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U.S. Announces Loss Of 3 Ships In Pacific

Aircraft Tender & Fleet Tanker went down in 52-hour running battle with enemy bombing planes.

WASHINGTON, April 3—(AP)—The aircraft tender Langley, destroyer Peary and naval tanker Peccos have been bombed and sunk by the Japanese in the southwest Pacific, the United States navy announced today.

Levy heavy Toll of Raiders Over Malta

A BRITISH AIRDROME SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT April 3—(AP)—A squad of R. A. F. airmen who saw British fighter planes and anti-aircraft batteries take the heaviest toll of the enemy so far levied over Malta arrived today singing the praises of the bomb-battered island's defenses.

British deny Reports Japs Land at Akyab

Prome Had Been Western Strong Point In Burma Defence Lines.

NEW DELHI, India, April 3—(AP)—Extreme Japanese pressure in a night-long battle in the jungle country along the Irrawaddy river forced the British troops to withdraw northward today from Prome, heretofore the western strong point of the Burma defence lines.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst) Contour maps of the Prome area in Burma indicate there are far stronger defensive positions available to the British forces north of the town than any the Japanese have yet encountered in their northward surge up the Irrawaddy river valley.

Just now far British lines have been withdrawn from Prome to the town itself was of small value to the defence of the Irrawaddy oil fields more than 100 miles farther north.

Just southeast of Prome within less than 10 miles is a 500-foot hill upstart from the level valley floor. It lies east of the river and west of the Prome-Tharavaddy railroad. New Delhi reports indicate it was Japanese capture of this height which forced the British to withdraw from Prome.

Immediately northwest of the town, however, a 90-foot jungle-clad peak juts up. If that still is in British hands, Prome can be held a narrow land, untenable by either side, and with the advantage of higher ground with the British side.

The narrowest point in the valley of the Irrawaddy lies just north of Prome. A sharp butress spur of the Arakan Yomas mountains to the west comes down virtually to the bank of the Irrawaddy at that point. Arakan ridge which shows 5,000-foot level passes in that sector but no roads.

That spur forms a powerful barrier to the Japanese advance up the west side of the valley beyond Prome. It is especially important in British defence strategy. Heavy jungle growths cover it to offer effective shelter to troops from air attack.

East of the Irrawaddy and north of Prome, there is a 500-foot peak dominating the road to Mandalay which swings eastward from the river.

Between the Irrawaddy and Sittang rivers rises the Pegu Yoma range, far less rugged than the Arakan Yomas but still studded with sharp peaks that would afford the defenders successive gun positions overlooking all approaches from the south. A westward spur of the Pegu Yomas, which marks the northern boundary of the Prome district, comes down to within 10 miles or less of the Irrawaddy to form the Prome waistline north of the town.

On the map, that waistline is strongly indicated as the predetermined ground for a major British stand to hold the Irrawaddy gateway. Events eastward beyond the Pegu Yomas on the Chinese-held left flank in the Sittang valley, however, must be considered in weighing British chances of halting the Irrawaddy drive until the monsoon breaks late this month or in May.

Loss of Toungoo, the eastern anchor of the Anglo-Chinese defence front, and the evacuation of Prome appear to have ruptured road contact between the two wings of the front. It may compel deeper Chinese withdrawals and expose the east flank of the British Prome waistline front, compelling a further retirement.

As far as the present lines can be mapped from the meagre information available, however, there seems good reason to expect an increasingly stubborn allied retreat step by step, bolstered by strong natural defensive positions and calculated to slow the Japanese advance until the wet monsoon comes to halt major action.

Kai - Shek in Appeal to Indian Leaders

NEW DELHI, India, April 3—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was understood today to have appealed to India's leaders to reconsider the formula by which Britain seeks that sub-continent's full co-operation against the Axis in return for Indian independence after the war.

The precise nature of the Generalissimo's intervention was not known; specifically it was not disclosed whether he had urged India's acceptance of the most controversial point—Britain's insistence that she retain control of Indian defence for the emergency period.

Lindbergh Goes to work

DETROIT, April 3—(AP)—Wearing an historic leopel a badge bearing his picture, like all other war plant workers in the Detroit area, Charles A. Lindbergh went to work at the Ford motor plant at Willow Run today.

"I want to contribute as effectively as I can to the war effort," he said. "Now that we are in the war it is everybody's duty to do what he can to help."

The flyer will devote his time at the bomber plant to aeronautical and engineering research.

Woman widowed In gun duel Dies of wounds

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 3—(AP)—Mrs. Evelyn Westrom, widowed in a blazing gun duel between two retired army majors, died today of a bullet wound suffered as an innocent bystander.

