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JAP AIRCRAFT CARRIER STRADDLED BY BOMBS

Enemy May Try Invasion Of India Soon 10 Enemy Planes Downed In Raids; Details Are Few

Report Britain, Hindu Leaders Come To Terms

Only formalities remain to give India a National Government.

(By H. R. Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer)
NEW DELHI, India, April 9.—(AP)—Britain and the Hindu leaders of India were generally reported tonight to have come to terms on the delicate, danger-laden question of independence for India. The influence of the United States appeared to have carried weight in the final bargaining.

Apartment from the still open question of adherence to the compromise plan by the Muslim League, there appeared to be lacking little more than the formalities of signature and promulgation to give India a national government now, guarantee her Dominion status after the war, with a Dominion's right of secession, and place her in the front as an Asiatic bulwark of the United Nations.

The consolidation of Indian and British direction of India's war effort, as envisaged, was believed to have composed the sharpest difference between the Congress Party and British. The original plan carried by Congress to New Delhi last month provided that responsibility for the Indian defence remain in British hands.

Late last week, amid signs of a breakdown over the British plan, Johnson arrived at New Delhi. Tonight Indian commentators were calling him the hero of the hour. Although the precise part he played in the negotiations was not known, a Nationalist newspaper, the Bombay Sentinel, dubbed him a "super Cripps."

The successful formula compounded by Britain's negotiator-in-chief, Sir Stafford Cripps, and leaders of the dominant All-India Congress party was reported to provide for a clear division of functions under the projected national government for India. The original plan, Sir Archibald Wavell, British commander for India, it is said, would be supreme commander for conduct of the war under an Indian war cabinet whose defence minister would be an Indian. Both Sir Stafford and Louis Johnson, President Roosevelt's personal emissary to India, were believed to be eager that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, president of the Congress party and one of its ranking leaders, take the defence portfolio.

International At A Glance

PHILIPPINES—Bataan defenses fail; Corregidor fights on.

CEYLON—Allies bomb Jap aircraft carrier, shot down 10 Jap planes; two British cruisers lost.

BURMA—British peril grows north of Prome as Jap control of air continues.

AUSTRALIA—Allies bomb enemy shipping at Rabaul, New Britain.

MEDITERRANEAN—British submarine sinks 10,000-ton Italian cruiser.

RUSSIA—Red army breaks two German divisions on Kalinin front.

Premier King To Visit Washington

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King plans to be in Washington next Wednesday for a meeting of the Pacific war council although there has been no official announcement.

Mr. King's proposed attendance in Washington was revealed today by Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, Australian external affairs minister, in a luncheon address in the presence of Mr. Prime Minister.

From Mr. King's office it was learned that Dr. Ewart's information was correct but that no decision has been reached as to time of departure.

Coming Events

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Loss of two British ships Serious blow

Help To Open Way To India; Many Crew Members Saved.

By Drew Middleton
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 9.—(AP)—Japanese planes have sunk the British heavy cruisers Dorsetshire and Cornwall in the Indian Ocean thus helping to open the way for an invasion of India.

The Ganges basin now is left undefended at sea save for light forces, well-informed observers declared as the Admiralty announced the loss of the two heavier warships.

On the other side of the ledger but referring to a different theater, the Admiralty announced that a 10,000-ton Italian cruiser has been sunk by torpedoes from a British submarine in the central Mediterranean.

Other British communiques reported that the Japanese bombed the Ceylon naval base at Trincomalee this morning and that several Allied merchant ships had been destroyed by combined naval and air attacks in the Indian Ocean, thus making ominously apparent the scope and strength of the Japanese thrust across the Bay of Bengal.

After 9,975-ton Dorsetshire—whose torpedoes supplied the coup de grace to the German battleship Bismarck in the Atlantic last May—left from reinforcement, apparently were seeking the Japanese naval squadron whose carriers launched planes against Colombo Sunday.

"Aircraft from these very carriers found them and destroyed them before they were able to close to gunnery range," declared one London source.

"The date and place of the sinkings were not given. More than 200 crew members were saved."

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Maritime Hay Shipped to Quebec

AMHERST, N.S., April 9.—(CP)—Reversing the normal procedure under which hay is usually imported into the Maritime Provinces from Quebec more than 1,000 tons have been shipped to the St. Lawrence this year it in the Maritimes because of last year's drought in Quebec.

Charles Lo, an salesman who has shipped more than 700 tons from this section of Nova Scotia and added that an even greater tonnage has been sent to Quebec from New Brunswick's Westmorland County.

Prepared to Blow up oil Wells in Burma

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)—With the Japanese only 30 miles from the hard-pressed and outnumbered British defenders of the Irrawaddy river valley were prepared tonight to burn and blow up the wells.

Although bad atmospheric conditions interfered with radio communications, well-informed sources here said the British forces were ready to "scorch" the oil properties if the Japanese and Rebelious Burmese continued their flanking progress.

