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Dear Mr. Carter:-

My son S/Sgt Wilfred F. Piper of Ft Worth now stationed with the 5th Air Force in New Guinea & a resident of your city writes so often about you boy. He knew before I did about his plight in Germany- & I want to ask a favor of you-

I am making scrap-books for him, & my fifth now- & I would appreciate a picture of your boy for my scrap-book- either a photo or clipping.

He has a cousin who is a prisoner of war in Germany at Stalag 7-A. & across his letters are written these words

KRIEGSGEFANGENE-POST
with the instructions as to the sender's name & address-

Enclosed is a little Guinea Gold paper published for the boys there.

I will greatly appreciate a photo of your paper if it is not too much to ask. Give my best regards to my old friend Webb Walker. I am a native of Ft W- "gone Dallas wrong"

Ruby Rose Piper

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NOT FOR SALE

MARINES OCCUPY ISLANDS WITHIN 550 MILES OF TRUK BATTLESHIPS SHELL KAVIENG



●**SKILLED AWAS:** These AWAS are being specially schooled in signal work in Queensland. Many of them probably will go to the Northern Territory, where the first large group of AWAS for this area has just arrived.

Better News From Cassino: NZ Troops Make Steady Progress
HEAVY hand to hand fighting is continuing in Cassino, but in spite of the strong opposition, New Zealand troops are still making steady progress.

THEY have made further inroads into the Nazis' defenses in the western outskirts of Cassino and taken many prisoners. Artillery on both sides is still operating on a large scale, but the Allies are gradually gaining the upper hand in these sustained duels. A number of enemy gun positions on Monastery Hill have been knocked out.

In spite of severe losses, the Nazis are still sending reinforcements to hold the small area still under their control at the western side of the town. Under heavy pressure, the New Zealanders were forced to withdraw from the rubble of the Continental Hotel early on Tuesday, but later regained their ground.

Railways Hit

Allied bombers have struck further heavy blows at German rail communications serving the battle areas, the chief attacks being made on railway yards and viaducts in the Rome area. Other aircraft raided enemy targets in the Anzio zone, including gun positions, troop concentrations and supply dumps.

On Tuesday, Allied air forces in Italy flew about 800 sorties compared with 40 by the Luftwaffe. Four enemy aircraft were shot down. Four Allied machines are missing.

NO EASY WAY OUT FOR BULGARIA

REPLYING to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, the British Foreign Minister (Mr. Eden) said there was no suggestion that Bulgaria would be offered Greek or Yugoslav territory as an inducement to her to get out of the war. The Government's attitude was that any terms offered to Bulgaria must be acceptable to Allied nations concerned.

NO MERCY FOR VICHYITES

THE US Government has strongly denied a report that when France is liberated America might find it convenient to use some Vichy officials.

An official statement issued yesterday declared that no loyal Allied supporter would make such a declaration. The US would have no contact with the Vichy Government—except for the purpose of abolishing it.

STOP PRESS

●**BURMA:** Japanese raiding columns have crossed the Indian border from north-western Burma. Other Japanese forces are continuing to advance slowly against fierce British opposition east of the border. North of this front other British forces have made a slight withdrawal in the Chin Hills to offset an enemy outflanking movement.

●**ITALY:** German troops have regained some positions at the southern side of Cassino after an infiltration movement. At the eastern side of Cassino, British troops made an attempt to take German gun-posts, but were forced to withdraw after encountering a thickly-sown minefield. Heavy fighting is continuing in the ruins of Cassino township and in nearby hills.

●**GERMANY:** A late broadcast by the BBC states that US heavy bombers were reported over Germany yesterday morning. Berlin radio stated that US formations had been intercepted over north-western Germany and later announced that the bombers had penetrated to central Germany. Soon afterwards several German radio stations went off the air.

AMERICAN Marines have gained another important strategic success in the South Pacific by capturing Emirau and Elomusio Islands in the St. Matthias group—north-west of the major Japanese base of Kavieng (New Ireland).

Simultaneous with the St. Matthias operations, a U.S. Task Force which included battleships, cruisers and destroyers, bombarded Kavieng for three and a half hours pouring 1000 tons of shells into the enemy base. Whole sections of the town were wiped out and other parts severely damaged.

Chief value of the Matthias landings is that they complete the isolation of enemy bases in the Bismarck Archipelago and provide the Allies with another base within bombing range of Truk—only 550 miles distant.

THE Marines were strongly supported by air and sea forces which laid down a terrific bombardment. No resistance has been reported during the operations on Elomusio Island, and the slight resistance met on Emirau was quickly crushed. Among the prizes was a Japanese radio station.

Emirau Island is about eight miles long and is quite suitable for a number of airfields. There are no air bases on the island at present.

Battleships' Debut

The participation of battleships in the bombardment of Kavieng is the first report of capital ships in the Bismarck Sea. During the sustained bombardment shore batteries were silenced, an ammunition dump was exploded and numerous fires started. A great pall of black smoke rolled over Kavieng Harbor as the huge weight of shells found their targets.

Yesterday's GHQ communique also reported attacks by Liberators on Kavieng. Operating from the Solomons, the big bombers at

midday dropped 55 tons of high explosives on Panapal airdrome, causing heavy damage to runways and many fires. Allied night patrols also bombed the Kavieng area.

The tempo of the offensive on Rabaul has slackened, but yesterday's communique recorded two attacks on the once powerful enemy base—one by mediums at midday and the other by night patrols.

