

Axis Resistance On Cap Bon Is Collapsing

Tokyo Claims Japs Push Wavel Back Near India-Burma Border

Allies Give No Hint Of Major Loss By Wavel

By The Associated Press
A Tokyo broadcast asserted today that Japanese troops, rolling back Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavel's British forces, had advanced within 12 miles of the India-Burma frontier in the gravest threat of invasion yet to confront India's 390,000.

The locale of the thrust was not disclosed, and confirmation was lacking from any Allied source. British headquarters acknowledged three days ago, however, that Marshal Wavel's legions had been withdrawn from Butedaung, 60 miles north of the big Japanese base at Akyab, under pressure by enemy infiltration forces. The Tokyo radio said Japanese troops were "mopping up enemy remnants" near the border.

Today's British communique, giving no hint of a major setback, said British artillery bombed Japanese troops on the Mangdaw-Butedaung road, where the Japanese had gained a foothold, and RAF fighters machine-gunned enemy troops in the area.

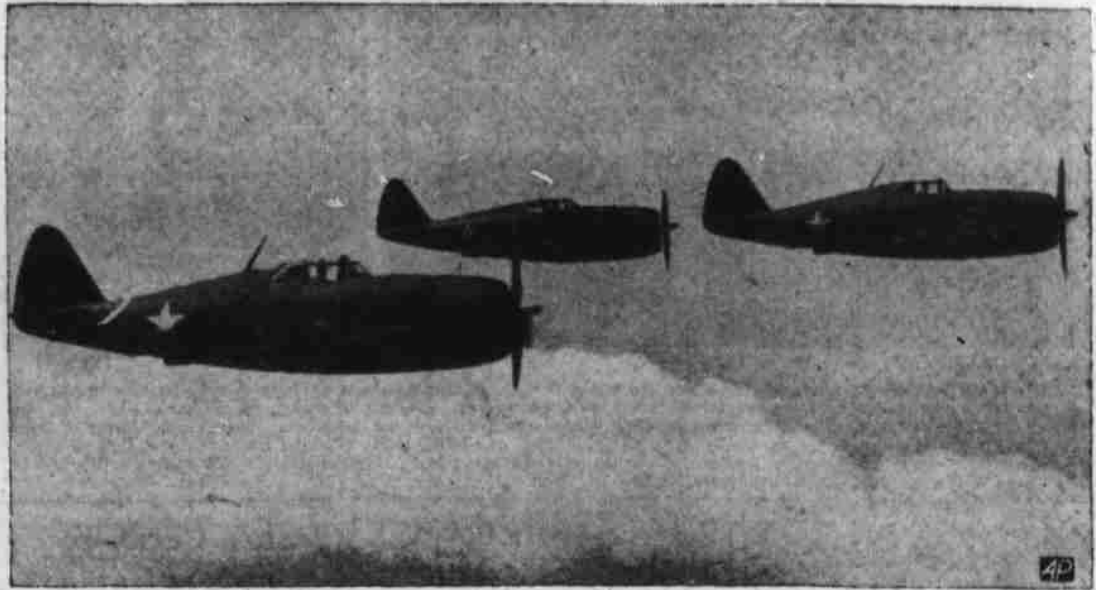
Other Pacific war developments saw 14th U. S. air force planes blow up seven locomotives and blast four river boats in two days of strafing sweeps over Japanese-occupied Indo-China, which adjoins Burma in the north.

Dispatches said locomotives had been knocked out in the last month, and the Japanese had been forced to operate trains only at night.

In the southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that Allied bombers left 20 fires raging in an assault on the Japanese base at Babe, Dutch New Guinea, while Allied troops beat off an enemy attack in the Mubo area 12 miles south of the Japanese base at Salamaua, New Guinea.

Contracts Let On Housing

Contracts in the amount of \$19,027 and involving the creation of quarters for 13 additional family units were let here Monday afternoon under terms of the National Housing Agency's lease conversion program.



American Thunderbolt Fighters—Here are three Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes in flight. It was reported in London that these 400-mile-an-hour planes have gone into action in the European theatre of operations.

Eleemosynary Funds Cut As Solons Hurry To Adjourn

AUSTIN, May 11 (AP)—A \$14,342,174 appropriation for state eleemosynary institutions for the next biennium was voted by the legislature today.

The allotment, \$925,199 less than spending authorizations for the current biennium, was the result of a compromise between house and senate versions of a bill sent to free conference committee.

The house originally had approved a \$14,695,255 appropriation and the senate voted a \$15,280,084 authorization.

