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Mexico Urged to Enter War

BRITISH TROOPS FIGHT WAY OUT OF BURMA TRAP

(By the Associated Press)

Climaxing a bloody five-month battle against hopeless odds, the last weary remnants of the British army in Burma have crossed into Manipur state in eastern India, it was reported today, while the Vichy radio declared Japanese troops had advanced 80 miles into India along the Bay of Bengal.

Quote Vague Reports

The Vichy broadcast quoted vague and unconfirmed reports that the invaders had reached a point within 16 miles of Chittagong, only 210 miles from the great Indian metropolis of Calcutta.

The withdrawal of the last British force, estimated at 5,000 men, followed a dogged retreat from the bomb-ruined city of Mandalay and a Japanese thrust which separated the British from their Chinese allies commanded by the American Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

At last reports, Gen. Stilwell's forces were stubbornly resisting a Japanese advance up the Burma road some 125 miles into China proper.

Claim Chinese Defeat

In eastern China, Tokyo broadcast credited Japanese forces with inflicting a heavy defeat on the main body of the 22nd Chinese division in a battle 17 miles northwest of Kuhsienchen, in central Hopei province.

Other far Pacific developments included:

Battle of Australia—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that long-range allied bombers again heavily pounded Japanese ships in the harbor of Rabaul, New Britain, and scored a smashing victory over enemy fighters which tried to intercept them.

Shoot Down 7 Planes

A communiqué said gunners in the big bombers—presumably including giant American flying fortresses—shot down seven of 17 Japanese planes attacking them. All allied planes returned safely.

Other united nations bombers raided the Japanese seaplane base in the Louisiade archipelago, off the southwest coast of New Guinea, sinking an enemy seaplane and leaving shore targets in flames.

The Japanese countered with two heavy raids on Port Moresby, key allied base in southern New Guinea, first attacking the airfield with 13 fighter planes and then striking at ships in the harbor with 26 heavy bombers.

New Air Conditioning Installations Banned

Washington—(P)—The war production board today prohibited new installations of air conditioning and commercial refrigerating equipment in theaters, restaurants, hotels and for all other uses except to meet military and essential civilian needs.

The order also places rigid restrictions on the production and sale of such equipment.

After 90 days, the production of beer dispensers, carbonated beverage dispensers, bottled beverage coolers, individual room coolers, florists' boxes, fountainette-type soda fountains, and low temperature refrigerators designed to store frozen foods or to "quick-freeze" food, will be stopped completely.

Planes and More Planes Needed, Says President, as Fronts Are Expanded

Washington—(P)—Declaring that more transport planes are needed, President Roosevelt told a press conference today that we are getting into actual fighting more and more and at more places all the time.

The chief executive spoke of increased American fighting in various parts of the world during a discussion of his order permitting the war department to take over control of all the planes of commercial air lines.

"Need All We Can Get"

We need all the planes we can get, he said. Every kind is being taken over, he added, including what he termed puddle jumpers and one- or two-man ships. He asserted that almost anything that can fly is useful to the government.

The president did not elaborate on what new fronts American men might be fighting soon. Nor did he care to answer a question as to whether American troops had taken part in the British occupation of the French island of Madagascar near strategic United Nations supply lines in the Indian ocean.

The airline order means that domestic airline travel will be placed on a full wartime basis in the near future, with the army operating or controlling the nation's entire fleet of more than 300 transport planes.

Mr. Roosevelt recalled at his conference that it was not so many years ago that the American people got along without commercial flying services and without air mail and suggested that probably they could get along with a limited amount of these services now.

The people, he said, will understand.

He said he was inclined to think there was an increasing necessity in this country for curtailing private plane travel.

Less Travel This Summer

Asked whether his words should be taken to mean that he thought there would be no shortage of railway, coach traveling facilities, the president remarked that people could stand up. He said, however, he should not think there would be any problem for the time being, particularly since more people would be sticking at their jobs this summer and not going away, either by automobile or train.

Sub Saves Philippine Gold from Invaders

Washington—(P)—A submarine which carried ammunition to the embattled fortress of Corregidor was revealed officially today as the vessel which brought out a vast amount of gold, silver and securities from the Philippine islands, last February.

The story was told today by the navy, but the value of the wealth thus saved from the Japanese invaders was not disclosed in the official release, the navy saying merely that "it represented a large part of the negotiable wealth of the islands."

This property belonged to both the Philippine Commonwealth and the banks, mines and residents of the islands.

The mission was carried by submarine commanded by Lieutenant Commander Frank W. Fenno Jr., 39, of Westminster, Mass.

OPPOSES PARITY PRICE FOR FEED

Washington—(P)—Shorter rations for all or a stride toward inflation, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today, are the alternative threats involved in congressional proposals to bar sales of government-held grain at less than parity rates.

To Stimulate Production

Government-owned wheat and corn have been sold for feeding stock at prices "somewhat under parity so as to stimulate the production of meat, milk and eggs," Wickard said in a national broadcast.

This sales policy, he continued, would have to be stopped if legislation approved by the house and insisted upon by some senators and leaders of farm groups should become law.

