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# WILL AVENGE EXECUTION OF TOKYO RAIDERS

## British Beat Back 3 Axis Thrusts

### Compromise Suitable to Me if More Funds Result—Kannenberg

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Former State Senator Roland E. Kannenberg, chief spokesman for identical senate and assembly bills to distribute income tax revenues on the basis of population instead of origin, indicated yesterday he would agree to some other form of legislation if it would result in more funds for town governments.

Kannenberg, founder and head of a group known as Wisconsin Townships, Inc., expressed this view at a joint finance committee hearing on his assembly proposal. This meeting was attended by approximately 75 persons and was far more subdued than the senate corporation and taxation committee's hearing on the upper house bill several weeks ago. At this hearing more than 1,000 persons packed the assembly chamber and the speakers were more direct and forceful.

**"For High School Transportation"**  
Indicating he had an open mind on his proposal, Kannenberg said: "I am not so insistent that income tax revenues be distributed on a population basis as I am that the distribution be on a more equitable basis. I would rather see the money used for high school purposes than the way it is handed now. Some of the money could be used for high school transportation."  
"If this committee finds another basis for distribution, follow through on that, and I believe you can arrive at something agreeable to your people back home."

These statements followed previous ones to the effect that he had been ordered to stand firm on the original proposal, and that he had been attacked personally because of it.

**Refers to Pontius Pilate**  
"Some people are trying to run down this bill by sneers, slander, and personal abuse of the Pontius Pilate type," he said.  
Asserting that the legislature was making an "attempt to dodge a question very vital to the people," he added:  
"This bill is not important to me personally, but it is to the people back home. Thank God the laws allow one man to come to Madison to represent these units of government which have been so sorely neglected."

Among others who endorsed the bill were Martin M. Morrissey, Madison attorney; Charles Goldman, of Abotsford; H. B. Bell, of Columbus, and Arnold H. Fraedrick, of Nekeosa. Morrissey, Fraedrick and Kannenberg are three of the four incorporators for See—KANNENBERG—Page 9

## Six Year Old Boy Dies of Severe Burns

Marshfield, Wis.—Clemence Schaefer, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Schaefer, route 4, Marshfield, died at Marshfield general hospital at midnight last night from burns received yesterday noon when Clemence and his little brother Duane, 5, were playing outside their home.

When Clemence went to the family garage and drained a small can of gasoline from a storage tank the fluid ignited and exploded, causing the little boy's clothing to catch fire.  
Clemence ran to the house where his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lang, tore the clothing from his body and wrapped him in sheets. The child's mother was in Marshfield at the time and the grandparents took the child to the hospital where it was learned 65 per cent of his body surface was burned.

Duane had escaped injury but the Langs received severe burns. Mr. Lang, a former Marathon county assemblyman and widely known cop leader, is known in farm organization circles throughout the state.  
Little Clemence was a first grade pupil in St. John's parochial school, Marshfield. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## County Board Will Convene Here May 4

Rural township chairmen from throughout Wood county are pushing their spring seeding this week, hustling the work along, planning for that untimely but welcome diversion, spring county board session. The board convenes May 4. County Clerk J. A. Schindler this week is mailing out new board proceedings pamphlets with a record of all sessions during the past year.

### WRECK 27 AXIS TANKS; CAPTURE 500 GERMANS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(P)—A military spokesman said that a fierce battle, including bayonet and grenade fighting, raged throughout today on the British Eighth army's front as Gen. Sir Harold Montgomery's infantrymen drove against axis defense lines south of Tunis.

The eighth army artillery was credited with repulse of two Nazi counterattacks yesterday on the southern wing of the front and Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's First army beat off a powerful assault upon an eight-mile section of its line below Medjez-El-Bab, destroying 27 tanks, inflicting considerable casualties and capturing 500 Germans.

British parachute troops, who wear distinctive red berets and camouflaged green jackets that hang almost to their knees, were disclosed to have been in the thick of First army engagements as infantrymen.

Fresh British gains on the southern front were declared firmly held.