Her husband, Maj. William H. Westrom, 45, was killed last night in the point blank exchange of shots with Maj. Buell Hammett, 44. He was shot six times with a .45-calibre automatic pistol.

The gunplay, Police Chief Fred Hoelscher said, grew out of a quarrel over whether the Santa Barbara Home Guard unit should be trained as a guerrilla force or integrated into the State Guard.

Mrs. Westrom, mother of two children, suffered a head wound from which she failed to regain consciousness. Chief Hoelscher said it had not been determined from which gun it came.

Hammett was shot in the hip, a .38-calibre bullet fracturing his pelvic bone. Physicians said he would recover.

Deputy District Attorney David Linn questioning Hammett in hospital, said the survivor of the duel told him Westrom fired first, adding:

"I don't know how many times he fired, but the reason I was shot down low in the groin, I think, was because I pushed his hand down. Then I started to shoot. I don't know how many times I fired. I tried to hit him in the shoulder so that he couldn't use his gun to shoot me any more. I can't understand how Mrs. Westrom was injured. I never saw her until it was all over and then I saw her lying on the floor."

War Risk Insurance Is Given Boost

LONDON, April 3—(CP)—London underwriters announced today sharp increases in war risk insurance for shipping in line with the recent intensification of the war at sea.

The following new rates were listed:— Ten per cent (former rate six per cent) to and from ports in North America and South America, Australia south of 25 degrees latitude, and New Zealand (excluding Pacific ports via Pacific Ocean routes);

Seven per cent (formerly six per cent)—Pacific ports via the Pacific; Fifteen per cent (formerly 7 1/2)—Australia north of 25 degrees latitude, the Pacific Islands, India and the Persian Gulf.

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Soviet winter offensive appears to have slowed to almost standstill.

(By William B. King, Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, April 3—(AP)—Russian guerillas striking in the Smolensk sector 230 miles west of Moscow were declared officially tonight to have inflicted heavy losses on German troops and to have destroyed 38 bridges and vital equipment stores needed for Hitler's spring push.

Soviet announcements in Moscow indicated that the sharpest fighting along the front still is in the northwest. A communiqué said one Red army detachment killed more than 450 Nazis in a single day's fighting in that area, presumably near Lake Ilmen.

The Germans also were reported to have thrown out of several populated places along the front, but these were not identified by the Russians who early today reported a 13-day toll of more than 25,000 German dead.

Announcements in Moscow and claims in Berlin indicated only sharp patrol forays elsewhere along the vast front where both sides are gathering huge reserves for the summer 1942 test.

After days of reporting virtually unceasing Russian attacks, the German high command said that although "heavy local thrusts" were encountered, "on the whole a lessening of enemy activity in the east is noticeable." The Germans said "a fairly large number of villages was taken."

A late German radio report said the heaviest fighting of the day was going on north of Lake Ilmen, where the Russians attacked under artillery cover and on the central front, where German dive bombers attacked Red army communications.

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Jap Cruiser Set afire, other Ships damaged

LONDON, April 4—(Saturday)—(CP)—American flying fortresses, operating from new bases in India, set fire to a Japanese cruiser and probably damaged two other ships in the Bay of Bengal in their first activity on the Burma front, the New Delhi correspondent of the Daily Sketch reported today.

The dispatch said Maj.-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, head of the United States army's Indian air force, personally led the attack. The American planes returned unscathed.

News of the smashing attack came in the first American communiqué issued at New Delhi.

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Coming Events

Unloading car mill feeds until Monday, April 6th. T. J. Klockham. L-24-4-2-4.

Cake Sale in aid of St. Vincent's Orphanage, Saturday, April 4th. Holmans. L-1310-3-31-4-2-4.

Corran Bann, April 6th. Box Social Dance, McInnis Orchestra. L-66-4-4-11.

Pleasant Valley, Y. P. U. Service, Sunday, 7.30. Melbourne MacDowell, Speaker. L-53-4-4-11.

Zion Easter Cake Sale Rogers Hardware Store, Saturday, 2 P.M. L-1401-4-2-4.

Due to arrive cars double cleaned bulk order now. George Dinsdale Gunjan and Boyle. L-1317-3-31-5.

Dance and Concert Easter Monday night in Hope River Parish Hall. Music by George Chappell The Merry Islanders. L-1386-4-2-4-6.

Loading Hogs every Monday (all day) at Souris. George Dinsdale Gunjan and Boyle. L-901-12-31-1-2-Thru-Fri-4.

