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## PREDICT 'EXTENSIVE REALIGNMENT' OF WPB

### Nazis Storm Crimean Forts

#### JAPS REINFORCE AIR POWER IN CHINA, BURMA

Chungking—(P)—While informed sources here believe the Japanese may attack Russian Siberia before the summer is over, the enemy now is concentrating on reinforcements of his air strength in the China and Burma theaters. Army intelligence reports indicated today that the Japanese now have 600 planes in Burma and have increased the number actually in China to 800, with a fresh influx of planes at Canton and Hankow. Try to Strangle Chungking

The aerial preparations of the foe gave weight to indications that the Japanese would intensify their efforts to tighten the cordon around Chungking. The present nutcracker offensive in the eastern China provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsi is an important part of these efforts.

On the Chekiang-Kiangsi front, the Chinese hold on the important railway looping through the two provinces has been narrowed to less than 50 miles, it appeared tonight on the basis of the Chinese high command communique.

Enemy Reaches Kweiki  
The Japanese column from the west had reached the railway town of Kweiki by a detour while forces from the east continued their advance from Shangjiao, the communique said.

Meanwhile, a Japanese threat to Fukien province, south of Chekiang and east of Kiangsi, seemed to have developed further with thrusts by the enemy from Kwangfeng.

Kwangfeng lies in eastern Kiangsi 24 miles north of the border of Fukien—in which the Japanese have long occupied coastal points such as Amoy and Fochow—and 12 miles northeast of Shangjiao, an important railway station won by the invaders Monday.

Informed sources here, discussing prospects of a Japanese attack on easternmost Russia said the Japanese had taken certain preparatory steps but were leaving one, reinforcement of the air force in Manchukuo, to the last.

The Chinese informants said, however, that reinforcement of Japanese air power in Manchukuo could be effected easily at the 11th hour when the Japanese are ready to launch an attack on Siberia.

Awaiting such reinforcements are large numbers of modern airdromes.

#### MacArthur More Proud as Father Than as Soldier

New York—(P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur cabled the national Father's day committee today that while he was proud to be a soldier, "I am prouder, infinitely prouder to be a father."

Chosen by the committee as "outstanding American father of 1942" MacArthur replied: "Nothing has touched me more deeply than the act of the national Father's day committee. By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact, but I am prouder, infinitely prouder to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build. The father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentialities of death, the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battles of life are mightier still. My hope is that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battle but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"

#### Queen of Netherlands Arrives in Canada

Ottawa—(P)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands arrived in the Canadian capital today after a flight from Britain.

The 61-year-old monarch whose government, one of the united nations, has functioned at London since the German occupation of Holland in May 1940, planned to spend a few days in Canada with her daughter, Princess Juliana, and her two granddaughters, before continuing on to the United States.

While in the United States she will visit President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It was officially announced.

#### Stimson Sees Threat of West Coast Attack "Temporarily" Reduced

Washington—(P)—Secretary of War Stimson said today the losses inflicted on the Japanese in the Pacific had temporarily but substantially reduced the threat of an attack on the Pacific coast which he has repeatedly said might be expected.

War and navy department information is, he said, that the Japanese thus far had made only a "very small landing" in the Aleutian islands off Alaska but he stressed that fog and unfavorable weather obscured developments in the north Pacific.

Midway Data Incomplete  
Information is still incomplete, the secretary also told his press conference, on the earlier air and sea engagement off Midway.

"But after three days fighting the enemy fleet was scattered all over the Pacific ocean, hustling away as fast as it could in the opposite direction, without air protection," he added.

In the Aleutians, Stimson said, the American and Japanese forces thus far had only fleeting glimpses of each other through the eyes of airmen.

Not Holding Back News  
He promised the government would make available "every bit of information we can," about the Aleutians as well as the earlier engagements off Midway island in the Pacific and in the Coral sea near Australia.

Stimson was asked whether the air and naval losses inflicted on the foe in the last several weeks had diminished the threat to the Pacific coast.

"Temporarily, I should say the threat was much less," he replied. "Many Fliers Still at Sea"

One reason the report was still incomplete on the Midway fight, the secretary said, was that many naval fliers were still at sea on aircraft carriers which were prohibited by radio silence orders from forwarding reports.

Outlining the difficulties of obtaining a clear and complete picture of a modern sea and air engagement, Stimson noted that the only contact between the American and Japanese forces off Midway was by means of hundreds of airmen.

