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# ENEMY'S GRASP ON AFRICA SHRINKING

## Invasion Paths Are Discussed

### P.E.I. Made Area Command in M.D. No. 6

### Lt.-Col Paton Is Com- mandant; Official Announcement Yes- terday.

By LEWIS HAWKINS  
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 13—(AP)—Sharp observers here, watching the desperate race between the allies and the Axis to muster power for a 1943 showdown on the European continent, anticipate that this year Soviet Russia will attempt to mount her first summer offensive of the war.

These sources point out that the east-west combination has subjected Germany to the worst winter it has yet experienced and brought the war to a phase described by Winston Churchill as the "end of the beginning."

Co-ordinated Drives

Pointing out that the Russian counter-offensive which freed Stalingrad and recaptured much territory in the south started almost simultaneously with the allied attack in North Africa, similar meshing was predicted for the "beginning of the end."

The observers recognized that recent German counter-attacks may be the fevers for the usual Nazi summer offensive as an eastern front, but said the Russians nevertheless will attempt to land the first warm-weather punch this year or, if this proves impossible to launch a major counter-offensive after absorbing the first Nazi blows.

At the worst the Red Army is counted to hold the attention of 150 or more Axis divisions. At best, there might be a breakthrough for a possible junction with the allies somewhere in southeastern Europe.

(The sources of this speculation were deliberately ignoring the much-discussed possibility of an allied invasion through France and working on the theory of a thrust through the Balkans.)

Some military critics regard a co-ordinated Russian offensive as an absolutely vital corollary to a successful allied assault. Others, however, are convinced that, regardless of the Red Army's combat ability, the allies will strike at the continent immediately after the cleanup in Tunisia.

Balkan Route?

No one here attempts to say where the major effort will be directed, but many think the Balkans the most desirable avenue and this is the spot about which the Germans at the moment are in their propaganda, to be so worried.

If Turkish co-operation is to be forthcoming, one of the most attractive routes would be through the Dardanelles to permit halfhearted Bulgaria. This would also be in the final stages of training a squeeze play, in conjunction with the Russians, along the Black Sea shore.

An alternative would be to bypass Turkey and push through Greece or Yugoslavia, where the guerrillas and allied parachute forces still unsundered by Axis efforts of long duration—are described by the German radio as providing a "Balkan vanguard for allied invasion."

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PLYMOUTH (CP)—Miss J.M. Woolcombe, serving with the W.R.N.S. since the outbreak of war as Superintendent of Personnel, has been named Deputy Director of the W.R.N.S. in charge of manning.

### Ace Saboteur Is Slim Girl

STOCKHOLM, April 13—(CP)—To look at slender, 22-year-old Marjorie Dallas of London nobody would ever know she is an ace saboteur but there is evidence to prove it. She worked in Norway and, if they could talk, chances are many young Norwegian airmen training in Canada would say they owe their escape from the Nazis to this girl.

Among the 9,000 Norwegians who have escaped to Sweden since the Germans occupied Norway few can claim a more thrilling story than this dancing girl turned saboteur leader.

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### Women Pilot Biggest Planes

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—Women pilots of the Royal Canadian Auxiliary in Britain, who have long been ferrying R.A.F. planes of many types from factories to airfields, are being given the supreme responsibility of handling the great four-motored bombers.

Three of them have already qualified for this job. At least 20 others are in the final stages of training for their tests. One out of every six ferry pilots is a woman.

The men are over-age for combat flying. One out of every three of the women is an American.

The work of the women pilots drew praise from Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production, who said in a recent inspection tour at A.T.A. headquarters, "we recognize the really magnificent work that you are doing for the country."

Statistics revealed in Sir Stafford's talk testify to the efficiency of the A.T.A. pilots. More than 100,000 aircraft have been delivered, mileage exceeds 30,000,000, accidents are very rare.

### W.I.B. Probe ?

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—The Ottawa Journal said today it was "reliably informed" that salaries and living allowances of Wartime Information Board personnel are to be investigated by the House of Commons Public Accounts committee.

The Journal said the investigation will follow immediately after the committee has finished hearing evidence from Col. John Thompson, resigned Director of Government Offices Economy Control.

### Coming Events

Talkies—Souris Monday, 4-14-43.  
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Rummage Sale Trinity United Church Hall, Saturday, April 17th at 6 P.M., 4-14-43.  
Dance, Cardigan, Credit Union Hall, Easter Monday night, Webster's Orchestra, 4-14-43.  
Unloading car bulk wheat at Mt. Herbert. Bargain prices off car. Russell Driscoll, 4-13-21.  
Dance and drawing for Lottery, St. Andrews Hall, Easter Monday, 4-14-21-21.  
Loading hogs this week Albany Thursday afternoon; Emerald Friday night 11:30 A.M. G. O. Green and A. C. Green, 3-6-W-2-11.  
Loading hogs Thursday, April 15, Summerside till 1 P.M.; Kensington till 6 P.M.; Bulman and Maginn, Hunter River Friday till 1 P.M.; Arthur Haslam Bradal, Friday till 11 A.M.; McEwen Campbell, 4-14-43.



