

## RUSS RACING TO RUMANIA LINE

Nazi Defenses Shattered as Soviets Continue Hammer Blows.

MOSCOW, March 24 (U. P.)—Two Russian armies raced through shattered German defenses for the honor of driving the first wedge to the Rumanian frontier today, forging nearly three-fourths of the way across Bessarabia and down through pre-war Poland to the outer approaches of the upper Dniester.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 2d army held the advantage in the race, reaching within 15 miles of the Prut river border line with the capture of Rishkanovka in Bessarabia.

At the same time a sudden southward surge by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st army against crumbling German resistance sent spearheads closer and closer to Cernauti to the northwest.

### Admit Hard Fighting

(A German communiqué reported embittered, defensive fighting against superior Soviet forces) between the middle Bug and the Dniester rivers as well as on the 65-mile Tarnopol-Proskurov front where the 1st army of the front was pressing a new offensive.

Front reports from the regions where the Russians were approaching Rumania referred to the utter demoralization of shattered German divisions which the Nazi command was trying frantically to stiffen with fresh Rumanian levies said to be displaying a pronounced lack of military ardor.

All signs were that unless Marshal Fritz von Mannstein pulls a rabbit out of the hat the Prut line will prove no more formidable a barrier for the Russians than were the Dniester and the Bug.

How Van Mannstein proposes to defend Rumania in the light of the apparent debacle was a growing mystery. The German preoccupation with shoring up the Hungarian defenses may be a clue to the mystery, observers believe.

Whereas the Rumanian frontier is protected only by the Prut, the Hungarian approaches are shielded by the towering masses of the Carpathians.

Field accounts quoted Bessarabian peasants as reporting that German troops were straggling through without their rifles and revolvers and other arms.

In contrast, front dispatches reported solid columns of Soviet troops moving up from the Bug across the Dniester. The Dniester crossing was being expanded on a massive scale over existing bridges and new pontoons, and even huge German ferries which were captured intact.

The advance carried the Russians almost to within artillery range of the Prut, virtually dooming any chance of a German stand on the east bank.

### ACTRESS CALLED INSANE

SEATTLE, March 24 (U. P.)—Frances Farmer, 30-year-old former screen star, today was under commitment to the Western state hospital on an insanity complaint filed by her mother, Mrs. Lillian V. Farmer.

## Serve in Army



T. Lively J. Williams

## 18TH JAP SHIP SUNK IN 4 DAYS

Yanks Score Heavy Blows On Pacific Bases and Scatter Convoy.

By UNITED PRESS

Allied airmen, aiming to neutralize the Japanese garrison at Weiwak, today ran their toll of enemy ships to 18 in four days by smashing another convoy attempting to reinforce the enemy base on the north New Guinea coast.

The bomber pilots sank two Japanese freighters, seven coastal vessels and 23 barges off Weiwak Wednesday, and followed up the raid with a series of assaults along the New Guinea coast from Cape Moem, at Weiwak, to Aitape, 90 miles to the northwest.

A total of 200 tons of explosives were dropped, silencing eight heavy gun positions and destroying a number of parked planes. One allied plane was lost in the attacks.

### Rabaul Hit

Solomons-based bombers again hit Rabaul, New Britain, while other forces teamed with naval units to bombard enemy positions on Bougainville in the Solomons.

In the Central Pacific, army and navy Liberators bombed Ponape and Kupasse, the island approaches to Truk, Tuesday, in their 37th assault on the Carolines since Feb. 14.

Other units of the Central Pacific air forces, apparently using the newly discussed shuttle system, raided four enemy-held atolls in the Marshalls, dropping a total of 70 tons of bombs.

The American pilots carried out the operations without loss.

Brig. Gen. T. H. Landon, commanding general of the 7th army air force bomber command, revealed that U. S. planes have been using the shuttle method in attacking Japanese positions in the Marshalls since Feb. 25. The technique enables the planes to carry twice the bomb-load on the same amount of gasoline.

## NEW CROPS LISTED FOR PRICE CONTROL

WASHINGTON, March 24 (U. P.)—Some 700 items in the nation's market basket have now been placed under dollar-and-cents price ceilings which soon will be extended to cover several more fresh fruits and vegetables. Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced today.

The new crops to be put under community-wide price controls include string beans, green peas, cucumbers, spinach, carrots, onions, potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, apples, bananas, grapes and citrus fruits.

### NORWAY PLANS FILM

HOLLYWOOD, March 24 (U. P.)—Wilhelm Muntke de Morgenstierne, ambassador from Norway, has invited Screen Star Greta Garbo and Producer Lester Cowan to Washington to discuss plans for a motion picture glorifying the Norwegian merchant marine. Cowan's studio said today.

### ST. LOUIS FEARS NO BOMBS

ST. LOUIS, March 24 (U. P.)—Civilian defense authorities decided today there was no further danger of St. Louis being bombed by enemy aircraft. They ordered 600 air raid shelter direction signs removed.