The main weight of the day attack fell on supply areas at Vunapope.

No enemy air interception was reported in any of the attacks on Rabaul or Kavieng or during the landings in the St. Matthias Islands.

D. of I. Takes Over A.B.C. Short Wave Service

IN future, the ABC short-wave service is to be administered by the Department of Information. This was announced yesterday by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

Allied Planes Intensify Blitz On Jap Positions In North NG

CONTINUING their intensified operations in north-western New Guinea, Allied bombers dropped more than 120 tons of bombs in a concentrated attack on Aitape, between Wewak and the border of Dutch N.G.

YESTERDAY'S GHQ communique also reported a successful attack on shipping at Hollandia, the important enemy base in Dutch New Guinea, and other air assaults on targets ranging from New Guinea to New Britain and the Solomons.

In the attack on Aitape, the Tadgi airfield, bivouac areas and supply dumps, were heavily pounded. Runways were torn up, and many grounded aircraft were destroyed. The Allied force suffered no losses.

A lone Liberator on night patrol scored direct hits on a 6000-ton freighter-transport near Hollandia, and also halted a gunboat with near misses.

Other bombers continued the pounding of Japanese positions along the Madang-Alexishafen coast, causing explosions and fires.

In operations over New Britain, Mitchells dropped 28 tons on enemy supply areas near Open Bay and patrols destroyed or damaged six barges at Cape Hoskins. Escorted dive-bombers attacked en-

emy shore installations at Cape St. George, causing widespread damage.

At Bougainville (northern Solomons), torpedo and dive-bombers hit enemy positions near the American perimeter at Empress Augusta Bay, and air and naval units destroyed a number of barges in the Buka area.

WOOLCOTT FORBES SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

JOHN Woolcott Forbes, company director, was sent to gaol for five years by Mr. Justice Street in the Central Criminal Court, Sydney, yesterday after he had been found guilty of forgery.

AFTER sentence had been passed, Forbes made a bitter attack on the judge, the Crown and a detective engaged in the case.

When the jury returned to give its verdict, one of the jurymen told the court that during the trial a man had offered him £200 to influence other jurymen in favor of Forbes. He rejected the offer.

SITUATION "TRULY GRAVE", SAYS TOJO

PREMIER TOJO told the Diet at Tokyo yesterday that the war situation in the Pacific had become extremely acute in the past few months and was now "truly grave."

The position did not permit a moments delay in bringing the Japanese nation to its full strength, Tojo said. New attacks by Americans would probably carry more weight than ever before. The fate of the Japanese Empire depended on the outcome of these battles, Tojo added.

Huge Flow Of Lava From Vesuvius

THE volcano of Mt. Vesuvius flared up in a new eruption yesterday, greatly increasing the flow of lava which has been spreading down the mountainside for some days. Latest reports state that a column of smoke 5000ft high is rolling over Naples. The lava flow in some places is 30ft deep and more than 200 yards wide. From close quarters it appears like a great mass of crimson cinders, and is carrying huge boulders down the mountainside. Authorities claim that the eruption is the worst since 1871.

Allied troops are assisting villagers to vacate their homes.

Maj. Gen. Patch To Lead Seventh Army

MAJ.-GEN. PATCH, who commanded the American land forces at Guadalcanal, has been appointed to succeed Lt.-Gen. Patton as commander of the US Seventh Army.

An official Washington statement announcing this yesterday added that Lt.-Gen. Patton would be placed in command of another army at an "undisclosed location."

Several applications on his behalf for bail following his return to Australia were refused.

Thought Mother Was Devil

NEW YORK: Miss Winifred Fairchild, 64, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of suspicion of murder after she had admitted to Police Captain Leroy Sanderson that she had beaten and choked her 87-years-old invalid mother "to eradicate the devil." Captain Sanderson quoted Miss Fairchild as saying that several days ago she was feeding her mother, Mrs. Lucky Fairchild, and "I saw a twinkle in her eyes. I thought she was the devil." Friday night she added, she saw the twinkle again, "and the Lord said to fight it as I struck her with a shoe and tried to shake the devil out of her."

1,600,000 Join Four-H Club

WASHINGTON: The Four-H club, a rural youth organization sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture, has a voluntary membership of more than 1,600,000, according to the Emporia (Kansas) "Gazette."

The "Gazette" says the Four-H club is the youths' own organization. The youths plan the programs and carry them out. "Six or eight years in club work makes a better citizen of any boy or girl," the newspaper declares. "In the background of any successful club is an interested community leader or leaders and interested parents. Leaders give generously of their time and talents. They attend leaders' conferences and training schools; they attend club meetings; and they assist members in projects in agriculture and home making."

GIRL STUDENT OWNS TO BOY BEATINGS

CHICAGO (Ill.): Jean Kossman, 17, student, walked into Jefferson Park police station Saturday and confessed that she could restrain herself from beating small boys over the head with a monkey wrench. The police had been investigating two cases in which small boys had been beaten up in parks. Kossman told the police she prowled through parks with the wrench, enticed small boys into dark spots and then beat them over the head. Her father said: "Jean has a small brother, aged 10, but she has never bashed him."

Lewis Calls U.S. Coal Miners To Work On Traditional 8-Hr. Day

WASHINGTON: The United Mine Workers' President, John L. Lewis, Tuesday called US coal miners to comply with a Government request to work April 1, the traditional holiday commemorating the achievement of the eight-hour day.