"They were shooting in many cases at the same target without knowing that the other fellow was shooting at it," he said. "Flying at about 800 feet a second, there is little time for observation."

"Confusion Inevitable"  
"Inevitably when the reports come in there is immense confusion. At Midway, where the weather was clear, the information available gave us a good general picture of the outcome but there was much confusion as to just what ships were hit."

"I spent three or four days studying the army and navy reports as they came in from the Midway battle, and didn't know at the end just how many ships were hit or what kind of units."

"Of the fighting in the Aleutians, we have not been able thus far to get even the general picture we had on Midway."

"I think I can speak for the navy as well as the war department in saying what we give you is our best judgment based on the mass of conflicting data."

#### Legion Plans Fourth of July Celebration

Alvin Marks, commander-elect of Charles Hagerstrom Post No. 9, will be general chairman of the Fourth of July celebration here to be sponsored by the American Legion. Plans for the celebration were discussed at the post meeting Wednesday night.

The principal address of the day will be given by James H. McGuire, special representative of the U. S. department of labor.

#### Hail Damages Crops in North Wood County

A hailstorm in the Wood county area between Arpin and Auburndale late Wednesday night caused damage to peas and small grain crops, and, in one case reported today, broke windows in a farm home.

Heavy rain fell. Henry Koplein, farmer residing north of Arpin, said hail shattered windows in his house. He exhibited a pair of hailstones and said they could be "scooped" up in that vicinity. The hail lasted about 15 minutes.

#### CLAIM GAINS IN SAVAGE BATTLE FOR SEVASTOPOL

Berlin, (From German Broadcasts)—(P)—German forces smashing in on Sevastopol have stormed main fortifications north of the city, capturing Maxim Gorky fort and driving to within two miles of the harbor entrance, the high command declared today.

"In the battle of Sevastopol," a communique said, "German infantry and engineers, effectively supported by concentric artillery fire and luftwaffe operations, stormed the main forts in the northern part of the defense system, including Maxim Gorky fort, most modern and strongest bastion of the whole fortress."

Close In On Harbor  
"In this sector of the front, the attack thereby was carried forward to a point only three kilometers (two miles) from the harbor entrance to the fortress."

"On the southern front of the fortress the Russians, despite stubborn resistance, were driven out of important positions by German and Rumanian troops."

Planes Blast Ships  
"In the harbor district stores and supply vessels of the enemy were destroyed by air attacks."

The communique said that on the central front before Moscow German troops continued mopping up Russian forces which had been operating in the rear of the German lines.

Russian attacks along the Volkhov river front southeast of Leningrad again were reported repulsed.

#### Reds Deny Nazi Gains

Moscow—(P)—With point blank artillery fire and infantrymen standing against tank led waves of attackers, red army and navy defense forces have beaten back every German attempt to smash through the shell scarred fortifications that guard Sevastopol and its cliff lined roadstead, Pravda reported today in dispatches from the front.

The Communist party newspaper said that since yesterday steadily reinforced German shock troops had battered almost unceasingly at the grimly held Crimean base from the south.

#### Vesper Youth in Naval Air Corps Missing

Vesper, Wis.—A Vesper family was notified today that one of four sons in the armed forces is missing in action.

The missing man is Charles Hladilek jr., about 23, a member of the naval air corps. He had served in the navy more than four years. A telegram from the navy department announced that he has been listed as "missing in action."

#### Szyka Tells Kiwanians of Coral Sea Battle

George Edward Szyka, Nekoosa, survivor of the U. S. navy aircraft carrier Lexington, spoke at the noon luncheon of the Kiwanis club today, giving highlights of the battle of the Coral sea in which the carrier was sunk.

George, a radioman second class in the navy, answered questions concerning the battle and gave details of the ship's last hours when the crew attempted to save her after Japanese aircraft had damaged her with bombs and torpedoes.

#### Industry Solidly Behind Scrap Rubber Drive Here

Industry today lined up solidly back of the rubber salvage campaign, according to Chairman Walter Reschlein, with plants offering to cooperate in collecting scrap rubber for the drive.

Officials of the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company estimated that two tons or more of scrap rubber and waste rubber products could be collected in their plants at Nekoosa and Port Edwards, Chairmen of rubber collection in other industrial plants in the Tri-Cities area have been appointed, Reschlein stated, in order to supervise the drive.

As rubber articles and poundage continued to pile up at the many

### Tobruk Almost Encircled by Axis Forces as British Fall Back to Egyptian Frontier

Cairo—(P)—The British fell back to fortified positions near the Egyptian frontier today, leaving the famous fortress of Tobruk all but surrounded by Marshal Erwin Rommel's German and Italian divisions.

