

REPORTS YANKS ON WAY TO AUSTRALIA

Writer Says Large U. S. Convoy Steams Through Southwest Pacific While Naval Battles Rage Over Wide Area.

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LONDON, March 7.—A large United States convoy is steaming through the southwest Pacific to aid in the defense of Australia and lay the foundations for an eventual offensive against Japan, a London Daily Mail correspondent reported today in a dramatic dispatch dated "Aboard An American Warship."

Infantrymen, hundreds of crack

pilots, planes, tanks, guns were in the convoy which, the correspondent said, could be seen spread out in every direction over the sea from his ship.

The dispatch said naval battles, which could not yet be reported because of military reasons, were now being fought over wide areas of the vast Pacific and, quoting American naval officers that they were confident they could smash the Japanese navy, ship for ship but that the battle would be hard.

RUSS REPORT UKRAINE GAINS

Push Near Dneiper River;

Claim Thousands Slain

On Central Front.

LONDON, March 7 (U. P.)—Neutral reports indicated today that Marshall Semyon Timoshenko's army of the Ukraine was within 20 miles of Odesopetrovsk, just above the gigantic Dneiper river power dam the Russians blew up last August.

On the central front, the Red army pushed westward from the captured German strong point of Yukhnov after furious street fighting in which several thousand enemy troops were killed, Moscow said.

Offensive Base Seized

The fall of Yukhnov, south of Vyasma, gave the Russians one of the most powerful positions in that sector and one from which Hitler planned to launch an important phase of the spring offensive that has now been largely disrupted, it was added.

The Germans had installed their 13th and 36th army corps there and had fortified all surrounding villages.

In the last stages of the battle the Germans threw in their 260th and 263d divisions and the remnants of the 121st but they failed to prevent the Russian break-through.

Claims 40,000 Die in Month

An army communiqué reported the destruction of 79 German planes on Thursday. It said the Russians lost 14 aircraft.

Radio Moscow broadcast early today that the Germans, between Feb. 6 and March 6, had lost 40,000 men, killed on the central front alone. During that month, it was said, the Russians captured 263 localities and towns, 356 guns, 491 machine guns, thousands of grenades and "huge quantities" of other war material.

Huge Army Still in Trap

Reports from the front said the entrapped German 16th army at Staraya Russa, on the northern front, originally contained 19 divisions, or about 250,000 men, instead of 96,000, as had previously been believed.

(CBS) In New York heard the British Broadcasting Co. quote a Radio Moscow report that 100,000 soldiers of the 16th army had been killed, wounded or captured.

On the Kalinin front northwest of Moscow the Russians captured three strongly fortified points, killing 300 Germans, and destroyed 18 field guns.

CONTRACTOR HELD IN SHOOTING OF PICKETS

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 7.—A Bedford contractor was held on an open charge in Monroe county jail today after four men were wounded, one critically, in a labor dispute which flared into gunplay.

Prosecutor Sylvan Tackitt said the contractor admitted firing four shots into a group of union pickets at the old Bloomington stone mill, where he was supervising a dismantling job yesterday.

He claimed, however, that the pickets invaded mill property and threatened him and that he fired in self-defense.

The wounded men are Raymond Holtzclaw, 22, of Bloomington; Claude Hale, 30, of near Petersburg; Paul Shute, 38, of Bloomington, and Deward Decker, 19, of Clear Creek. Holtzclaw's condition was described as critical.

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Newest U. S. Tank Reaches Ft. Knox



Shown at the right is the newest steel monster of the U. S. armored forces, an M-4 medium tank as it arrived at Ft. Knox, Ky. for tests. Completely streamlined, lower in silhouette than the M-3 at the left, this land battle cruiser is equipped with a rivetless, all-steel body. The M-4 will carry a 75-mm. cannon and an array of machine guns, but no 37-mm. cannon as in the M-3. Both tanks weigh about the same, 28 tons.

Ostrom and Tyndall Toss Hats in Ring Seeking G. O. P. Nomination for Mayor

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just a start and only one of the many ways in which the burdens will double and double again on them."

Pointing out that all citizens are willing to help, Mr. Ostrom added:

"I believe that city government is co-operate better by getting down to streamlined fighting weight, just as the president is calling upon other institutions of the country to do."

"Now is the time to have exact budget and to adhere to them to see to it that every dollar of taxes taken from the people returns to them 100 per cent in service."

"These massive forces will not only help to defend Australia, they are taking with them large quantities of materials to be used in building the foundations for a greater offensive against Japan."

"Every ship, every convoy load has concentrated hitting power."

"They carry hundreds of the finest pilots America can produce, powerful units trained in landing operations, hardy infantrymen from the American plains many of whom never had been the sea before."

"They carry, too, mechanized equipment and the latest type of American aircraft."

Take No Chances With Subs

"We are taking no chances on this momentous trip. In this warship are planes designed to deal with submarines and they fly far ahead of us looking for trouble."

"Today I climbed into one of these planes and was fired into the air by a catapult machine. For hours we roamed great distances over the ocean ahead of our ships. We saw no enemy—only more American ships, carrying more planes, guns and tanks to the southwest Pacific."

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Fights War Support

"The call is for attention to business and co-operation. If the need were for something more brilliant, I would hesitate to seek this responsibility. And it is this viewpoint that I would seek in those I would appoint, each board member become a representative of the entire city . . . We must conduct our affairs of local government so that when our men return from war, they will see that we have not fought in vain."

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Aided Flying Campaign

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He also is Marion county Red Cross survey committee chairman and was a member of the governor's housing commission.

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affairs and is treasurer of the county central committee. He was particularly active in 1940, when the county was the only major industrial area to swing from Democratic to a Republican majority.

They offered their former chief as "a man whom all races, colors and creeds can support and with whom he will deal fairly, impartially and conscientiously; one who will deal fairly and impartially with all political groups and organizations and who will recognize their party's best interests."

Patriotic Conviction

Stating that it was their "patriotic conviction" that he should seek the nomination the veterans said in their resolution to Gen. Tyndall:

"We have followed your distinguished career with pride and affection throughout the years and into the present war when already you have served your country and this community. We are mindful of our responsibilities to help at home by contributing our best efforts to maintain public morale, civilian defense and good government now."

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