LEWIS, in a telegram to all union district officials, said: "Our Government has urged us to work April 1 in view of the great need for coal to be used in the successful prosecution of our nation's war effort. Time and a half will be paid for work on that day only if it is sixth consecutive day worked that week. You are hereby authorized to notify our men to comply with this request and we bespeak your fullest co-operation in the carrying out of this policy."

Brig. Young O.D.T. Chief

WASHINGTON: Brig.-Gen. C. D. Young, retired, has been appointed acting director of the Office of Defense Transportation until a permanent successor is named. Young will be given full powers by Roosevelt to perform all duties and functions of the office. The death of ODT director Joseph B. Eastman last week caused the vacancy.

GOWNS FOR GIRL G-I's

WASHINGTON: For six months WACS in uniform were denied the thrill of filmy gowns to be worn by the bride in uniform, but now the Army has relented and today's trousseau can be traditionally satin, lacy as a civilian might choose.

US GOV. TO SELL SURPLUS WAR MATERIAL WORTH BILLIONS

WASHINGTON: The Government will sell billions of dollars worth of surplus war goods to aid small businesses and discourage the growth of monopolies, Surplus War Property Administrator Will Clayton, announced Saturday.

HE indicated he was in complete accord with Baruch report recommendations on the handling of war and post-war problems, particularly proposals that all sales of surplus war goods be transacted "in a goldfish bowl."

Said Clayton: "Why not? The public—the taxpayers—should know everything that goes on in this office. It probably would not be wise, however, to give full publicity to negotiations for the sale of war surpluses, but once the negotiations are completed the public is entitled to every scrap of information, and I'm always going to be in a position to give it to them."

United Press reported Clayton as having said that probably there would be no general policy to govern the sale of surpluses. He explained sales must be conditioned to circumstances existing when and where sales were made but he emphasized that within reason the stable policy would be pursued for all sections of the nation.

TANK, AUTO COLLIDE

LOS ANGELES: Sparks from metal flew in the city's streets Tuesday as an automobile and a 16-ton Army tank collided at an intersection, injuring the car's five occupants. Estimated damage to the automobile was \$900 dollars and to the tank \$2 dollars.

Rob Hope Gets Wings

JACKSONVILLE (Fla.): Come-dian Bob Hope Tuesday was presented with airman's wings at the graduation exercises of naval air crewmen at the Naval Air Station. Commander John S. Thach presented the wings, which made Hope an honorary air crewman, in recognition of his efforts to take "good hearty American laughter to men on every fighting front from the Aleutian Islands to Africa."

'DON'T WORRY, GIRLS'

PHILADELPHIA: Osa Johnson, explorer, says that girls at home need not worry about losing their soldier boy-friends' hearts in the Solomons. "The women there are ugly, dirty and smelly. There are no Dorothy Lamours," she declared.

LAUNCH TEN CARGO SHIPS IN WEEK

WASHINGTON: The US Maritime Commission has announced the launching of 10 merchant vessels last week. These launchings brought the total for the year to 341 and the total since December 7, 1941 to 3065.

The launchings since January 1, 1944, included 12 Victory ships, 194 Liberty ships, 113 miscellaneous vessels and 21 special types.

8000 TERRORISED BY ARMED YOUTH

BRUNSWICK (ME): Hundreds of deputies and volunteers hunted Tuesday for Jean F. Gamache, 18-years-old worker, who, according to officers, terrorised Brunswick throughout the previous night, setting fire to seven dwellings and garages and endangering the lives of 10 fam-

CHAPLIN WILL GO TO TRIAL

LOS ANGELES: Defense and Government attorneys gave an assurance Saturday that Charlie Chaplin would go on trial in the Federal Court this week on two counts of an indictment bargaining the Mann Act violation involving 24-years-old Joan Barry. There had been a suggestion earlier, says AP, that Chaplin might seek a continuance. The District Court of Appeals ruled that the film actor must go on trial.

90 P.C. O'K TAXES

PRINCETON (NJ): A Gallup poll on the American public's reaction to taxes just prior to the March 15 income-tax deadline revealed 90 per cent. considered the income taxes as fair.

Each person interviewed by the Institute of Public Opinion was asked whether he would be required to file a tax March 15 and whether he had figured out the amount he owed. Those who replied in the affirmative were then asked: "Do you regard the amount you will have to pay as fair?" The vote—"Yes," 90 per cent; "No," 10 per cent.

W.M.C. WILL RECRUIT OVER 700,000 FOR CANNERIES

WASHINGTON: The War Manpower Commission announced Tuesday plans to recruit more than 700,000 men and women for work in canneries and other processing plants in preparation for the coming harvest seasons throughout the United States.

LOCAL drives to recruit workers are already under way in the extreme southern parts of the country and will be extended as the crops mature.

Paul V. McNutt, WMC chairman, discussing increased food demands, said Tuesday: "The demands made on our food resources by the people of the occupied countries make it imperative that our production and preservation of foods is continued at its peak at least this year."

Obviously, any slackening in production will be comparable in its effect to a decrease in the production of armament or other materials used in the war zones."

LAUNCH VICTORY SHIP

WILMINGTON (Calif.): A victory ship named SS Philippines, dedicated to triumph over Japanese conquerors, has been launched at one of the California Shipbuilding Corporation yards. The 10,500 tons merchant vessel was christened by Mrs. Carmen Soriane, wife of Colonel Andre Soriane, Philippine Secretary of Finance.