Principal difference between the new spending act and that which expires next Aug. 31 is that no new buildings for state hospitals, homes, training schools and orphanages were approved.

The \$925,199 since some appropriations for the current biennium were not expended.

The new eleemosynary bill made some salary adjustments, a \$10 monthly pay increase for low salaried employees included, and allowances for increased costs of food and supplies.

Administrators And Teachers Renamed

W. C. Blankenship, finishing out his 15th term as superintendent of Big Spring public schools, was elected to another year Monday evening at the board of trustees selected other members of the administrative and regular teaching staff on the customary one-year contract.

The veteran superintendent, in preparing for his 16th year as head of local schools, could look back on the greatest era of development for the system, for when he came here from Denton in 1923 there were only five buildings, 1,445 scholars, and 42 teachers.

Since then the new East, West, North, College Heights, and Kate Morrison Americanization elementary school buildings have been erected as well as an addition to the high school, a gymnasium-auditorium, administration building and stadium.

Trustees also voted a \$45 bonus to be paid to all regular teachers who are on hand to receive their checks at the end of the school year.

Twenty Miners Killed In Blast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11 (AP)—Twenty men were killed, five others seriously burned and two were missing today in an explosion at the Praco coal mine No. 10 of the Alabama By-Products Corp., 20 miles west of here.

Previously, 12 of the 23 men underground when the explosion occurred had been brought out, five of them severely burned.

Soviets Creep Forward At Novorossisk

Battle Is Bloodiest Since Stalingrad, Germans Stiffen
By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, May 11 (AP)—Red army troops crawling forward yard by yard in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Russian-German war since the days of Stalingrad, battled furiously today within the German defense lines at Novorossisk, but it was reported they were meeting stiffening Axis resistance.

The Red air force meanwhile kept up a major scale series of attacks against the German supply lines all along the front but apparently was not successful in halting the flow of supplies and reinforcements the Germans pushed into sectors of the Kuban to feed their numerous counterattacks.

Tanks, armored cars, motorized artillery and heavy field pieces were reported to have been brought in by the Germans.

The noon communique told how a Red army detachment stormed into the German trenches in their Novorossisk defense line, killing 80 of the enemy to hold the position.

The midnight communique credited Red army artillery with smashing German gun positions and blockhouses in the Novorossisk defense line.

A German attempt to answer the Red air force sweep against their rail lines and supply centers by sending 200 planes in an attack on the Rostov-Bataisk area, gateway to the Caucasus, was met by withering anti-aircraft fire which brought down 48 of the raiders, it was reported.

Retailers Fail To Open In Protest To "Black Markets"

PHILADELPHIA, May 11 (AP)—The 500 members of the Philadelphia retail live poultry dealers association failed to open their stores today in a mass protest against what they termed "black market" activities by certain New York dealers.

"We will stay closed until the black market is driven from Philadelphia," declared David N. Feldman, counsel for the association, as chicken and other poultry disappeared from the market.

Treasury Postpones Next War Loan Drive

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—The treasury has postponed until September the third war loan drive because of the success of the second—which it described as the greatest government financing campaign in history.



Take Prisoners, Blockade Bon—The Red Army advanced to the area southeast of Bizerte (A), it was announced, as Allied naval and air forces threw a blockade around the Cap Bon peninsula (B) and sank many small ships carrying Axis soldiers attempting to escape from Tunisia.

Desperate Rabble—NAZI SHOCK TROOPS IN PANICKY RETREAT

By DANIEL DE LUCE
GROMBALIA, ON CAP BON, May 10.—(Delayed AP)—Adolf Hitler's famous shock troops became a desperate rabble, running for their lives into the hills of Cap Bon peninsula or surrendering in thousands to the British first army today.

The collapse of the once proud German divisions rivals that of their scorned Italian satellites.

All morning I have raced forward with the armored scout cars and seen the amazing spectacle of the German army humbled in the dust of a panicky retreat.

Austin Man Choice Of Welfare Board

AUSTIN, May 11 (AP)—The state public welfare board today appointed L. C. Proctor of Austin, director of school plants of the department of education, to be executive director of the department of public welfare.

Four Dead In Okla. Flood

MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 11 (AP)—Floods coursed unchecked down the river valleys of eastern and southern Oklahoma today leaving four dead, two missing, hundreds homeless and scores marooned.

Arkansas Areas Hit By Floods

FORT SMITH, Ark., May 11 (AP)—Lowland dwellers throughout northwest Arkansas from Fort Smith to Harrison watched mountain creeks burst from their banks and larger streams rise rapidly toward danger stages today in floods that threatened to assume serious proportions.