**Strike by Moonlight**  
Between 60 and 80 tanks and at least five battalions of German infantry (perhaps 3,000 men) struck by moonlight Tuesday night at the positions of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's First army in the mountainous area of Medjez-El-Bab, itself 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

The assault forces, described as some of the best of Marshal Erwin Rommel's men in Africa, were met by heavy fire. They suffered considerable casualties and the survivors were withdrawing at dawn, a communiqué said. Among the 27 wrecked tanks they left behind were two of the 60-ton Mark VI Tigers.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth army massed artillery batteries to beat off two counterattacks against its new lines—anchored in the region of Takrouna, five miles northwest of Enfidaville, and in the area of the Djebel Garci, 10 miles inland from the coast—with a heavy loss to the axis.

"Our positions were generally improved and all gains firmly held," the communiqué said.

**Face Difficult Hill Country**  
General Montgomery's men, who face 10 miles of extremely difficult hill country in their latest push toward Tunis, have already driven through three miles which had once bristled with Nazi defenses.

Observers said the axis forces were striking with all possible strength in an effort to slow their progress, regardless of the cost in troops and materiel.

The German command included units of the Hermann Goering Jaeger regiment and the Goering grenadiers in the attack on the See—WAR IN AFRICA—Page 9

### Portage Board May Lease Shop to FWD

Stevens Point—The Portage county board, now in special session here is expected to decide today whether to lease the new county highway department garage to the Four Wheel Drive Auto company, Clintonville which is seeking quarters for a plant division to employ upwards of 400 men.

As inducement, the city of Stevens Point has put up \$5,000 and the Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce has pledged \$2,500 more to provide new quarters for the county's highway offices and welfare office, which also is now housed in the new highway building.

The FWD company would pay \$7,200 annual rental for the new highway building.

## Churches of City to Hold Special Services Observing Good Friday

Joining with Christians throughout the world in commemoration of the three hours' agony suffered by Jesus of Nazareth upon Calvary's cross, Wisconsin Rapids residents will gather in devout worship at special Good Friday services tomorrow.

**Business Places Close**  
Business places of the community will close from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. to enable their employes to attend the services.

The traditional Good Friday union service, in which congregations of seven churches will participate, is to be held from 12 noon to 3 p. m. at the First Methodist church. Theme of the service is "The Seven Last Words of the Cross," with worship periods scheduled as follows:

12 to 12:30, First Word: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Meditation conducted by the Rev. Reuben H. Gross.

12:30 to 12:55, Second Word: "verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Meditation by the Rev. A. W. Triggs; vocal selection by Mrs. Chester Berand.

12:55 to 1:20, Third Word: "Woman, behold thy son and behold thy mother." Meditation by the Rev. Robert W. Kingdon.

1:20 to 1:45, Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Meditation by the Rev. F. F. Knickerbocker; music by the Congregational choir.

1:45 to 2:10, Fifth Word: "I thirst." Meditation by the Rev. C. A. O'Neill, Nekeosa.

2:10 to 2:35, Sixth Word: "It is finished." Meditation by the Rev. Mr. Triggs; choral selection by the ladies' chorus of the Port Edwards Community church.

2:35 to 3:00, Seventh Word: "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Meditation by the Rev. Mr. Kingdon.

Churches participating in the union service are the First Moravian, Trinity Moravian, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, St. John's Evangelical, and the Port Edwards See—GOOD FRIDAY—Page 9

## Britain Is Ready for Gas Warfare, Churchill Warns

London—(P)—Asserting it had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," the British government vowed today that any use of gas by either Germany or her satellites would bring immediate reprisals in kind against military objectives "throughout the whole expanse of Germany."

"The government's statement was issued by Prime Minister Churchill from 10 Downing street and newspapermen were called into an extraordinary session early this morning at the ministry of information to hear it.

**Shortwaved to German People**  
The British Broadcasting company also quickly beamed shortwave broadcasts to Germany, directly informing the German people what they could expect if their leader ordered the use of gas. The broadcasts emphasized the united nations' air superiority and quoted the prime minister's comment that "British resource and scale of delivery (of gas warfare facilities) have greatly increased since last year."

The Berlin radio, replying to the British statement, quoted German foreign office circles as saying that Germany would stand by a pledge given last year that she would use poison gas only if her enemies used it first. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said Berlin political circles termed Churchill's declaration "provocative."