SPERRY NEW DESTROYER

KEARNEY (NJ): The new super destroyer, Charles S. Sperry, was launched a few days ago at a US Steel Federal shipyard. The vessel, which was named for the late Rear-Admiral Sperry, who commanded the US fleet during half of its round-the-world trip starting in 1907, was specially designed for long range operations in the Pacific.

46 HELD IN DRUG ROUND-UP

LOS ANGELES: The State Board of Pharmacy, the US Army Provost Marshal's Office and the Sheriff's office combined Saturday to bring about the arrest of 46 druggists for the illegal sale or possession of phenobarbital in the reputed widespread use of the sleeping pills for thwarting inductions into the armed forces. The round up reached into the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino, where the Sheriff's officers stated prospective draftees had used the drug to cause them to be rejected as nervous wrecks.

Urges Medical 'League Of Nations'

NEW YORK: The formation of a medical league of nations to protect the world from air borne epidemics was advocated by Raymond Fosdick, president of the Rockefeller Foundation in his annual report. Fosdick declared that the human race was living suddenly in a frightening proximity. He asserted that some kind of regularised international co-operation was essential. Whatever "we may think of the League of Nations its health organisations blazed a new trail in the international attack on disease—a trail that must be widened into a firm road."

131 MURDERS TO CHICAGO

CHICAGO: Of the 131 murders in Chicago during last year, only 12 have been attributed to gangsterism—a far cry from the days when Al Capone and his henchman gave Windy City notoriety throughout the world.

MAAS NOW HAILS CURTISS PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON: Representative Melvin J. Maas, of Minnesota, head of the Naval Subcommittee on Aviation, in a report on the sub-committee's survey of the Curtiss-Wright Aviation Corporation, which was sharply criticised last July by the Truman Committee, said Tuesday that there had been a "magnificent metamorphosis" in the plant.

Maas said that production at the Curtiss-Wright plant, which builds the US Navy Hell Diver dive-bombers and the Seagull observation planes, exceeded 100 per cent. of its schedule in the last few months with a margin of more than 100 per cent., increasing monthly. He credited the change to improved management and improvements in the design and construction of the Hell Diver.

Maas, who is a former US Marine Corps dive-bomber pilot, said that last summer's situation at the Curtiss-Wright plant was "a sore spot" in naval aircraft production.

New York Professor Dead

SYRACUSE (NY): William J. Davison, Professor of Physical Education and wrestling coach at Syracuse University since 1921 and former National Commissioner of Boy Scouts, died last week at his home here. He was 71.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

● **BASKETBALL:** The seventh annual Madison Square Garden invitational basketball tournament opened Saturday with the defending champions, St. Johns, and the tournament favorite, Depaul, turning in opening wins. St. Johns outlasted Bowling Green 44-40, while Depaul slaughtered Muhlenberg, 68-45. The Redmen, who captured the tourney last year, opened slowly, stunned by the goal-tending tactics of the 6.11 Don Otten, Bowling Green center. After finding Otten a clumsy oaf who could not play ball, the Redmen started hitting and built up a 24-21 intermission lead. At the start of the second half, the Redmen hit six straight baskets, while holding the Falcons scoreless from the field to lead 36-22. Bowling Green hit the last minute scoring spurt, but could not regain lost ground and bowed out.

In the second game, Big George Mikan, 6.9½ center for Depaul Blue Demons, put on one of the greatest one-man exhibitions seen on the Garden floor as he dunked 27 points to lead the Demons to triumph over the Allentown (Pennsylvania) Mules, 68-45. The scores were comparatively close through the opening stages as Mikan was the only Depaul man hitting from the floor. The "giant" hit 12 points and batted out three enemy baskets to place the Demons to 27-24 half-time advantage. The Mules, paced by Hank Baietti, Roy Treibel and Don Munson stayed close until the last 10 minutes when Demons were ahead 44-40. Then Mikan, Jack Dean and Shorty Dibenedetto caught fire to run the Mules off the court.

● **GOLF:** Bob Hamilton, young Indiana pro, making his first Winter tournament appearance, fired two below par in the final day's round to take the North-South Open Golf Tournament with a 72 and hole total of 280. Bobby Cutchank, the defending champ, was second, a stroke back, with Sgt. Clayton Heafner third. The winner received a 1000 dollar war bond.

● **HOCKEY:** Montreal checked in its 24th straight home game without loss Saturday beating Chicago 3-2 to run its season total point mark to a new record height of 79. Canadians have lost only five games in all this season and have two more to play. Detroit knocked Boston out of even a mathematical chance for a play-off beating Bruins 10-9 to tie the league record for a total score in a game. Bruins scored three times in the last 2 minutes in a vain effort to stave off defeat.

● **BASEBALL:** Joe Gordon, New York Yankees second baseman passed his physical examination Saturday and was classified for general army service.

Elmer Riddle, pitching star of Cincinnati Reds, told club officials he would not report for duty until he takes the pre-induction physical to determine draft status. Wally Signer, rookie Cub hurler, bought from Nashville, asked Bruin's authorities to be put on the voluntary retired list as he was keeping his war job and would not report. Paul Busby, Philadelphia Bluejay outfielder, notified the club that he expects immediate induction. Beau Jack was reclassified 1-A by Augusta (Georgia) Draft Board. Jack, the father of three children, answered the call under his real name of Sidney Walker.

MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON: The production of magnesium in the US during 1943 was 391,000,000 lb., a special Senate committee investigating national defence program revealed in a report on light metals, issued in Washington Saturday. The original production estimated for 1943 was 501,000,000 lb. the report added. The actual production was more than sufficient for the use which magnesium was permitted, and by the end of 1943 all requirements were being met. The forecast for 1944 showed a production estimate of 531,000,000 lb., and requirements were estimated at 485,000,000 lb.

HOW IS THIS FOR HOARDING?

HIS wife wore stockings with runs in them although she had 140 new pairs at home, said George Christian, in a cross bill for divorce filed against his wife in the Minneapolis (U.S.) Court. He said that his wife had 200 hats, 814 handkerchiefs, 400 dresses, 52 beauty kits, 79 blouses and several hundred jars of face-cream. He had rented a store and sold some of this material for \$10,000.

EINSTEIN'S WORK IN U.S. PRAISED

THE work in America of Prof. Albert Einstein, who on March 14 celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday, was applauded by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (N.J.), at which Einstein is the Professor of the School of Mathematics. The contribution which such refugees were making towards the nation's cultural resources would be hard to overestimate, he said. Einstein's experience was typical of the way in which the Nazis had impoverished Germany.

SA'S PROTECTION STATE EXPORT BAN

THE Premier of South Australia (Mr. Playford) is to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) for the immediate withdrawal of the order banning the export of goods from South Australia to other States. Announcing this yesterday, Mr. Playford claimed that the order objected to was contrary to the Constitution which provided for freedom of trade between the States.

Details Of Victorian Yearling Sales Show Big Rise In Values

DETAILS of last week's yearling sales in Melbourne show that in the two days, 128 youngsters were sold for 64,095 guineas, an average of 500 guineas each. The average in 1943 was 300 gns.

MR. L. F. ALDRIDGE, of Kismet Park Stud, Sunbury, sold 17 yearlings for 13,035 guineas, an average of 1060 guineas. Messrs. H. G. Raymond and H. B. Ranken also had a good sale, eight of their youngsters realising 6,925 guineas, an average of about 865 guineas.

As previously published, the owner of Delina and Lawrence (Mr. A. H. Griffiths), bought three yearlings for 8,400 gns.—a Dhoti—Jeanne Hachette (by Heroic) colt for 3,600 gns., a Law Maker—Belle Gallante (also by Heroic) colt for 3,400 gns., and a colt by Manitoba from Lipstick for 1,400 guineas.

Youngsters by the new imported sire Tudor King sold well. R. J. Shaw paying 1,250 gns. for a half brother to Simmering, and

CLOTHING CUTS TO BIGGER PRODUCTION

INSTEAD of being an instrument to restrict clothing consumption, the Rationing Commission, when appointed in May, 1942, changed overnight to an agency for procuring greater production, the chairman of the Commission (Mr. Coles) said yesterday. The appointment of a Clothing Director in the Supply and Shipping Department greatly helped to improve the civilian clothing supply position, Mr. Coles added. The establishment of branch factories in the country towns produced excellent results. These machine shops would probably remain permanent employment avenues after the war.

RECORD PRESS: Invasion of the Marshall Islands has been covered by the largest Press corps ever to report action in the Pacific—34 correspondents, three photographers, and one newsreel cameraman.

Japs 10 Miles From Assam Border: Threat To India Increasing

LATEST reports from London state that the threat of a Japanese break-through into India has grown in the past 24 hours. The enemy has continued his advance west of the Chindwin River and is now within 10 miles of the Indian province of Assam.

IN spite of fierce British opposition, the Japanese extended their hold on the Chindwin River on Tuesday and made crossings at several new points.

Strong enemy forces of infantry and artillery and a considerable number of tanks have been brought to the east bank of the Chindwin. In addition, huge quantities of supplies are concentrated in this area.

Japs Hold Initiative

Latest New Delhi reports state, however, that the British are being strongly reinforced, and it is expected that the Japanese thrust will soon be held. Reports emphasize, however, that the Japanese firmly hold the initiative and are obviously making an all-out effort to reach the borders of India.

General Stilwell's American and Chinese troops are continuing their advance from the Hukwang Valley in northern Burma and are being solidly supported by Allied aircraft operating from the newly-constructed landing field about 100 miles behind the Japanese lines. Troops of the airborne force have fanned out over a wide area and are caus-

ing havoc to the enemy's supply lines.

During the past four days, the Japanese have made a series of air attacks on the new airfield, but most have been ineffective because of the defence by Spitfires. Fifteen enemy fighters and bombers were shot down for the loss of two British machines in one raid.

On the Arakan front in southern Burma, British tank reinforcements are playing a leading part in operations aimed at clearing up Japanese strongholds in road tunnels between Maungdaw and Buthedaung.

Australia's Sheep & Cattle Reports

THE following market reports are prepared for "Guinea Gold" by Dalgety and Co.:

SYDNEY: Sheep and lambs (for last two markets), 110 to 250. Prime lambs and heavy wethers unchanged, other classes irregular, 1/ cheaper; prime wethers, 23/ to 27/; ewes, 17/ to 20/; hoggets, to 26/; prime lambs to 17/.

CATTLE (4200): Market irregular, but unchanged. Heavy bullocks, £18-£20; medium weight, £16-£17/10; light weight, £14 to £15/10; best cows, to £14; medium, £10/10. Sydney stud cattle sales postponed till May 1. The arrivals to the Sydney centre up to last week-end show an increase of 47,000 bales, but appraisal 42,000 behind. Early shorn wools are beginning to arrive in the store.