Coastal Road Still Open  
Only a coastal road remained open to link Tobruk with the Egyptian border 80 miles eastward.

Apparently British Gen. M. Ritchie's Eighth army split into two forces, one remaining to man the defenses of Tobruk against imminent onslaught or a siege such as that which endured for nearly eight months in 1941.

British forces still were on the perimeter of Tobruk's south and southwest defenses, where they hurled back repeated axis assaults last year and where they stood when relieved by a British westward offensive on Dec. 10, 1941.

Thus the situation now was almost the same as that during the long siege.

Give up Strong Points  
British headquarters reported the removal of the garrisons of El Adem, 18 miles south of Tobruk, and Sidi Rezegh, 25 miles to the west.

BRITISH ARMY SPLIT  
Berlin, (From German Broadcasts)—(P)—The German high command reported today that the British army in Libya had been split into two parts.

One part has fallen back on Tobruk, while strong German and Italian tank formations are pursuing other British forces fleeing in the direction of Bardia, the high command said.

Several desert forts in the southern perimeter of Tobruk's defenses have been captured, it added.

southeast, strong points of their realigned defenses since the Ain El Gazala-Bir Hacheim line was shattered by German-Italian attacks.

The troops set up new lines between Tobruk and the Egyptian frontier, British observers said.

(The Italian high command asserted aerial reconnaissance showed that the British had started a general withdrawal toward the Egyptian border.)

Tobruk, 80 miles west of the Egyptian border, has been held by the British since they captured it from the Italians on Jan. 22, 1941. Its small but deep harbor is the best for more than 1,000 miles between Alexandria, Egypt, and Tunisia.

Believe Acroma Lost  
In the absence of direct word concerning Acroma, 20 miles west of Tobruk, British quarters believed it probable that the British forces had retreated from there.

The present positions were not defined, however, a communique said.

#### Thelen Considering Dropping from Race

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Commenting on reports that he planned to withdraw from the Republican gubernatorial race, A. J. Thelen, of Madison, asserted today he had reached no decision. He added, however, that such a step was under consideration.

Helen, former secretary of the Wisconsin County Boards association, was among the first to announce his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket. Four others have entered the race.

#### Reveal Froboese Was Supreme Head of Bund

Milwaukee—(P)—Funeral services for George Froboese, Milwaukee leader of the German-American Volksbund, will be held here Friday. Froboese was killed by a train Monday night at Waterloo, Ind. A coroner ruled it suicide.

According to reports from New York, where Froboese was going when he ended his life, the 42-year-old Milwaukeean was the supreme head of the Volksbund in the United States. He succeeded Wilhelm Kunze, who disappeared last December.

SPECIAL ARMY MASSES  
New York—(P)—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, military vicar of the Catholic churches in the United States, announced today that afternoon and evening masses would be permitted for men in the U. S. armed services who could not attend morning mass. Church officials said that this was possibly the first time such permission had been granted in this country.

#### Rise in Cost of Living Halted, Says Henderson

Washington—(P)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson reported today that, for the first time since November, 1940, the steady rise in living costs had come to a standstill—actually, declining slightly—and he credited the governments over all ceiling on retail prices.

Henderson declared that a special survey of 21 cities, made by the bureau of labor statistics for the period from May 15 to June 2, showed that "if we are really serious about it, the battle against inflation can be won."

From the outbreak of the war in Europe until imposition of the

general maximum price regulation May 18, the cost of living had climbed 17 1/2 per cent, his office said.

The survey showed the greatest reported decline came in rents, which OPA reported had dropped 1.2 per cent as the result of or in anticipation of rent freezing regulations. Clothing prices also declined 1/2 to 1 per cent while food prices increased 3-10 of 1 per cent.

The ceiling prices must be backstopped, Henderson said, by a reduction in consumer buying power, including increased savings, more purchases of war bonds, higher taxes, and stabilization of wages and farm prices.

### Taft Advocates Class 3 Status for All Men Wed Before Draft Act Passed

Washington—(P)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) proposed in the senate today that the selective service reclassify all men married before passage of the draft law who are living with their wives and children into Class III, calling them for duty only after all available younger, unmarried men had been inducted.

Speaking before the senate approved a resolution to correct a minor clerical error in the family allowance bill previously voted by both houses, Taft said that if President Roosevelt subsequently signs this bill into law immediate classification of selective service registrants with dependents ought to be undertaken under terms of the measure.