**Britons Check Gas Masks**  
Britons began checking over their gas masks, with which every resident of Britain is equipped, after Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, cautioned them two days ago that the danger of the use of gas was not past. His warning followed the assertion of Wing Commander E. J. Hudoll, inspector-general of civil defense, that "if Hitler thought he could secure tactical surprise by using gas he certainly would."

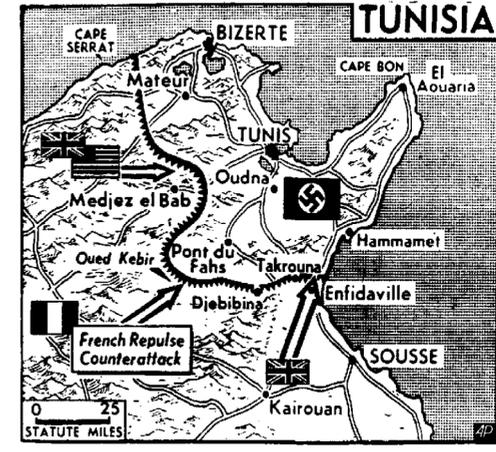
Churchill's statement said the reports of Germany's intentions had come from "several sources." A Soviet official, meanwhile, declared that "we have passed on to the British foreign office information that supplies of gas recently have been reaching the German armies on the Russian front."

Slightly less than a year ago, Churchill commented on similar reports that the Germans were testing the use of gas in the Crimea, where the official Russian news agency Tass said German troops had used land mines containing poison gas.

**Will Carry Gas by Planes**  
The prime minister quickly asserted then that his government would consider the use of poison gas against Russia as if it were against British and promised "if we are satisfied that this new outrage has been committed by Hitler we will use our great and growing air superiority in the west to carry gas warfare on the largest possible scale far and wide against military objectives in Germany."

The German radio denied at this time that gas had been used and recalled that Hitler pledged he would not use it.  
The Chinese have accused the Japanese of using gas and on June 5, 1942, President Roosevelt promised that if the use of gas persisted against China or against any other of the united nations "retaliation in kind and full measure will be meted out."

**MRS. VANERT DIES TODAY**  
Mrs. Faith VanErt of 551 Fifteenth avenue north, died at her home this forenoon. Funeral arrangements, which are in charge of Krohn and Berard, will be announced tomorrow in a complete obituary.



**BRITISH TAKE ENFIDAVILLE**—The British Eighth army, preceded by its usual intense artillery barrage, occupied Enfidaville, eastern anchor of Rommel's Tunisian defense lines, and pushed beyond the city into dominating heights, an allied communiqué reported. To the west French forces repulsed an attack at Oued Kebir, and the British First army to the north made a small advance in the Medjes el Bab sector.

## Japs Broadcast Threat to Execute Every Yank Flier They Capture

(By the Associated Press)  
A threat to execute every United States flier captured during a bombing of Japan was implied in propaganda broadcasts from Tokyo today and it was said that Japan would "leave nothing undone to prevent a repetition of the allied air attack" upon the island empire last April.

"And by the way, don't forget America," said an English-language broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission, "make sure that every flier that comes this way has a special pass to hell and rest assured it's strictly a one-way ticket."

Joe Mancl, 55, whose body was found lying just outside his home yesterday, a mile south of Sherry, died of a skull fracture caused when he fell Sunday, Dr. Harold Pomainville, Wood county coroner, stated today. Dr. Pomainville late yesterday completed examination of the body which Sheriff Henry Becker brought here yesterday noon.

**BLAME DEATH ON SKULL FRACTURE**  
No Inquest Necessary  
Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosek agreed with the doctor and sheriff that no inquest in the Mancl death is necessary, although Sheriff Becker today said he was "going to go over to Sherry and continue checking the reports we got earlier on this case."

That story, as told by the sheriff, is that Mancl had gone into Sherry Sunday, had suffered a fall, had stayed in the village overnight and when walking home Monday was observed to be moving "all hunched up and as though hurt," two neighbors told the sheriff.

Ray Harger, who found Mancl's body outside the man's cottage yesterday morning was also the last man to have seen Mancl alive. That was Tuesday, when Harger had seen Mancl go down the highway to his mailbox.