The defenders were described as outnumbered three to one on the ground and 10 to one in the air. Delayed despatches direct from the front referred to the complete absence of allied air support for ground troops.

From the eastern end of the Burma lines, held by Chinese forces, the Chinese report that they were in contact with the Japanese but that there had been little activity in the past 24 hours.

The Chinese continued fighting on the east-west road between Toungoo and Mawchi and said there were other minor patrol engagements a long the Siamese border.

10 To 20 Jap Planes Destroyed In Battle

CHUNGKING, China, April 10.—(FRIDAY)—The American volunteer group of fliers reported today the destruction of 10 out of 20 Japanese fighter planes in an air battle Wednesday afternoon over Leyte, the southern Yunnan Province. The A.V.G. suffered no losses.

Two other Japanese planes were so severely damaged they were not expected to be able to reach their base, said the A.V.G. communique, issued at headquarters "somewhere in Yunnan." All the Japanese planes were of the Navy "zero" type.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
The fall at long last of Bataan peninsula and British naval losses in the Bay of Bengal combine to darken the war outlook for the United Nations in the Pacific-Indian Oceans theater.

Of the two blows, the sinking of two British heavy cruisers by Japanese bombs may prove the most immediately serious unless powerful British fleet and air reinforcements have reached Indian waters. It indicates that the fight for mastery of the Indian Ocean is going against the allies. And on control of the sea lanes in that ocean largely hinges the fate of Burma if not India—and of Chinese effectiveness in the war.

It was conceded from the first that the gallant but exhausted American-Filipino troops must ultimately succumb to the overwhelming odds against them if Japan was prepared to pay the blood cost of sustained frontal attack.

At this writing there was no word whether the United States garrison still held Corregidor. But with Bataan lost there could be no hope that the Manila harbor forts could long hold out. Bataan's fall meant that Corregidor fortress was brought under close range fire of Japanese big guns on the peninsula.

That was the grim fact confronting Gen. Wainwright once the Japanese broke his front on Bataan and his weary reserves were unable to close the break. It is the fact that President Roosevelt weighed in granting Wainwright authority to end the struggle if he deemed it hopeless.

That the disclosure of the size of the disaster will come as a shock to the United States public goes without saying. It is to be expected that the President will take early occasion to renew his pleas for national unity and utter resolve to fight to the bitter end.

The loss to the United Nations cannot be counted solely in the numbers of those American-Filipino troops who achieved a miracle in deferring the tragic finale. The end of that struggle has ill portents elsewhere. It must release Japanese heavy forces and battle equipment soon for use against Burma, India or Australia.

Heroic Defenders Of Bataan Are Overcome

Overwhelming Jap superiority finally forces defeat on exhausted American-Filipino Troops.

By Richard L. Turner
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(AP)—The heroic epic of Bataan Peninsula, ended today with the Japanese victory through the overwhelming weight of hordes of fresh troops—and with most of the 6,883 American and Filipino soldiers facing death or captivity.

Cut off from reinforcement, outnumbered by six, seven or even eight to one, deficient in air power, and exhausted by short rations, disease and constant battle, the courageous force was forced to a bitter but inevitable defeat.

For days, the Japs had been attacking in waves, sending fresh troops against sleepless and fatigued defenders.

Today, Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, who took command when Gen. Douglas MacArthur was transferred to Australia, reported that the enemy had revealed his eastern flank manned by his second corps.

To relieve the situation he ordered the first corps to counter attack. It did, but the "complete physical exhaustion" of the troops made it unsuccessful. In view of these developments the War Department concluded and announced that "this situation indicates the probability that the defenses of Bataan have been overcome."

And to this, War Secretary Henry Stimson added at a press conference.

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Germans Talk Final Settlement

ISTANBUL, Turkey, April 9.—(AP)—Informed German circles in Istanbul today were talking about "a final settlement" between Germany and France which, they said, would involve cession of the entire French Fleet to the German Navy.

This idea began with the return to Turkey of Franz Von Papen, German Ambassador, from a brief trip to Berlin.

In addition, according to this story, the Germans want France to sign over both Casablanca in Morocco and Dakar in Senegal, Germany, in return for these major concessions, would release all French prisoners of war, allow Marshal Petain's Government to return to Paris and sign a Peace Treaty.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

Seek to have Nfld. - bound Planes call here

Steamship Service To Ancient Colony Discussed.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade will press to have Trans Canada Air Lines make this city a port of call in the proposed Moncton-Sydney Newfoundland air service, it was decided at a Council meeting held last night in The Charlottetown. Belief that the proposed improvements to the Railway wharf would be carried through was expressed by Mr. S. A. MacLeod, and possibility of the commencement of a steamship service between Charlottetown and Newfoundland within the next two weeks, was voiced by Dr. J. A. Clark.

In connection with the improvement of the Charlottetown dock facilities, a letter from Col. the Hon. J. L. Ralston informed the Board that the matter would be discussed.