MELBOURNE: Sheep and lamb sales (36,000 sheep yarded) had a lighter supply, with no improvement in the quality. Good wethers were very scarce, and stronger competition values were 1/ over last week. Hogged mutton, 6d.; best wether mutton, to 5d.; ewes, 3½d. Lambs: 34,000 penned, with fair quality and strong demand. Values averaged 1/ to 2/ higher than last week. Best lamb, to 7½d. Bullocks: Slight improvement in quality and brisk competition was maintained. Values were generally firm to 10/ dearer. Top price pen bullocks, £20/7/6; choice light medium weight beef, 50/ to 52/; heavy, 43/ to 45/.

BRISBANE: Sheep numbered 15,870, making an increased yarding. Prime wethers, 4½d.; prime ewes, 3½d. Lambs: Prime suckers, 9d.; prime crossbred lambs, 8½d. Cattle: 1360 cattie. Bullocks were firm, and cows, heifers were easier. Prime light bullocks, 46/; prime heavy, 45/; good quality, 42/; prime heifers, 45/; prime light cows, 42/; prime heavy, 41/; good quality, 40/.

Conductress Sued For Assault

IT was alleged at Central Summons Court, Sydney, that a bus conductress, Dorothy Napier, of Kinsford, struck a middle-aged cinema proprietor, Henry Harold Rosenberg, of Vaucluse, on the head with a ticket holder and threw him off the bus. Rosenberg sued Napier for assault.

The assault, Rosenberg said, took place on the Vaucluse bus following an altercation between his wife and the conductress. He admitted that his wife pushed the conductress as she mounted the bus.

Celia Rosenberg said that as her husband left the bus, the conductress raised her ticket holder and "went, hit, hit, hit, on my husband." The conductress denied that she struck Rosenberg. Mrs. Rosenberg almost pushed her off the bus, she said.

The hearing is not finished.

WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

JAP TRANSPORT: Japan's strained transportation system has been placed under a drastic rationing and permit basis for travel, even military and Government personnel being restricted.

COMPENSATION: Wider compensation from injury caused by industrial processes had become increasingly urgent, the Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

MAGAZINE COMPLAINT: "Esquire" magazine has filed a supplementary complaint in the US Federal District Court, charging that the PMG's action in revoking the second-class mailing rights is unconstitutional in that it amounts to "unlawful interference with, abridgement and denial of, the freedom of the Press."

NEWS PRINT INCREASE: From April 1, Australian newspapers will be granted a 12½ per cent increase in newsprint. They may use it for any form of publication they please.

PAPER SUSPENDED: Istanbul newspaper "Tan" has been suspended "indefinitely." This paper was one of the best-known pro-Allied newspapers in Turkey.

FEWER FILMS: American audiences saw 427 pictures in 1943, compared with 533 in 1942, but the 1943 box-office returns were £426,562,500, or £53,125,000 more than 1942.

U.S. SUBS' SUCCESS

AMERICAN submarines have sunk 15 more Japanese ships in Pacific and Far Eastern Waters. A US Navy communique announcing these successes yesterday stated that the vessels included two transports, two tankers and 11 freighters.

INTERNES HOME: 655 American expatriates from internment in Germany and Nazi Occupied France have arrived in America in the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm. This was the third trip of the Gripsholm from Axis countries and it has now returned 3500 North and South American expatriates.

COMMANDO RAID? The German newsgang says that the German garrison on Tilos Island, N.W. of Rhodes, on Tuesday night repulsed a British raid made by some 30 commandoes.

POST-WAR TRADE: Mr. Churchill gave his assurance in the House of Commons that the Government would not enter on a final or binding commitment regarding post-war trade or an Empire economic policy until matters were freely debated in the Houses of Commons.

WAR COSTS: The South African Prime Minister (Field-Marshal Smuts) has disclosed that an agreement had been reached between Britain and South Africa, under which South Africa agreed to pay the United Kingdom Government £32,000,000 as her share of the cost of the Abyssinian and Middle East campaigns.

GEN. WILSON IN CAIRO: General Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson, Allied Commander in the Middle East, is reported to have arrived at Cairo for "an important conference."

D.F.C. Award to Brisbane Navigator

A NEW list of R.A.F. awards includes a D.F.C. for Warrant Officer Harold Frederick Connelly, D.F.M., of Brisbane.

Warrant Officer Connelly was the navigator of a plane from which a B.B.C. commentator, on September 3 last year, described a raid on Berlin.

Warrant Officer Connelly, called "Con" in the broadcast, was heard on the inter-communication system discussing navigation with the pilot, and was also heard singing an extract from "Annie Laurie."



● TREE-CLIMBER: After their tops have been sheared by artillery fire, coconut trees are used as telephone poles by U.S. Signal Corps linesmen at Arawe, New Britain. A linesman is shown climbing an improvised pole.

FAILURE OF BRITISH HOUSING CRITICISED

EXASPERATED MP's of all parties of the British Parliament have attacked the Government for its failure to produce a long-term housing policy, a London message states.

Laughter greeted an assurance of the Health Minister (Mr. Willink) that the Government plans to build 300,000 houses within two years of the end of the war in Europe.

Acting leader of the Labor Party (Mr. Greenwood) contends that "England and Wales alone will need 5,500,000 houses within 10 years."

Mr. Willink promised a full statement about the Government's land acquisition policy when the Housing Bill is introduced before Easter.