G. HARRY SHEPPARD  
Who has been appointed Director General of the Personnel and Organization Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

### Dutiful Son In Nazi Army

AT THE TUNISIAN FRONT NEAR KAIROUAN, April 13—(AP)—This is the story of a dutiful son in the German army.

A youthful Nazi private captured in the fighting north of Oued Zargo told his captors that when he was called for army duty his father advised him to do three things.

First, ask for service in the Africa Corps.

Second, after arriving in Africa volunteer for the front line as soon as possible.

Third, after reaching the front line take the first opportunity to surrender.

The young soldier reached Tunisia this month and was captured Sunday.

### Restrict Export Of Atlantic Fish

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—Restrictions on the export of all types of Atlantic fish were announced today by Trade Minister Mackintosh.

Effective April 15 export permits will be required for all varieties—dried, salted or pickled—including cod, haddock, hake, herring, pollock, and mackerel.

Exemptions on Atlantic herring of the kinds known as "boaters" and "ropes" have been cancelled and these will require an export permit when shipped to any destination outside Canada.

### Urge Measures To Reduce Absenteeism

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—Taxation adjustments to reduce absenteeism in Canadian plants were urged by House of Commons members today and examination of their proposals was assured by revenue minister Gibson.

Finance Minister Tisley said it was possible that a solution might be found in copying the United Kingdom system which establishes a worker's income tax for a quarter of a year on the basis of earnings for the previous quarter. This left an incentive to increase earnings.

The House spent the afternoon in continued consideration of income tax resolutions incorporated in the budget presented by Finance Minister Tisley on March 2.

### 16 Big N.Y. Stores Fined

NEW YORK, April 13—(AP)—Sixteen of New York City's biggest department stores and the retail dry goods association of New York were fined a total of \$80,000 in Federal Court today on charges that they conspired to boycott the New York Times because the newspaper gave notice of increased advertising rates effective in May.

Coupled with the stores and association entered pleas of no contest and were given 48 hours to pay their fines of \$5,000 each.

"The New York Times did not initiate the investigation, nor did it file a complaint with the anti-trust division," said special assistant attorney general Samuel Iseska, who conducted the probe for the Department of Justice under the direction of assistant attorney general Tom C. Clark, in charge of the anti-trust division.

The Times said it planned to issue no statement.

### GOOD GOING

LONDON (CP)—An airplane letter written in Canada on Tuesday was delivered at its destination in London on the following Thursday.

### War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey's warning that the Japanese have massed 200,000 first-line troops in their Island bases above Australia would have been more alarming had it not coincided with renewed proof of the Allied rule of the skies in that area. But it came the same day that Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that Allied airmen had accounted for 37 planes out of an enemy 100-plane armada that attacked Port Moresby on Monday.

Last Wednesday the Japanese lost 29 of 96 planes attacking Allied shipping off Guadalcanal. Sunday 24 out of 45 planes raiding Oro Bay, on the Eastern New Guinea coast, were knocked out of action. Thus the score of these three actions was an even 100 planes destroyed or probably destroyed out of 243, more than 40 per cent. These figures can be hidden from the people back home, who are fed mendacious accounts of Japanese victories in which losses are confined to a few heroes who "sacrificed their lives crashing into enemy targets," in the words of the Tokyo communiques. But they can not be hidden from the 60 per cent who come back.

The enemy's air offensive in the south and southwest Pacific coincides with increased air activity over the Burma-India border and indications from the northwest Pacific that he is preparing for aerial warfare on a large scale there. Apparently a tremendous effort which has been long in the building is approaching a climax. There apparently has been feverish Japanese concentration on plane production and pilot training. The output of planes produced was sufficient numerically to meet the high command's demands, providing hundreds, even thousands, of new planes for each major war theatre.

This must have been accompanied by intensive training of replacements for the "first-string team" which Gen. Kenny said apparently had first-string calibre. Man for man a plane for plane they are not in the same league with the Allied fliers they are sent against.

### Hundreds Of Allied Planes Cross Channel

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—Hundreds of Allied fighter planes and fighter-bombers shuttled across the channel for more than three hours today to rake Axis-occupied territory from Brest to the Netherlands, attacking airfields, warehouses and railway yards.

Squadrons of British, Australian and Norwegian fighters flew over Holland and Belgium without encountering any enemy opposition, the Air Ministry announced.

Other squadrons, including two Canadian formations and one Fighting French group, escorted Allied bombers on attacks of Abberville and Caen in France, where hits were scored in railway yards.