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Red Troops Break two Nazi divisions

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)—Red army troops were reported tonight to have broken two German divisions on one sector of the north-western Kalinin front after the Nazis had attempted a surprise counter-attack.

The Moscow radio said the Germans suffered heavily, and then retreated.

A supplementary Russian communique also said that 900 Nazis were slain on this front, but it was not clear whether this referred to the same engagement in the western sector toward Smolensk, as the Russians said their troops had occupied 40 more Nazi depots.

The regular midday Soviet communique said no substantial changes occurred on the front today, but that the Soviets scored a 25-to-6 aerial victory Wednesday over the Germans.

Teachers hold Final Session Of Convention

Hon. Mark R. McGuigan Is Speaker; Mr. Pius Callaghan Elected Preside.

At the closing session of P. E. I. T. P. held in P.W.C. Auditorium yesterday morning, Hon. Mark R. McGuigan, K. C., Minister of Education addressed the teachers.

The Minister first thanked the teachers for their invitation to luncheon at the "Charlottetown" on Wednesday afternoon. He then complimented and commended the Executive, particularly the President and General-Secretary for their splendid work and efforts in the interests of Education in this Province and asked for continued cooperation and assistance in the future.

Mr. McGuigan then pointed out the three most important achievements in the educational field during the past year.

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Japs May Be Seeking To Cut Pacific Supply Lines

Enemy raids Florida Island in Solomon group off northeast Australia.

MELBOURNE, April 9.—(AP)—A Japanese air raid on the Florida Island capital of Tulagi, administrative centre of the Solomon group across the Coral Sea from northeastern Australia, stirred fears anew tonight that the Japanese might be clearing the way for a stab closer to the vital supply lane from the United States.

Reports from Port Moresby said allied bombers countered quickly with an attack of their own this afternoon on Rabaul, Japanese-held base on New Britain which serves the invaders as a stepping stone from their foothold on New Guinea to the Solomons.

Many Japanese aircraft, caught on the ground in the surprise blow at Rabaul base, were destroyed.

Set maximum Price for scrap In Maritimes

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—Large supplies of scrap iron and steel in the more remote areas of the western provinces are expected to be made available for war purposes under a new price policy ordered by Steel Controller Kilbourn.

Other orders set the maximum price to be paid for scrap in the Maritime Provinces and in British Columbia. With the demand for scrap increasing to meet war needs prices throughout Canada have been placed under strict control. Previous orders regulated prices in Ontario and Quebec.

Heavy freight charges have in the past hindered dealers from buying scrap in the Peace River district and other western areas distant from cities where the dealer consumer at basins points. Under the new order a "cellar" price to be paid to the dealer has been established, the price received by the individual selling to the dealer will be slightly below this price to allow for handling and loading costs.

In New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island where there is no serious freight problem, prices are controlled, as in Ontario and Quebec, by maximum prices which may be paid by the ultimate consumer at basins points. Under this plan the maximum price for cast iron scrap at Moncton, N.B., Sackville, N.B., and Amherst, N.S., is \$21.50 a ton.

The prices will be proportionately less where freight charges are incurred and allowance will also be made for loading and handling in the price individuals receive. Cast iron scrap in the Maritime Provinces is expected by steel control officials to average between \$16 and \$17 a ton paid to the dealer.

British Defy Bad Weather

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)—A large number of British bombers defied bad weather last night to make the important north German port of Hamburg and other objectives both in northwest Germany and in German-occupied France.

Docks at Le Havre were one objective in France. Six bombers were lost in the raids.

The Air Ministry disclosed also that torpedo bombers of the Coastal Command attacked a convoy of enemy supply ships off the coast of Jutland yesterday afternoon. The results were not observed. Two British planes were lost.

News Briefs

LONDON, April 9.—(CP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, in a broadcast tribute to the Norwegian people tonight, said their navy had grown from two destroyers, a single submarine and a few smaller vessels which survived May, 1940, to 60 warships today.

MONTREAL, April 9.—(CP)—The funeral of Miss Martha Allan, playwright, producer, actress and founder of the Montreal Repertory Theatre, was held here today. Miss Allan died in Victoria, B. C. Saturday.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 9.—(AP)—C. S. Taussig, American co-chairman of the Anglo-American Caribbean commission, said today that the food situation in the Caribbean "is much more acute than is generally realized" because of shipping problems which may force a readjustment of this island's plotted sugar crops.

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, husband of Crown Princess Juliana, slipped unobtrusively into Ottawa today after a flight from the United Kingdom.

His visit to North America, the second he has made in about a year, is "partly a surprise for his family" but he will also conduct business for the Netherlands government, his Royal Highness told The Canadian Press by telephone from his family's modest home in suburban Rockcliffe.



High tide this morning at 6.41 and this evening at 6.12. Sun sets this evening at 6.08 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.24. New moon April 15, 9.33 a.m. BORDEN - CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE Leave BORDEN 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.