SERVICE SECTION MISSING FRIENDS

NX 96741 Sgt. J. W. Bigg seeks SX17363 Pte. F. H. Mitton Pvt. Joe Grossey seeks Pfc. Peter Flannagan George L. Scott (Ashbury) seeks Frank Johnstone (Petersham) Colin McFarland seeks "Seecy" Mackenzie (formerly of Hawthorn, Vic.) Harry Mason (Ringwood) seeks John Cobby.

WANTED TO BUY

...Watch, pocket or wrist. ENTERTAINMENTS The "Divvy Revue" will be staged tomorrow night at Buna ADS Theatre.

MELBOURNE'S HATLESS PUNTER WINS £16,000 ON FOUR RACES

THE "Boxer Hat Bloke," the "Bullfighter" (famous John Woolcott Forbes) and others who have held the spotlight of the betting ring in years gone by were mild gamblers alongside the comparatively young Polish Jew known as Michael Pitt, but better still as the "Hatless Punter," whose present spectacular tilts at the ring are a regular feature.

LIKE all big bettors, Pitt has had ups and downs, but he always seems to come back. He won a fortune on the outsider, Colonius, in the 1942 Melbourne Cup and was reputed to have collected £30,000 over the meeting. He has had many big wins and big losses since.

His clean-up on the last day of the recent V.R.C. Autumn meeting was £12,000. He started

HITLER'S HORDES POUR INTO HUNGARY TO

Mannstein Sacked

ACCORDING to a Swedish report, General von Kleist has replaced Marshal von Mannstein as German commander in southern Russia. This is believed by Allied observers to be a "punishment" measure by Hitler because of the crushing defeats inflicted on the armies under von Mannstein in the past few weeks.

Mosquitoes Again Raid Germany

THOUSANDS of Germans again had their sleep disturbed on Tuesday night when the consistent RAF Mosquitoes swept over a large area of Western Germany, setting the sirens wailing and leaving a trail of high explosives as their visiting cards. All the Mosquitoes returned.

Britain Not Consulted In Soviet Tie With Badoglio

THE British Foreign Minister (Mr. Eden) told the House of Commons yesterday that the Soviet Government had not consulted Britain before setting up diplomatic relations with the Badoglio Government and added that Britain was now in touch with Moscow regarding the matter.

Mr. Eden also said that no negotiations had been opened between the British and Badoglio Governments regarding the exchange of diplomatic representatives.

FRENCH COMMANDOS IN ACTION

FRENCH commandos on Tuesday carried out a raid on an unspecified German-held island between Corsica and Italy.

Reporting this yesterday, Radio France at Algiers declared that the raid had been a complete surprise and was completely successful. Thirty-six Germans were captured and several were killed.

FIRES, DAMAGE & SOME DEATHS CAUSED IN RAID ON LONDON

THE Luftwaffe again struck at London on Tuesday night, dropping incendiaries and high explosives on various parts of the city. Some homes and buildings were destroyed and casualties caused.

HIGH explosives were dropped in various London districts, destroying a few homes and buildings, and causing some deaths.

One high-explosive bomb landed outside the office of a publishing firm. Some members of the staff were killed and several others were injured.

London's anti-aircraft guns again sent up a thunderous challenge to the raiders, the great barrage rolling in an unbroken roar. Clusters of flares dropped by the Germans lit up the countryside for miles around.

The size of the German force has not yet been announced. Official London reports state, however, that the raiders crossed the south-east coast of England at several points and dropped bombs at various points in these areas. At least nine of the German machines were shot down.

Reorganisation Of Aust. Workers

WITHIN a few weeks, large numbers of men and women will be withdrawn from Victorian country munitions factories to increase food production and to step up the output of special types of munitions.

Announcing this yesterday, an official of the Manpower Directorate, said that during the reorganisation men would also be released from the factories for the services and for jobs with the Allied Works Council.

The reorganisation would continue until 20,000 workers were withdrawn from munitions production and other works.

BOLSTER DEFENCES FOR BATTLE OF THE BALKANS

ACCORDING to a Swedish report, the Germans are rapidly exploiting their seizure of Hungary. Thousands of troops are pouring into the country at various points, paratroops have seized airfields, and machine-gun posts have been erected in the streets in readiness for any civil demonstrations.

While Hitler continues his frantic efforts to build up defences against the relentless Russian tide sweeping from the north into the Balkans, the Red Army is advancing rapidly through Bessarabia.

Latest reports state that the Soviets have seized a railway centre within 30 miles of the Rumanian border and are still gaining ground.

NEUTRAL reports reaching London state that the Germans are carrying out extensive reorganization throughout Rumania and Bulgaria. An Ankara message says that large German infantry forces have arrived at Budapest, the capital of Bulgaria, and that rigid censorship has been imposed in all Balkan countries under Nazi control.

Another report states that the Hungarian troops resisted the German occupation of their country at several points. Generally speaking, the entry of the Nazis came as a surprise and resistance was not organised.

Fierce Nazi Attack

Chief feature of the fighting in western Bessarabia on Tuesday was a fierce German counter-attack made by strongly reinforced enemy infantry and panzer formations. For several hours the Nazis held the Russian advance, but they were eventually forced to give ground under a great bombardment.

About 200 miles north-west of the main break-through into Bessarabia, other Soviet forces are sweeping into south-eastern Poland on a wide front. Moscow stated yesterday that one Red Ar-

my column had reached a point within 50 miles of Lwow, the nerve centre of Nazi operations in this sector. Lwow itself was repeatedly raided by big formations of Russian bombers on Tuesday.