"If feed prices rise as the result of restrictions put on the sale of corn and wheat," Wickard declared, "we will either (1) have to risk inflation by breaking the price control structure; or (2) have to risk putting our soldiers abroad, our allies, our own people on short rations." He added:

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"I am satisfied that farmers generally are not in favor of running the reckless risks of shoving ever-normal granary feed prices to parity. It doesn't make sense. Grain farmers would earn no more than what they do now. Livestock farmers would earn less, or else the price control structure would have to be jeopardized. If the latter happened, consumers would have to pay a billion dollars a year more for their food, and the inflationary sweep would be on. The whole thing would hurt farmers tremendously—also consumers. Most important, it would hamper us in winning the war."

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Hundreds of Local Anglers Out Today

Many hundreds of fishermen from Wisconsin Rapids and Wood county fanned out into the surrounding countryside early this morning to their favorite streams to inaugurate the trout fishing season which started at 5 a.m.

Others drove north and east to points well-known to anglers in this vicinity.

One of the finest of the first-day catches was a five and three-quarter pound rainbow trout taken by Orville Marti, 340 Fifteenth avenue north, city, at Lake Wazeecha at 11:30 o'clock today. He fished with Irv Schmick, city, on the east side of the bridge to land the fine specimen.

Praises Spirit

Praise was expressed by Mr. Kruger for the response being made throughout the county by individuals, by industries and business houses up to date. He said the campaign still was not to be regarded as a success and that there must be no let-down anywhere in the county, if the May quota of \$134,000 in war bonds and stamps is to be realized.

If the purchases are not cleared, as he urged in his statement, Mr. Kruger said he felt certain the quota would not be obtained.

DEMAND HEARD AFTER MEXICAN SHIP IS SUNK

Mexico City—(P)—An extraordinary session of the Mexican congress to declare war on the axis was urged today by Senate Leader Leon Garcia who said he would make such a motion at this afternoon's meeting of the permanent congressional commission.

"Absolutely Indispensable"

Garcia, spokesman for President Manuel Avila Camacho in the upper chamber, told newspapermen:

"In view of the extreme gravity of events provoked by the torpedoing of the Potrero Del Llano (a Mexican oil tanker) it is absolutely indispensable for our country to declare war on the Nazi-Fascist powers."

DNB said the cruiser was bombed Thursday "north of North Cape" caught fire and sank at midnight last night. It was accompanied by several destroyers and one of these also was hit by bombs and sunk, the news agency reported.

The long interval between the reported hitting and sinking of the cruiser suggests adequate time for removal of personnel. The site is on the allied supply line from Britain to Murmansk and Archangel, northern Soviet ports.

Two Separate Actions

DNB cited two separate actions as accounting for the icebreaker and the merchant ships in the Arctic.

The ice-breaker ((presumably a Russian craft) and the 2,000-ton merchant vessel were caught in a fjord of Spitzbergen, the Norwegian Arctic outpost island, DNB said, but it qualified its report of the fate of the latter with the statement that she was "so severely damaged that her total loss must be reckoned with."

The 10,000-ton freighter was reported fired by the bombs of Nazi combat planes near the Arctic coast north of Murmansk.

(The locale of the action—apart from the German claims, which might have been drawn to gain information on disposition of United States naval power—was the first indication that American fleet units were operating so deeply on the supply route to Murmansk and Archangel.)

Demand Reparations

In Mexico City, the government addressed a note to Germany, Italy and Japan last night demanding "complete satisfaction and a guarantee of damage reparations" by May 21, threatening otherwise to "take position in accordance with Mexican honor."

There were calls for a declaration of war on the axis. Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla called the sinking an "outrage to the Mexican flag." It was the first Mexican ship to be lost in this war.

Identity Was Plain

Eduardo Sibaja y Ramirez of Vera Cruz province, a quartermaster on the torpedoed tanker, said every light was ablaze and four spotlights shone on the flags painted on each side of the ship.

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To Ask Governor for Pardon for Dingman

A new attempt to win freedom for Elmer Dingman, alias Elmer Smith, slayer of Fred Beeli, Marshfield policeman, and now serving a life term at Waupun for first degree murder, was disclosed today by Dingman's attorneys at Milwaukee.

An application for "pardon, commutation of sentence or other relief" will be made to Gov. Julius P. Heil at Madison June 8, it was announced today by Harold V. Schoenacker and Stewart G. Honeck, attorneys for Dingman.

Beeli's killer was sentenced here October 10, 1935, by Judge Byron H. Park following a trial which attracted state-wide attention. An appeal to the state supreme court made last year to review the evidence, was denied.

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Suddenly, glass tinkled. The men had broken their drinking glasses in unison.

Others were carried on stretchers. Two men carried in were swathed in bandages.

Others were shielded only by blankets.

Some showed evidence of severe burns.

It was a slow, sad procession but some men waved an unbandaged arm or hand to hospital nurses on a nearby balcony.

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Most of the first arrivals were casualties of the sea fight. They

U.S. Cruiser and Destroyer Sunk by German Aircraft in Arctic Ocean, Nazis Claim

Berlin (From German Broadcasts)—(P)—German aircraft were declared in a special announcement today to have sunk a United States cruiser of the 9,100-ton Pensacola class and a destroyer in the Arctic ocean between North Cape and Spitzbergen.

Sink 2 Other Vessels

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