Man Found Dead In Room Here Monday

Eddie Joseph Watts was found dead Monday afternoon around 1:30 p. m. at his room at 323 Johnson and Justice of Peace Walter Grice returned a verdict of death from hemorrhage of the lung.

Nazis Dazed By Allied Triumphs

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—The Netherlands news agency Aneta quoted reports today that a state of siege had been decreed throughout Nazi-occupied Holland and that 26 Dutch patriots had been executed and 10 others sentenced to death as a result of disorders apparently connected with an attempt to stage a general strike.

British Break Through Base Of Peninsula

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—A French communique broadcast from Algiers tonight said German forces in the Zaghouan mountains west of Cap Bon had asked for armistice terms.

The communique said the French commander had demanded unconditional surrender and that all war material be handed over—in accordance with the Casablanca formula.

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Allied headquarters in North Africa said today it was officially announced that enemy resistance on Cap Bon was collapsing. The number of prisoners was increasing hourly.

Advancing from the Hamman Lif area on the north side of the neck, the British first army crossed the base of the peninsula to the outskirts of Hammamet on the south side, and took Sollman, Gromballia and Menzel Bou Zelfa in the center, the communique announced.

A fate worse than Dunkerque has overwhelmed Hitler's African corps.

More than 5,000 prisoners were taken by the British in their lightning thrust across the peninsula, including 900 members of the crack Hermann Goering regiment which had fought strongly around Hammam Lif from entrenched and buried tanks.

Amount Involved In Tax Squabble

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—It's not the principle, it's how much—

Arkansas Areas Hit By Floods

The weather bureau at Little Rock issued flood warnings for the Arkansas and White rivers while reports told of highway and railroads cut off by the swiftly swollen streams.

Editorial **It's Time To Halt The Squabbling**

In its latest report the Truman committee confirms a general impression that has prevailed since outbreak of the war—that is, that confusion and divided authority exists in the top brackets of war management. It finds that while Donald M. Nelson was given a clear and unequivocal authority over war production by a presidential directive, subsequent directives from the White House created new chains who divided authority with him. It recommended that Nelson's hand be strengthened, and that he consult more frequently with sub-chief handling rubber, gasoline and other subjects.

War production was handled skillfully and effectively in the first world war because the war board headed by Bernard M. Baruch was given full and complete authority over all phases of production and was left unimpeded and undisturbed by the White House. This time there has been almost constant division of authority and shifting of responsibility, with the result that needless confusion and incessant dis-

Washington Daybook— **Our Success In The Air Due To Become Greater**

(First of two articles on the growing importance of air power.)
By JACK STINNETT
WASHINGTON — The biggest air story of World War II is in the making.

Although they won't give any reason at all for publication, and very little more than that off-the-record, air corps officers in both the Army and Navy are treating Washington to the biggest grins of this war so far. That set this correspondent to digging, and out of the files and conversations with unquotable but authentic sources, it's apparent that big things are in the making along the ack-ack front.

I'm not going to make any effort to give a complete round-up of what is taking place, but I am going to hit a few important high spots.

Let's start with WPB Chief Donald Nelson's recent statement that April airplane production in the United States alone has hit just under or over 7,000 planes. Let's say a few words now that no matter how large our Army becomes, one-third of it will be air corps (this includes ground crews, the Air Transport Command, etc.)

And then let's settle for a few reports from the front.

In the Pacific, in spite of recent concentrations of Jap air power and the desperate plea for more planes from our own commanders, it has been officially reported that we still are knocking out five Nip planes for every one of ours sacrificed. So far, too, there seems to be every indication that we are breaking up those convoys of troops and supplies.

I don't mean to minimize the

Capital Comment **A Service Badge For All WPB Employees**

By GEORGE STIMPSON
Herald Washington Correspondent

War Manpower Commission announces new, short, intensive summer course in sanitary engineering at University of Texas; the course is tuition free and to be eligible one must have two or more years of college or the equivalent of practical experience in sanitary engineering . . . Elliott Reynolds, who works for the house appropriations committee, calls from Mexico . . . Congressman Wright Patman says total American casualties in all branches of service since Pearl Harbor—killed, captured, wounded and missing, is 78,253.