The air attacks were also extended to enemy communications leading to the fortress city of Tarnopol where the Russians have been held up for some weeks.

London observers believe that the Soviet drive into south-east Poland will soon threaten the German line of retreat to the west and will force a large-scale enemy withdrawal.

Germans Silent On Occupation

WHILE the German occupation of Hungary is now accepted as virtually complete, the German Foreign Office has not yet lifted the veil on the occupation.

The German newsagency yesterday quoted the following statement from a spokesman of the German Foreign Office: "No official German statement on the situation in south-eastern Europe can be expected until developments aimed at strengthening forces in this area have been completed."

Baby Carriers Play Big Part In Sub. War

THE United States has sent a total of 88 carrier escort ships known as "Baby Flat Tops" to Britain during the past 18 months on Lend-Lease. Announcing this yesterday, the US Navy Secretary (Col. Frank Knox) said that the carriers were forming part of the anti-submarine fleet and were giving splendid service.

BITTER FIGHTING IN YUGOSLAVIA

HEAVY fighting is continuing in southern Bosnia following the capture of an important railway junction by Yugoslav partisans. The latest communique from General Tito's headquarters claims that the enemy lost heavily during Tuesday's operations.

Charge on Absenteeism

THE Acting Minister for Supply (Dr. Evatt) yesterday promised to look into a charge made by Sir Frederick Stewart that an organized method of absenteeism had been adopted at an important engineering plant in Sydney.

Sir Frederick stated that workers had been absenting themselves from work on two days a week regularly.

Dusky Lochinvar's Walkabout Ends On Sad Note

THE love story of two aborigines, Wallah and Queenie, was told in the Townsville Police Court yesterday. It was also a story of adventure, but it ended on a unpleasant note for Wallah.

Both were residents at the aborigines settlement on Palm Island of the northern coast of Queensland. Their courtship was suddenly interrupted a few months ago



PAPUAN HERO: Malpi, Papuan infantryman, lighting his pipe from a smouldering stick during a rest in the New Guinea campaign. He has 110 Japanese to his credit, and has been recommended for the DCM.

Fierce Dogfights Over Europe

FIERCE dogfights were waged between Nazi interceptors and American heavy bombers and fighters when the US formations attacked targets in areas ranging from Holland to the Pyrennes in south-eastern France in daylight on Tuesday.

The actual objectives have not been disclosed, but an official US communique states that all attacks were successful.

During the day's operations, 23 German machines were shot down for the loss of one Allied bomber and seven Mustangs.

Ominous Soviet Reaction To Finland's Stand

AN ominous note was struck by an official Soviet statement issued yesterday referring to the rejection of Russia's armistice terms by the Finnish Government. The statement declared that Finnish Government would have to bear full responsibility for the consequences.

According to a Moscow message, 100,000 German troops are now in Finland. A considerable proportion of these had recently been moved towards the Finnish-Soviet border, the dispatch added.

SHARK WARNING
BATHERS at Buna, Cape Endiashere and Borio are warned to keep a sharp lookout for sharks. Several were seen in shallow water yesterday.

Govt. Concerned At Falling Birth Rate

EXPRESSING the Government's concern at the decreasing birth-rate in Australia, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) stated yesterday that it was considering setting up some form of inquiry to discover the basic causes and how the decrease could be remedied.

Mr. Curtin made this statement in the House of Representatives in answer to a question as to whether the Government would follow the lead of Britain in appointing a Royal Commission to examine the causes of the declining birth-rate in the UK.

Blitz on Remaining Japs In Marshalls Continues

AMERICAN bombers are continuing their blitz on Japanese-held atolls in the Marshalls. Yesterday's Pearl Harbor communique reported raids on four of these enemy bases on a single day. All attacks were successful, and no enemy interception was encountered. Anti-aircraft fire was patchy. All the Allied planes returned.

Civil Court To Try Radio Traitors

ALLIED nationals who have been broadcasting from enemy radio stations and providing articles in the enemy Press, are not to be treated as war criminals when hostilities cease, but will be treated as appropriate Court.

This was revealed by the British Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee) in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

U.S. Servicemen In Aust. Retain Only 25 p.c. of Pay

A STATEMENT issued from General MacArthur's headquarters yesterday claimed that US servicemen in Australia were retaining only 25 per cent of their salaries each month. The remainder was being sent back to America in the form of allotments, war bonds and Government insurance. The statement added that US servicemen in Australia had contributed more than £2,000,000 in war bonds.

Tonight at 2000 Hrs. BUNA—A.D.S. Aust. Inf. Bde. Band
Conductor: SGT. KEATING
SUPPORTING ARTISTS

NAZI COUP FEARED IN BULGARIA

AN Ankara message received in London late last night stated that the Germans were preparing to completely occupy Bulgaria and Rumania, and were sending four panzer and infantry divisions to carry out the job.

A Swiss report says that the greatest concern is being felt in Rumania and Bulgaria that the Germans are about to bring off a new coup. The report added that the Rumanian Government yesterday held a secret conference lasting five hours.

they "double-banked" to Prosperpine. There they stole another bicycle. Then the hand of the law descended, abruptly and decisively, and Wallah was parted from his loved one and gaoled. For having stolen the bicycles, the dusky Lochinvar was fined £5 or a month's imprisonment and ordered to pay £12—the value of the boat.