Loading Hogs every Tuesday and 2 P.M. at Souris. George Dinsdale Gunjan and Boyle. L-1115-3-21-Fri-Sat-11.

Don't forget dance in Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday, April 8. Admission 40 cents. R.A.F. orchestra. Proceeds Spittire fund. L-86-4-4-21.

Buying pigs at Charlottetown Market Square Friday, Fredericton Tuesday. Breadalbane Tuesday. Hunter River Wednesday 10 A.M. New Glasgow 11 A.M. North Westville 2 P.M. \$3.00 per pair for pigs over 18 pounds. L-1307-3-28-5-11.

Will have several car loads oats and barley arriving this month, distributing from Albany to Montague, first car unloading at Milton, second car Westville. Watch this column for arriving date at Stations. Farmers write in different sections to book orders and mail or phone P. J. Martin, Hunter River. L-83-4-4-31.

Loss of Destroyer Heythrop Announced

LONDON, April 3—(CP)—The admiralty announced today that the destroyer Heythrop had been sunk. The nature or the locale of the action was not announced.

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News Briefs

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WASHINGTON, April 3—(AP)—The defenders of the Philippines' Bataan peninsula repulsed several light Japanese attacks last night, the war department said in a communique today, and inflicted "considerable enemy losses."

LONDON, April 3—(CP)—Lt.-Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of the British forces in Burma, has been promoted to full generalship, the official gazette announced tonight.

MELBOURNE, April 3—(AP)—An official report by Lt.-Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett on the disastrous Malayan campaign, which is expected to provide valuable information for mapping Australia's defence, will be submitted to the cabinet and advisory war council this week-end.

OTTAWA, April 3—(CP)—The householder who buys his fuel before he needs it will be exempt from any charge of hoarding, wartime prices and trade board said today.

Gun Sites Guarded To get into one of these gun sites is like trying to get into the Ottawa mint. Guards check you over a couple of times and then you pass through a maze of capital wire that would stop an enemy.

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Former President Of Sun Life dies

MONTREAL, April 3—(CP)—For many years a leading figure in Canadian finance, Thomas Bassett Macaulay died at his nearby Hudson Heights model farm, after an illness of 10 days. He was 81.

After serving 20 years as president of the Sun Life Assurance Company, Mr. Macaulay retired in 1934 to take up his favorite hobby—farming. He had served the assurance firm for 57 years and any time he could spare from a business career he devoted to developing his Hudson Heights model farm.

Mr. Macaulay held a wide variety of offices. He was president of the Canadian West Indian League and a director of the National Trust Company and the Montreal Light Heat and Power Company.

Many Islanders Serve Big Anti-Aircraft Guns

Are prepared to deal flaming death to enemy raiders if they seek to attack London.

(Editor's note: In this, the first of two stories on the R. Y. I. Canadian Artillery's part in the defence of London, R. S. Munro, Canadian Press War Correspondent, tells of a visit to a heavy anti-aircraft unit.)

By Ross Munro Canadian Press War Correspondent LONDON, April 2—(CP)—Protected by massive steel, brick and concrete emplacements, tremendous anti-aircraft guns manned by a heavy anti-aircraft regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery are ready to deal flaming death to enemy raiders if they attack this city again in strength.

These Canadians landed in Britain last fall and already are on active operations on key gun sites at the rim of the network of defences which encircle the capital. Serving beside British "ack ack" regiments, they have the best Canadian artillery assignment overseas and are working with rapid location, which plots aerial targets for the guns with uncanny accuracy.

When London's new anti-aircraft defences open up again, the batteries will probably make the ones of a year ago look like a fifth-rate fireworks display. And these can't be in there blasting away with salvos that will break windows in houses for miles around.

C. C. F. In Ontario Elect New Leader TORONTO, April 3—(CP)—Edward B. Joffe, 33-year-old Toronto lawyer, today was elected leader of the Ontario section of the co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

He defeated Murray Cotterill of Toronto but figures were not announced. President Sam Lawrence of Hamilton said merely that Joffe obtained a majority of the vote.

Of 17 candidates nominated only Joffe and Cotterill stood for election.

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High tide this afternoon at 12.4 and tomorrow morning at 1.34. Sun sets this evening at 6.31 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.34. Last quarter moon April 7, 11.45 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown. BORDEN—CAPE FORMENTINE SERVICE Leave Borden 9.25 A.M. 1.00 P.M. Leave Cape Formentine 11.00 A.M. 3.20 P.M.

THERE'S GONNA BE A LOT-TA STRANGE FACES IN CHURCH EASTER