Don Nelson, who is supervising war production amounting to \$4,000,000,000 a month, sent to all WPB employees a service badge with an eagle superimposed on a cogwheel as the insignia; with the button the WPB director sent a note saying he would like very much to have delivered it in person . . . Some of the saddest looking buildings in Washington are the embassies and legations of enemy powers, closed up, window shades drawn, guarded by police; the general rule here seems to be the smaller the country the bigger the diplomatic establishment; several of the largest and most imposing legations and embassies here are occupied by representatives of

Hollywood **Their Hearts** **Remain Young** **And Gay**

By ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD — I missed meeting Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough when they were here, but a few tales picked up in the aftermath of their visit are reassuring proof that their hearts still are young and gay.

They were here to work on the screen play of their book, which Paramount somehow is going to make into a movie. I say "somehow" because it's difficult to imagine any actresses taking the roles of Cornelia and Emily as well as they could themselves—and they can't of course, because they're no longer the giddy youngsters of their first adventures in seeing Europe, post-World War I. They're both quite dignified and staid matrons, now, and not the least bit giddy, only it seems they still "attract incident as magnets attract lint," to quote the book.

They were here a couple of weeks, I'm told, before it occurred to them that they ought to do something about collecting their pay. They were getting a little embarrassed about being ignored by the paymaster, and made discreet inquiries of a trusted confidante. "Have you tried going around to the cashier's window?" they were asked.

Oh, they hadn't thought of that. They went, and were probably amazed to find their accumulated checks. Babes in the Hollywood. Everybody else, new to a studio, finds out first thing where the cashier's window is located, and some individuals have been known to lurk in the vicinity for hours before the pay day's dawn.

They were assigned quarters in the writers' building, and days went by. They were beginning to think they were the town's forgotten women, as they sat in their office undisturbed and unvisited, hour after hour, but at last there was a knock on the door. "Discover!" They opened eagerly. "Would you like to be air raid wardens?" asked the caller.

Miss Skinner was over at the studio gym one day, boxed up in a steam bath, when Emily arrived full of bright news and tidbits that disrobing for a shower. She couldn't wait for the telling. Emily spouted her information, the while slyly stepped under the reading cabinet, had quiet hysterics; dear Emily had forgotten to remove her hat!

On the train out, Cornelia had a disconcerting experience. A woman across the aisle was reading "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." Cornelia watched covertly for a reaction, but the woman never cracked a smile. If Cornelia has been brooding over that, she'll feel better when she gets back to play a role in "The Uninvited." "I'm going to look her up, and if there are any wider Skinner fans than yours truly I haven't met up with any. I have to read her books in solitude, because I whoop and holler and nobody else in the room can think. At some passages I roll on the floor, and at others I climb the walls, screaming.

HIGHWAY TO HER HEART

Chapter 2

The news about Bill Vance's plane accident up in Canada hurried through the offices of Spot News Pictures. Bill was a general favorite. Penny Vance, pale, maintained an outward calm, but it wasn't easy. Every time she came out of Powell Ward's gold-lettered door into the main room, she was deluged with sympathy.

The world had gone frighteningly bleak. The only thing that seemed at all real was when Cleve Rockwell loomed up once to take her hand, cradling it.

"Don't let that telegram scare you, Penny. Bill's my best friend. I'd know inside if he weren't going to come out all right."

Penny lifted gray eyes to his, managed a shaky smile.

"I-I g-guess I would, too, Cleve."

He patting her shoulder with such awkward tenderness that Penny gulped and bolted back to her own little office. She was afraid she was going to cry. She couldn't hold back any longer.

Before she could even slip into a chair, however, Powell Ward's buzzer sounded. Rallying obediently, Penny groped her way in to answer.

"We've got to get hold of those pictures!" he greeted her, without looking up. "Send a wire to the police authorities, Penny, at—where was it?—ah—Hudson's Hope, and find out what's happened to Bill's camera and films."

"C-camera and f-films?" faltered Penny. What about Bill?

"Something in her voice made him raise his eyes. "Oh—and of course, tell them to give all possible aid and medical attention to Bill."

Penny sent the telegram. She didn't know what to do, that she couldn't afterward remember clearly. Doggedly, desperately, she kept busy. Took dictation. Typed letters. Telephoned for Powell.

"It's very sensible of you to go on as usual," he told her approvingly. "Worrying won't help Bill, you know, Penny."

What would help Bill—lying somewhere far off up there in the wilds? Where, exactly, was he? Who was with him? The morning was a blur of misery. Lunch time came. Food? How could she eat anything, when her only brother was injured, perhaps fatally?

"Sorry I can't take you to lunch," Powell said, helping her into her coat, "but I've got an appointment with Judd Chasmer."

Powell Ward—very.
"Powell?" Cleve began to laugh incredulously. "You don't mean you've gone and got a crush on the boss, do you?"