The fighter-bombers dropped explosives on airports at Brest, Caen and St. Omer in sweeps over Northern France.

Two P-51 Mustangs were shot down by the allied raiders, who lost three of their own fighter planes.

The day British coastal command planes attacked enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast. One plane was lost in the operation.

### Four In Break From Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13—(AP)—Federal convicts sought freedom in a spectacular break from rock-bound Alcatraz penitentiary today and before nightfall all were believed accounted for—one dead, two recaptured and the fourth evidently wounded and swept to his death in the waters flowing swiftly past the island prison.

The notorious Harold Martin Brest and Fred Hunter were recaptured. Brest is serving a life term from Pennsylvania for bank robbery and kidnapping.

### Republicans Critical Of Trade Policy

WASHINGTON, April 13—(AP)—House Republicans put the Roosevelt Administration's foreign trade policy on the grid today and by their caustic questioning of witnesses served notice that it will require some democratic spade work to line up their support for renewal of the President's power to negotiate reciprocal agreements.

One of the most important agreements is with Canada.

Minority members of the Ways and Means committee intensely quizzed commerce secretary Jesse Jones and Nelson Rockefeller, co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, who urged approval of the trade pact. The tenor of most of their remarks was summed up by Rep. Thomas Jenkins of Ohio, who said:

"I'm getting a little fed up with all this good fellowship stuff."

That attitude, Rockefeller responded, is "dangerous."

### Senate Votes Down Divorce Court Bill

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—The Senate tonight voted 27-18 against a bill to allow divorce courts to dissolve marriages in which one party was presumed dead.

The bill, introduced by Senator J. W. Parris (Lab., British Columbia), was voted down on the second reading, meeting opposition from both sides of the chamber.

NEW DELHI, April 13—(CP)—The Royal Air Force bombed the Japanese-held Burma port of Akyab last night on the heels of earlier raids against enemy positions at Yegyanbin and Bangdang on Akyab Island in the Bay of Bengal, it was announced today.

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**"SARAJA" TEA**  
Despite wartime difficulties the traditional high standard of this household favourite is maintained.

### Canada Seeks Rubber From Dandelion

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—Enough seed may be obtained this year to permit commercial production of the dandelion kok-saghyz, a source of natural rubber, the agriculture department announced today.

From plantings in Canada last year, plus supplies obtained from Russia and the United States, enough roots are available to allow the planting of 35 acres this spring at experimental farms and stations, and if the yield is good, the commercial plantings will be possible.

Intensive experiments and tests are being made in connection with rubber production from the plant by the division of botany, science service, working in cooperation with the experimental farms service.

The National research council has undertaken work in connection with the extraction of the natural rubber from the plant.

The yield of roots per acre in Canadian plantings last year ranged from 8,100 pounds at Kentville, N.S. to 1,600 pounds at Winnipeg, with an average of 5,100 pounds for the first year, an average of 5,100 pounds for five experimental stations. In Russia when the crop is harvested at the end of the first year, an average of 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of cleaned roots an acre has been obtained, equal to 150 pounds to 200 pounds of crude rubber, and 75 to 100 pounds of seed.

If the crop is left for a second year, the average yield of roots is from 2,700 to 3,600 pounds and from 100 to 150 pounds of seed an acre.

Examination also is being conducted into the possibility of rubber production from the plant.

The natural rubber is necessarily employed with synthetic rubber to make the latter usable in a practical way for certain essential purposes. It was known that Russia had for some years been obtaining a supply of natural rubber from Russian dandelion known as kok-saghyz. A limited supply of kok-saghyz seed was secured as far back as the spring of 1942 and planted in quarter-acre plots at Dominion experimental stations across Canada.

### News Briefs

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA**, April 13—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, whose planes have blunted two big Japanese assaults on New Guinea by shooting down 76 of the enemy, warned today that powerful Japanese naval forces are expected to attempt to land in Australia which can be held only if the Allies keep command of the skies.

**MONTREAL**, April 13—(CP)—Rev. Philip Carrington, Bishop of Quebec, will be the chief cleric officiating at the consecration and enthronement here May 3 of Very Rev. John H. Dixon as Lord Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, it was announced today. Mr. Dixon will succeed the late Bishop Arthur Carlisle.

**MONTREAL**, April 13—(CP)—The Canadian National Steamships announced tonight that the Lady Nelson, flagship of its Canada-West Indies fleet, has been converted as Canada's first armed forces hospital ship of the war.

The new hospital ship, christened by the navy, was announced in Ottawa recently but its identity was not disclosed at that time.

practically all authorities have agreed—although there is a question as to whether they are primarily offensive or defensive.