Predicts Family Men Called  
Predicting that it would be necessary to call married men with dependents in order to build the armed forces up to a strength of 10,000,000 men, Taft suggested the following classes be drawn upon in order:

Men under 37 years old without wife or children, but with dependent parents, brothers or sisters.

Men under 37 with wife but no children.

Men under 30 years old with wife and children, or children only.

All other Class III registrants, including men over 30 with wife and children.

Taft estimated that an additional 2,500,000 men would be selected for service in 1943 and 2,000,000 more in 1944.

To Forbid Volunteering?  
"We should decide and decide deliberately and intelligently whether boys of 19 should be taken before men more than 30 years of age with families," Taft told his colleagues. "We should also decide whether volunteering should longer be allowed."

He said he thought it unlikely that married men with families over 30 years old ever would be needed for active service, adding that he thought it wise for selective service to make a definite ruling on the status of these men.

#### L. E. Bandt Promoted to Rank of Major

Capt. L. E. Bandt, an army reserve officer formerly of this city, has been promoted to the rank of major, it was learned here today.

Major Bandt was called into the service July 1, 1941, and until this time has been stationed at Scott Field, Ill., where he has been a squadron commander.

He will be transferred to Madison, Wis., about August 1, where he will be assigned to the new U. S. army air corps radio training school being constructed a few miles outside of the city.

#### \$233,000 Wood Co. Share of Income Tax

Local governments in Wood county will divide a total of \$233,000 which is the county portion of \$18,800,000 in state income taxes collected this year and apportioned by the department of taxation, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Madison. The Portage county allotment is \$64,846.92.

#### CONGRESSIONAL GROUP CRITICAL OF BOARD'S WORK

Washington—(P)—A war production board spokesman today predicted an "extensive organization realignment" of WPB within a month, which "inevitably will bring the abolition of some jobs."

At the same time, he emphasized that the changes probably would not be based on the latest congressional criticism of \$1 a year men, released today by Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the special senate defense investigating committee.

Nelson Declines Comment  
WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson declined to comment on Truman's demand for changes in men and methods at WPB, but sources close to Nelson indicated that the realignment might effect some of the changes Truman asked.

The committee criticized "damaging delay" in conversion of major civilian industries to war work, and Truman declared that "the WPB has not fully measured up to this responsibility."

Truman issued a statement in connection with the committee's report. Uphold Guthrie's Charges

The 32-page printed report upheld part of the charges made against WPB by Robert P. Guthrie, who resigned March 14 from the WPB executive staff with a protest that some dollar-a-year men had impeded the war production program because of private interests.

Recommending additional restrictions upon big business executives now serving in the war production effort, the senate committee said it believed that "the Guthrie case points to the conclusion that certain dollar-a-year men within the bureau of industry branches (of WPB) are unable to divorce themselves from their subconscious gravitation to their own industries."

Senators said these conclusions were based upon both public and closed hearings into charges made by Guthrie and others.

Differ From House Report  
The senate conclusions differed widely from an earlier report by a house military affairs subcommittee which commended efforts of the dollar-a-year men and said Guthrie's charges lacked proof other than evidence of sharp differences of opinion among war production officials.

Philip D. Reed, chief of the WPB bureau of industry branches, was seen—WAR BOARD—Page 13

### House Votes Billions for Bigger Navy

Washington—(P)—A vast \$8,550,000,000 ship construction measure was passed by the house today after naval committee members reported that completion of the program would give the United States unquestioned supremacy on the seas.

The measure, envisioning the greatest ship building program in history, would provide for more than 500 combatant vessels, together with 1,000 smaller craft, including 800 torpedo boats and submarines.

With emphasis on floating aerial striking strength, the measure called for 500,000 tons of plane carriers, 500,000 tons of cruisers, and 900,000 tons of destroyers and destroyer escort vessels.

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the house naval committee, disclosed during the hour long discussion of the bill that "a great many merchant ships" were being converted into aircraft carriers.

#### NAMED REAR ADMIRAL

Washington—(P)—Captain Arthur Granville Robinson, who brought the damaged United States cruiser Marblehead safely home to America after a battle with Japanese aircraft, was nominated by President Roosevelt to be a rear admiral.

#### THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Not much change in temperature. Scattered thunder storms in north portion tonight and in north and extreme west portion Friday forenoon.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 69; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 52; temperature at 7 a. m., 59.