**Funeral at Blenker**  
The Mancl body is now at the Krohn and Berard funeral home but will be taken to the Rembs funeral home, Marshfield, where it will remain until Monday, 9 a. m., when funeral services will be at St. Kilian's church, Blenker, Fr. Leonard Stieber in charge.

Joseph Mancl, born at Milladore May 9, 1888, lived in the Milladore and Sherry communities all his life. He was never married but is survived by three brothers and four sisters: Frank, Blenker; Henry, Wisconsin Rapids; Sylvester, Milwaukee; Laura (Mrs. Robert Jens), Milwaukee; Margaret (Mrs. Harry Howard), Tulsa, Okla.; Frances (Mrs. James Henick), Milwaukee; and Anna (Mrs. Joseph Tauscher), Madison. There were three other sisters and two brothers who preceded Joseph in death.

## Elmer Olson Broke Neck in Fall, View

After studying varied and conflicting testimony in the death of Elmer Olson, 54, whose body was found on the outskirts of Biron last Feb. 27, a coroner's jury, after listening to several witnesses subpoenaed by Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosek, late yesterday, decided that Olson's death was the result of a broken neck sustained in a fall.

It was the belief of witnesses and officials that Olson had not been hit by a car or truck and that no such vehicle was involved in the man's death.

**BURNS REACHES MOSCOW**  
Moscow—(P)—Maj. Gen. James H. Burns, executive office of the munitions assignments board of the United States and Britain in Washington, arrived here today. He was a member of the five-man mission which came to Moscow in 1941.

## FDR PROMISES PUNISHMENT FOR 'BARBAROUS' ACT

Washington—(P)—A new and burning challenge for revenge rode with America's air fighters in the Pacific today.

They were called by their chief, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, to destroy the Japanese warlords who "have executed several of your brave comrades" in violation of what Arnold termed "every rule of military procedure and every concept of human decency."

President Roosevelt's announcement late yesterday that some of the American fliers who helped bomb military targets in Japan last year had been put to death electrified and shocked the capital.

**Stuns People**  
Mingled with Mr. Roosevelt's assertion that these "diabolical crimes" would make America more determined than ever to "blot out the shameful militarism of Japan" were such comments as these:

Chairman Sabath (D-Ill) of the house rules committee: "Contemptible, damnable, outrageous. I hope that when the time comes we will show no mercy."  
Speaker Rayburn: "Gruesome."  
Rep. Manasco (D-Ala): "We won't take many prisoners after that."

Mme. Chiang Kai Shek: "This latest flagrant violation of international and humane laws should steel the determination of the united nations to bring immediately to task the enemy who knows no law but brute force."

**Note Sent to Japs**  
An American note to Japan, transmitted through Swiss diplomatic channels and made public at the White House yesterday, said the United States eventually will bring those responsible for the executions to justice.

It also warned that any other violations of the Geneva convention regarding treatment of prisoners of war—"as military operations now in progress draw to their inexorable and inevitable conclusion"—would See—EXECUTIONS—Page 9

## Airmen Destroying Half of Hitler's Shipping-Patterson

Washington—(P)—The spectacular success of allied airmen in North Africa are destroying at least 50 per cent of axis shipping—both air and sea, Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, reported today.

Reviewing the progress of the war at a press conference, Patterson said reports from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied commander in North Africa, indicate that the number of ships sunk by allied air forces and naval units has dislocated the axis supply system seriously and that the enemy is trying to make up the loss by concentration of transport airplanes.

"At least 50 per cent of axis shipping—both air and water—is being destroyed by our air attacks," Patterson said.  
In the Tunisian ground fighting satisfactory progress has been made, he added, although the recently launched heavy attacks on axis positions still are in the early stages.

In other theaters Patterson reported that heavy destruction of hostile military and industrial installations and of enemy shipping and aircraft have resulted from continued attacks by American air forces in the south Pacific, southwest Pacific, Aleutians and Europe.

Turning to the war at home, the undersecretary reported that the United States now has a backlog of aircraft engines but cautioned against any assumption that the supply is excessive.

## THE WEATHER

**SHOWERS**  
For Wisconsin: Scattered light showers tonight and in east and central portions Friday forenoon; farmer in east tonight; cooler in west; continued mild in east portion Friday forenoon.  
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Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 68; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 27; temperature at 7 a. m., 49.