

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.

RUSS REPORT UKRAINE GAINS

Push Near Dnieper River; Claim Thousands Slain On Central Front.

LONDON, March 7 (U. P.).—Neutral reports indicated today that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's army of the Ukraine was within 20 miles of Dnepropetrovsk, just above the gigantic Dnieper 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 Yuhnov after furious street fighting in which several thousand enemy troops were killed, Moscow said.

Offensive Base Seized

The fall of Yuhnov, 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 26th 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 131st but they failed to prevent the Russian breakthrough.

Claim 40,000 Die in Month

An army communique 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 293 localities and towns, 386 guns, 401 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 10 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 positions, killing 900 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 Holtsclaw, 22, of Bloomington; Claude Hale, 30, of near Petersburg; Paul Shute, 36, of Bloomington; and Edward Decker, 19, of Clear Creek. Holtsclaw'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, 30 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 can co-operate best 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 budgets 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."

"Now is the time to reduce local taxes if possible, by an economical, business-like administration. Now is the time when our city needs careful, business management so that our people can carry their other burdens without stumbling."

In Business Since 1912

"If elected mayor, I would give the same close application to my business administration of the city's affairs that I have given to my personal business in this city since 1912. But I would need and expect a great deal of help from the people from all walks of life."

"After all, there is not a man, woman or child in this city who is not vitally concerned in streamlined, economical city government now."

He said that he would "want to have all elements of our city represented on the board, but I would insist that when appointed, each board member become a representative of the entire city."

"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."

"As the convoys move westward along the close guarded life-line to Australia, the Japanese are shooting out great tonnage of naval and air power 5000 to 6000 miles into the Pacific to Australia and the United States."

"In some areas the tentacles consist of long range submarines. In other areas they are made up of aircraft carriers, loaded with powerful bombing and torpedo planes, protected by destroyers and cruisers, and in others there are big Japanese patrol bombers or groups of swift-moving surface warships."

Naval Battles Reported

Emphasizing the vastness of the Pacific war picture, he then wrote: "As the forces of America and Japan begin to make contact naval and air battles on a scale unparalleled in history are developing. There are battle taking place at widely separated points over 70,000,000 square miles of ocean—the greatest single battle the world has ever known."

"It is so vast that despite the great range and detecting devices the battle forces can creep up on one side of the other, or on some key point in between, without being discovered until they have advanced great distances."

"It is like four or five battles of the Atlantic rolled into one."

"You won't hear immediately the details of some of these engagements because to announce them would help the enemy."

"It is a strange and eerie kind of war in which the superiority of American cruisers, destroyers, aircraft carriers and personnel is slowly beginning to tell."

Tyndall to enter the race, the veterans adopted another resolution addressed to voters, stating: "It is felt that in these trying times it would be of the best interest of the public that Gen. Tyndall be nominated for and elected mayor."

"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 as deserving those Republican workers who have carried and forwarded the 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."

"We feel that it is the duty of the city officials and citizens of our community to be prepared to meet any attacks that may be directed at Indianapolis because of its important defense industries."

Henry Ostrom

Henry E. Ostrom organized the Ostrom Realty & Construction Co. here 30 years ago, and it has been active throughout the Midwest.

Among larger constructions done by this company were a pipeline diagonally across the state; more than 40 municipal water works plants in several states; 21 post-offices in Indiana and Kentucky; 20 armories for the state and other industrial, business and residential structures.

Mr. Ostrom has been active in civic and church affairs. He is a trustee of the Central Avenue Methodist church, Indianapolis. Boys club vice president, Indiana Boys club victory program chairman; Central Y. M. C. A. building committee chairman and Wheeler City Rescue Mission director.

Aided Flying Campaign

He is a past president of the Building Owners and Managers Association and former chairman of the Indianapolis Orphans Asylum advisory committee. He is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Mystic Tie lodge, F. and A. M., and the Scottish Rite.

As civilian aid to the fifth corps area—commanding general, Mr. Ostrom has directed a two-year campaign throughout the state to secure flying cadets.

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

For many years, Mr. Ostrom has been active in Republican county

Gen. Robert H. Tyndall

Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, who described himself as "a civilian soldier," has been active in business and civic life here for many years and has served in four of his country's wars.

During the world war, he commanded the 150th field artillery, a unit of the famous Rainbow division which was led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He was awarded the distinguished service medal by the United States, the croix de guerre with two palms by France and also was designated as a commander of the Legion of Honor by France.