"We're engaged," said Penny lolly. "He's having the ring made to order. Star sapphire and diamonds."

The laughter died out of Cleve. He changed color. It was Penny told herself, a real triumph. Now maybe he'd have to treat her with more respect. She'd be the boss's wife.

"Good lord," said Cleve finally. "Then: 'I don't think Bill will like it.'" He blew out smoke explosively.

"Why not?" demanded Penny defensively.

His harsh laughter cut through the room. "If you don't know, far

be from me to tell you." The old Cleve was back again, only more remote and detached than he'd ever been before. Suddenly Penny didn't feel triumphant any more. Just how she did feel was hard to explain. Only not quite happy. But probably that was because of Bill. Yes, that must be it. She'd never feel herself again, until she'd seen her brother safe and sound.

Two days later, a telegram came from Hudson's Hope. It was signed Constable Bennick, B.C.M.F. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police man had found the camera and was expressing it to the New York office of Spot News Pictures. No word of Bill.

When it arrived, a full ten days (See STORY On Page 6)

Life's Darkest Moment



BLONDIE

POP HOW MANY ZEROS DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO BE AN ACE?

YOU HAVE TO GET FIVE

THAT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF IS IT POP?

I SHOULD SAY NOT! THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

CONGRATULATIONS ALVIN! YOU'RE AN ACE!

ALVIN GOT EIGHT ZEROS IN HIS GEOGRAPHY EXAMINATION TODAY

BARNES & SNUFFY

YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO YARD BIRD SMITH GENERAL - HE'S ABOUT TO MAKE A SPECTACLE OF HIMSELF HERE IN SAN JUAN, P.R.

WHERE IS THE LITTLE !! @ * M ??

AND NO ES ELLA BONITA?

DID YE WHISLE FER ME, GEN'RL?

PSST - HOW ABOUT INTRODUCING ME TO THE SEÑORITAS YARD BIRD?

PATSY

HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW, MISS?

A LOT BETTER! I DID! GUESS THE FRESH AIR HELPED!

MY, YOU'RE LATE - HURRY AND GET YOUR THINGS OFF - DINNER'S READY, AND I HAVE CURRIED LAMB - JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT!

EVERYTHING LOOKS SO GOOD, BIZZI - BUT I CAN'T EAT ANY - SO PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY!!

MISS PATSY SEEMS ILL, MA'AM - PERHAPS I'D BETTER PHONE DOCTOR FORBES!

YES AT ONCE

ANNIE ROONEY

I AM A QUIET, MODEST, UNASSUMING, EVEN-TEMPERED CITIZEN - BUT NO SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF A SEVENTH RATE STEEL COMPANY CAN INSULT ME!!

THE EGOTISTICAL INSECT WRITES ME A LETTER THAT ENDS WITH THE WORDS, "DICTATED, BUT NOT READ." GET ME ANY RUBBER STAMP

DICTATED, BUT NOT READ - BAH! SEND MY ANSWER VIA REGISTERED AIR-MAIL!!

THE STEEL CO. OPENED, BUT IGNORED

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Burke violently
 - Speedily
 - Concealed
 - Porcupine plant
 - One of a Turkic title
 - Second largest known bird
 - Musical or gnomish pronunciation
 - Imitate
 - Canoe
 - The birds
 - Sheep
 - Shut
 - 275 of electric current
 - Officials
 - Dutch city
 - Pronoun
 - Rearrange

SAC LAMAS NEM
ELA ADORN UVA
NON SIGMA MET
DETECT SPHERE
AMASS PAR
ASTER LEISURE
CLAN DOGS SOD
HA DROUGHT WE
EVA ERG OPEN
SELPISH SPARS
PAS SATIN
SPARSE RECIPES
LAC UTTAR CAN
ORA ENATE LID
WAS DAMES ERS

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

61. Operatic airs
62. Youngster
63. Application
64. Former rulers
65. Roguish

DOWN

- Cross
- Land measure
- Twin crystal
- Corolla
- By
- Curset
- Without due attention
- Epic
- Throw
- Obstruction
- Membership charges
- Chopping
- Peer Gynt's mother
- Type measure
- Poem
- Just dear of the ground
- Stiff fabrics
- Onlookers
- Malinae epie
- post
- Masachusette cape
- Pain leaf
- Gone by
- Passageway
- Make petition
- Mad
- Number
- Wood
- Hawaiian fish
- Shoe shapes
- Folden
- At a distance
- Whirlpool
- Billy
- Feline animal
- English letter

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