.

Wewak is a key enemy base on the coast of New Guinea some 150 miles northwest of the Allied base of Port Moresby.

Other allied raiders struck along the north coast of New Guinea at Bogia, Aleshaifen and Madang. Wewak has been used recently by the Japanese as a feeder base to their Buon peninsula bases of Lae and Salamaua because it is considered out of the range of allied fighter planes.

Hitler and Mussolini in Four-Day Conference

Queen Urges Revival Of Religion

LONDON, April 11—(CP)—The Queen in an Empire-wide broadcast called upon British women today for revival of religious spirit, and warned that "our precious Christian heritage is threatened by adverse influences."

"It is on the strength of our spiritual life that the right rebuilding of our national life depends."

"On the other hand we cannot close our eyes to the fact that our precious Christian heritage is threatened by adverse influences."

"The broadcast was carried in Canada by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation."

No. 45 Atlantic Transport Group

DORVAL, Que., April 11—(CP)—Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, air officer commanding-in-chief of the Royal Air Force transport command, announced tonight the formation of the R.A.F. ferry command headquarters will be known as No. 45 Atlantic Transport Group, commanded by Air Vice-Marshal R.L.G. Marx.

The new No. 45 group will comprise the No. 112th North Atlantic wing and No. 113 South Atlantic wing.

Switzerland To Be Involved?

ACCEPTS CALL TO SUMMERSIDE

Jap Merchant Ship Destroyed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 11—(AP)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, British commander of allied ground forces in North Africa, expressed confidence today that the enemy will be driven from his last foothold in Tunisia. He was replying to the recent congratulatory message from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on the junction of the British 8th Army and the American 2nd Army Corps.

Hitler, Mussolini In Four-Day Conference

LONDON, April 11—(AP)—Hitler and Mussolini were reported by the Berlin radio tonight to have met from Wednesday through Saturday and speculation here was that the coming allied invasion of Europe was their chief topic, now that the breath of war is blowing closer to Italy from the Tunisian mountains.

A full retinue of military and diplomatic followers accompanied the German and Italian dictators. The meeting took place at Hitler's headquarters—usually advertised as the Russian front.

"Complete agreement was reached on all measures to be taken in any respect," the announcement from Hitler's headquarters said.

8th Army Is Advancing 20 Miles Daily

Rommel Pulls Battered Forces
Into 'Strong Box' In Tip Of Tunisia.

By DANIEL DE LUCE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 11—(AP)—Armored spearheads of a converging Allied offensive today threatened imminent capture of both Soussse, 70 miles south of Tunis, and Kairouan, to the southwest, as Marshal Erwin Rommel pulled his battered Axis armies into the "strong box" of hills in the northern tip of Tunisia.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th Army vanguard passed through La Hencha, 25 miles north of Sfax, Saturday night, maintaining the clip of more than 20 miles a day since the fall of the Axis El Akarit positions, reports from the front said. This column, slashing through rearguard enemy armor along an inland road that passes through El Djem, was less than 50 miles from the port of Soussse.

To the northwest American, British and French tanks and men poured through the Fondouk gap after clearing German and Italian out of that mountain gateway, fanned out on the coastal plain and swept forward toward the Arab city of Kairouan, 34 miles west and south of Soussse.

This stream of Allied forces roaring along roads lined with wrecked and abandoned Axis equipment, was nearing a junction with another British 8th Army column which drove far behind on the left flank.

(A Reuters news agency dispatch from Allied Headquarters said this column was within 15 miles of Kairouan.)

(A French communiqué broadcast by the Algiers radio and reported by the Associated Press in London said French troops had forced through a defile east of Ousseltia "which commands access to the plain from the Ousseltia-Kairouan road" and that reconnaissance troops operating southward from the Djebel Ousseltia had approached to within about 15 miles of Kairouan.)

(A three-way pincer movement against Kairouan was thus indicated. German mountain positions were reported captured north of Pichon. The communiqué said about 500 prisoners and important quantities of war materials had been captured.)

The British 1st Army in the north, continuing to bend back a bulge in the German lines which threatened the road from Bels, gained further elbow room for an

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Truro Boy Has Throat Slashed

TRURO, N.S., April 11—(CP)—With his throat slashed and his head battered, a 10-year-old boy was in hospital here tonight while police held a 25-year-old man on a charge of assault with grievous bodily harm.

The boy, Allan Clark of nearby Belmont, told police he had been struck over the head with a heavy object in a vacant farmhouse. His throat was gashed three times. He was found wandering near the farmhouse by some railway sectionmen.

Ocell Barkhouse, 25, of Dartmouth, N.S., was arrested in connection with the attack.

The youngster's condition was favorable today.

U.S. To Balance Feed, Livestock Prices In Plan

WASHINGTON, April 11—(AP)—Moving to assure high production of meat, dairy and poultry products and carry out the administration's anti-inflation program, food administrator Chester C. Davis announced Saturday a program designed to balance prices and supplies of feed on the one hand with prices and supplies of livestock on the other.

The program provides for the importation of feed grains from Canada and Australia to supplement dwindling domestic supplies, and an increase in corn prices in the Midwest to start "frozen" stocks of that grain moving to market again.

Declaring that livestock prices, particularly hogs, are too high in relation to price ceilings on meat, the administrator said ceilings will be placed on hogs if existing measures do not soon bring about a reduction in prices.

Hogs have been bringing close to \$16 a hundred pounds on the Chicago market. That price, Davis said, is between \$1 and \$1.50 above levels reflected by current office of price administration ceilings, a condition which has caught some packers in a financial "squeeze."

The livestock feed program was (Continued on Page 7, Col 7)

Coming Events

Reserve May 18th for the St. James Church Concert.

St. Stewart Monday, York Tuesday, Free Sound Movies, Two shows, 4-12-11

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