Before the present conflict, he was recalled to active service and placed in command of Camp Shelby, where 50,000 soldiers were stationed. He held this post until he reached the army retirement age last May. On his return here he became county civilian defense director, and has organized 40 defense units.

Served in Puerto Rico

Gen. Tyndall served as a private in Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American war and at the time of his retirement last year was the 22d highest ranking officer in the U. S. army. He served on the Mexican border in 1916.

As a young man, he worked as an apprentice machinist, power line man and store clerk. A close associate of the late Carl G. Fisher, Gen. Tyndall served as vice president and treasurer of the Fisher enterprises which included development of the Indianapolis Speedway and Miami Beach, Fla. He also served eight years as American Legion national treasurer, and in recent years he has operated two farm near here.

Born Here in 1877

Born here May 2, 1877, he has lived here all his life and for 34 years has maintained his home at 2016 N. Meridian st. He is married to the former Hazel Dean Spellman and has two children.

A past president of the Indiana chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, Gen. Tyndall has been active in numerous civic and fraternal organizations. He is a 33d degree Mason and a life member of Murat Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

He is also an Indianapolis Red Cross director and secretary of the Child Welfare Endowment Corp. of the American Legion.

He never has held elective or appointive public office.

Payne Verdict Seen Near; Jury Asks New Instructions

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since the night of July 5, 1941, when Mr. Mattingly was slain.

By another coincidence, the jury room, which is provided with cots and other "comforts of home," was arranged in front of the third-floor cellblock at the suggestion of Mr. Mattingly, the man Mrs. Payne is accused of killing.

At the time of the jail's construction, Mr. Mattingly was county attorney and his name is among others on the cornerstones of the structure.

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Use Amino Acids In Tumor Cases

NEW YORK, March 7 (U. P.).—Extra amounts of amino acids fed to animals with transplanted tumors have caused the tumors to disappear in 69 to 82.9 per cent of the animals and preliminary results of experiments on humans are "very favorable," a report to the American Society for the Control of Cancer revealed today.

The report was made by Prof. Howard H. Beard of Louisiana State university.

He said Dr. Walter B. Coffey of San Francisco was testing the effects of mixtures of amino acids, a group of the constituents of proteins on humans.

"Some cases were able to return to work on the railroad soon after receiving the injections," he said. "I would say that the clinical possibilities for use of the amino acids is very hopeful."

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JAPS OVERRUN MOST OF JAVA

Weary Dutch Falling Back; Radio at Bandoeng Says 'Goodby.'

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Japanese asserted that the collapse of Java's defenses was a matter of "a few days."

Australian as well as Dutch dispatches were generally in line with the Japanese claims, although fighting continued in the mountains. The Dutch said that conditions, including enemy air control, had so exhausted the defenders that they apparently could not continue sufficient resistance.

From Australia came reports that a Dutch counter-offensive had failed at the decisive moment due to lack of air strength.

Tanks Used in Burma

But in Burma, American-made tanks were aiding the British in counter-thrusts about 70 miles northeast of Rangoon where all reports indicated that the Japanese invasion drive had been stalled for days.

And in the southwest Pacific it was reported that a big American convoy was massing men and material not only for defense of Australia but for offensive action that already may have been started at sea.

Pacific Blows Hinted

Dispatches from Honolulu and from a London Daily Mail correspondent in Australia indicated that the fight was being carried to the enemy with sharp scattered blows that are expected to develop into maximum striking power in the future.

Naval battles already are being fought over wide areas of the Pacific on a scale never before known, the Daily Mail correspondent wrote and news of still wider operations may be expected soon.

At the same time, dispatches from Honolulu expressed belief that American forces were striking "unexpected blows" against Japanese outposts in the Pacific and Australia reported that "planes are being formed to assemble the maximum united nations strength for a counter-offensive at the earliest possible moment."

A plan was reported drafted by Australia and New Zealand and forwarded to London and Washington in connection with proposals to carry the Pacific battle to the enemy and Prime Minister John Curtin warned Australians now being mobilized to the limit for work and war—that the "great task" lies ahead.

Register Men up to 60

All men up to 60 years of age who were unenrolled in previous call-ups were registered for military service. Men of class four—married men and widowers, with children, between the ages of 35 and 45—were exempted.

India and China were assuming increased importance as bases for counter-attacks against the Japanese and London was expected soon to take some action toward meeting Indian demands for independence in order to solidify the country's millions behind the allied cause.

The national defense council was summoned to meet for two days at New Delhi in April.