Lieut. Gen. Thomas Blamey, chief of allied air forces in Australia, said there today that the Japanese had not only massed a great air force but also 200,000 first-line troops in the area north of Australia and that an attack might come at any time. Navy Secretary Frank Knox told reporters here that "a number of places" on New Guinea are strongly garrisoned, but he could not say whether the forces thus distributed are for attack or defence.

No Large Sea Force

"You must remember that an attack on Australia must be accompanied by tremendous sea force and there is no indication of that," Knox said. He also remarked that so far as he knew Japanese have not recently strengthened their forces in the Solomon Islands.

The heavy raids on Moresby and Guadalcanal, he ever, were described by Knox as "an indication that the Japanese are stepping up their air activity over the southern end of the Pacific battle zone."

Jap Concentrations

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### Rommel's Men Show No Sign Of Firm Stand

London Estimates Enemy Has  
210,000 Men Before Tunis And  
Bizerte.

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

### ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, April 13—(AP)—The Axis Tunisian bridgehead was shrinking rapidly today under pressure of Allied advances at the south and northwestern sides of the envelopment box being drawn up before Tunis and Bizerte.

Nowhere along the front had the enemy shown any disposition to attempt a decisive stand. Everywhere, the Allied forces were making progress.

The British 8th Army and part of the British 1st Army, moving up inexorably from the south, beat on beyond Souss and Kairouan, smashing at Marshal Rommel's rearguard while his main bodies were withdrawing through the Enfidaville line, which runs inland and northwest from the sea.

Battlefront advices late Tuesday afternoon said Allied armored units punched through meagre enemy rearguard defences south of both Enfidaville and Djebelina, towns 17 miles apart and 50 miles south of Tunis.

(The Allied-controlled Algiers radio broadcast that the Allies had occupied Enfidaville, 27 miles north of fallen Souss. Substantially all of the Italian Vittoria division had been captured, it was said.)

The British 1st army advance patrols drove north in the direction of Djebelina, an important inland road junction. French troops mopping up the grand Dorzal range captured Djebel Kersachouan, 12 miles southwest of Djebelina.

The 8th army advancing along the coastal highway from Souss, pushed back the enemy rearguard forces which attempted resistance near Lake Kelbia.

The French forces announced the capture of almost 1,000 Axis prisoners and the capture of a large amount of equipment.

To the north, other units of the British 1st army, striking out in the direction of Bizerte, captured 40 miles from Tunis, swept over a number of hill vantage points.

Nazis Have 210,000 Men

(In London it was estimated that in pulling back into a tough rectangle before Tunis and Bizerte Rommel and the northern Tunisian Axis commander, Gen. Von Arnim, would have at their command an aggregate of about 210,000 men, 150,000 of them Germans.)

An earlier German radio, modifying an earlier melancholy tone, claimed that Axis tank and motorized forces had thrown in counter-attacks about the Souss-Kairouan area which had "inflicted heavy losses and forced the British to withdraw."

While the Axis land forces were being pressed into an ever-narrowing area, the Allied air fleets continued to strike powerfully and crippling blows on the enemy, extending the assault to enemy airbases around Tunis.

### Repeated Raids Made On Jap Bases

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, April 13—(AP)—American bombers are striking repeatedly at Japanese plane concentration centres northwest of Guadalcanal, the Navy Department reported today as evidence mounting that the Pacific war is approaching a crucial new phase.

A communique disclosed five attacks against enemy bases in the Solomons Sunday evening, and Monday. Fighter planes strafed Rekata Bay, silencing anti-aircraft positions. Heavy bombers attacked Kahili. Catalina patrol bomber raided Munda. Torpedo bombers and fighters bombed and strafed Vila and nearby Ringi Cove in the central Solomons, starting fires.

All these are points which the Japanese might use in building up their air strength in the northwest. The Navy Department said that the 98-plane attack on Guadalcanal last Wednesday and their 100-plane assault on Port Moresby, New Guinea, over the weekend.

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### Princess Elizabeth Visits Tank Unit

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—Princess Elizabeth spent today with a tank battalion of the Grenadier Guards, of which she is honorary colonel, in her fifth public engagement entirely on her own.

The princess, in a utility coat and turquoise blue skirt, stood alone on a tank draped with Guards colors of red and blue and answered the Royal Salute of the troops with a smile and a nod of the head.

The Princess will be 17 on April 21.

She paced smartly along the lines of Guardsmen, pausing frequently to speak with the men.

On an upswing brim hat, the Princess wore a gold grenade pin of an officer and pinned on her lapel was a diamond brooch, badge of the regiment, given her by its officers on her 16th birthday.

When the ceremony was finished she climbed atop a tank to inspect the turret and asked to be shown how it worked.



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High tide this morning at 7:13 and tonight at 6:02.

Sun sets this evening at 7:43 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:18.

Full moon April 20, 7:11 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m. 11:40 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Leave Cape Tormentine—10:31 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:05 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 8:15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

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Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:11 a.m.

Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.