U. S. Mission Due in India

An all-India radio broadcast from New Delhi said that a United States technical mission was due there soon to aid in developing India as a supply base for the united nations forces.

In the Philippines a small Japanese force, accompanied by tanks, landed at Zamboanga on the island of Mindoro, immediately south of Luzon island, the war department reported in Washington.

Several ports on the east coast of the island were shelled by enemy naval craft.

There was no activity on Batavia except for mild artillery fire and an enemy air raid.

On the European front, the Russian army was still punching hard at the German lines.

In the south the Russians were believed to be within 20 miles of Dnepropetrovsk and Swedish dispatches reported that Russian artillery was hammering the Germans in a city believed to be Kharkov.

There was news again from the African front.

Calvo reported a Free French column joining in the Libyan fighting captured an enemy garrison and other positions in the Fezzan sector, south of Tripoli, after severe fighting.

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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231 projects, would cost a billion. Substitute offered by Rep. Dondero (R. Mich.) has only 38 projects, all certified by war agencies as essential; total cost \$400,000,000. (St. Lawrence seaway is one of the 38.)

DRAFT BOARDS in rural areas will hear from headquarters about scarcity of farm labor; will be urged to treat farm workers and operators more leniently. Meanwhile migration to highly paid factory jobs continues to deplete farm labor supplies.

FSA May Get New Chief

FARM SECURITY administration may get a new boss. Congressional farm leaders, attacking C. B. Baldwin for "collectivist" farm experiments, won't be satisfied till they get his scalp.

DON'T BE surprised if Mrs. Roosevelt goes off the air. Democratic party officials, in anguish over the OGD mess, aren't responsible but they hope she'll hibernate till election's over.

BYRD investigation of war-industry profits is expected to hit the jackpot. Preliminary digging indicates corporations netted more in 1941 than in 1939—even with heavy new taxation. Dividends were up, undistributed earnings even more so.

Licensing of Construction Expected

IN THE offing: Licensing of private construction. Housing authorities now urge conversion of old houses into apartments as quickest way of meeting defense workers' needs. Added virtue is that it often places them closer to their jobs, eases transportation problem.

OFFICIALS and business men are waiting to see effect of Ninth Circuit court decision this week saying a majority of employees must specifically authorize closed-shop negotiations before they are binding. Decisions may slow down unions' closed-shop drive.

S O S: Navy is sending out scouts to hunt draftsmen in New York and other cities; aviators can't fly, sailors can't navigate, without maps. Major difficulty is that Navy pay is \$1800 to \$2400 a year. Good men can earn more in private work.

YOU'LL hear more about that plan to draft men by age groups. Stimson knocked it down but it's still being talked about.

Juggle Plans for Camp

CONFUSION DEPARTMENT: War department announced plans for a cantonment at Chillicothe, O., cancelled them, confirmed them again, cancelled them again.

LATEST PLAN to aid small business comes from Patman committee; calls for "farming out" by the administration of incidental business; such as printing, which can be done on equipment made idle through the war effort. Committee has data on what happened to printing when the manufacture of automobiles stopped, is investigating other related industries.

One point for it: Men and machines which might otherwise come to Washington would be kept at home.

RAILWAY labor wants its own war labor board; will cite recent refusal by president of Toledo, Peoria & Western to submit to mediation a long-standing brotherhood strike, as ordered by Chairman Davis of war labor board.

AXIS RADIOS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON U. S.

BY UNITED PRESS

Axis radios started a new propaganda campaign today against the United States, and Germany as part of it made it plain that it was exceedingly annoyed at Admiral William D. Leahy, United States ambassador to the Vichy government, who recently obtained a pledge that Vichy would not put its fleet into the war on the Axis side.

Other German propaganda broadcasts referred to President Roosevelt as "Franklin Delano, emperor of all the Americas."

Rome, which for several days has been urging Great Britain not to be further "deceived" by the United States, broadcast:

"America is Britain's public enemy No. 1. He is a shylock. America's entry to the war has precipitated Britain's downfall. In fact, Britain has already lost the war. She has lost the war, but she can still save what is saveable. Turn on the traitor. Turn on the false friend. Turn on America."

CLAIMS 98 U. S. SHIPS SUNK

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 (U. P.).—Federal agents struck at Japanese secret military activities today by arresting members of such groups in areas near airports and military posts. Sixty-eight Japanese were arrested and contraband property was seized.

WIRE POWER GIVEN DCB

WASHINGTON, March 7 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today signed an executive order granting the defense communications board "power with respect to the use, control and closure of all facilities for wire communication."

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