## Allies Use Tanks, Big Guns in New Drive at Cassino

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## JAPS 30 MILES FROM IMPHAL

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By UNITED PRESS

Allied headquarters, Naples, March 24 (U. P.)—Fierce and indecisive fighting still raged in Cassino and the surrounding hills today as allied tanks and field guns moved into support the attacking 5th army infantrymen in an effort to break the weeks-old stalemate.

Headquarters spokesman indicated that New Zealand infantrymen were making little, if any, progress in their drive to clear the Germans from a group of ruined buildings in the southwestern edge of the town.

Allied tanks moved into point-blank range of the Nazi positions and opened up with their big 75-millimeter cannon.

American 240-millimeter field guns, the biggest cannon in the allied arsenal, hurled tons of high explosives into the German emplacements along the base of Mount Cassino and around the ancient Roman amphitheater just south of the Manipur capital with the Kaba valley in Burma.

Small parties of Japanese are approaching this road, but one of these detachments was dispersed Tuesday morning and another made an unsuccessful attack on a British unit on the highway, the communiqué reported.

### Patrols Near Imphal

(A BBC broadcast recorded by CBS quoted an Assam province government announcement that enemy air attacks had been made on Manipur and the Katchall district to the west of Manipur but said only a few bombs were dropped and casualties were slight.)

British and Indian forces have killed 600 to 700 Japanese in the recent fighting in the Chin hills and the Kaba valley while their own losses have been "infinitely lighter," the spokesman said.

He gave little information regarding a Japanese column marching through the rugged mountains from Tamanthi toward the Imphal-Manipur road but said the enemy may have patrols within 20 miles of the highway north of Imphal.

British forces appear stronger than the Japanese on the ground and the allies have definite air superiority, both for attack and supply, the spokesman said.

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Speeches, leaflets, even personal conversations, are invariably devoted to bitter attacks on England, Russia and the United Nations in general. Important men or groups in our war effort were assailed constantly.

This is the rank and file. The leadership is another matter.

Mrs. Stanley will mention John Roy Carlson (author of "Under Cover"). Women in the audience will then shout out abusively about his racial origins. Or she will talk about Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner's lecture on "Under Cover."

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## Goal of 'United Mothers' Is to Split Home Front, Says Girl Writer Who Joined Group

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members urged to buy a war bond or give the Red Cross a pint of blood, or in any other way aid the war effort.

When I had attended meetings faithfully for a while, Mrs. Stanley invited me to the offices to help sort the huge sacks of literature piled on floors and tables.

MESSAGES TO THE MASSES, by Elmer J. Garner, Wichita, Kas. At least one of Garner's publications was banned from the mails for anti-Semitism. Garner is now under indictment, charged with a conspiracy to aid in the establishment of a National Socialist form of government in the United States.

BLACK MARKET connections were made by officers and board members of the club.

### Gave Own Name

I joined the Mothers last October. Entering I gave my own name, and said I came to them because my fiance had just been lost in Sicily.

They welcomed me, Miss Marina Cavoli, secretary, thought it was natural that I should want to join. She told me that the United Mothers often send literature to the parents of dead service men.

ROOSEVELT'S JEWISH ANCESTORY, Hitler's old propaganda myth revised by Robert Edmundson, also under indictment.

"THE CROSS AND THE FLAG," magazine of America Firster Gerald L. K. Smith. It has been mentioned by the FBI in connection with conspiracy indictment.

"FACT-O-GRAM," organ of the Constitutional Education League of Joseph Kamp, also named by the FBI as a transmission belt for propaganda of the Nazi conspiracy.

Claims Only 500

The United Mothers claim only a mailing list of 500 names, but the members are supposed to make every piece of propaganda count by passing it around to friends and neighbors.

Most of the members are middle-aged women of the lower income brackets. Many of them enter the movement with certain racial prejudices already deeply ingrained. Others appear to be duped by the pseudo-patriotic declarations of the veteran leaders. Many have sons who have been drafted.

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Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Phillip Monreal, vice president, and others of the closely-knit group which directs the United Mothers are

well-versed in political tactics.

Three times while I was in the organization, Mrs. Stanley or Mrs. Monreal went to Washington to confer with isolationist congressmen and "others." The "others" were not identified.

Although Mrs. Stanley professes complete independence of other groups, she mentions "mother groups" in Pittsburgh, Detroit and Steubenville, O. She sent \$70 to Father Coughlin "for his birthday."

SIX FILE HERE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Five Republicans and one Democrat today filed for state representative from Marion county.

The Republicans are Clara O. Oxley, 618 Congress ave.; Charles M. Clark, 4603 Allisonville rd.; Roger G. Wolcott, R. R. 12, Box 226; Lawrence A. Shaw, 5483 N. Capitol ave., and Charles D. Rogers, 2462 Broad-

way.

The Democratic candidate is Charles L. Lyons, 1808 Orleans st.

State Senator Robert Lee Brokenburr, 2086 Highland pl., filed for re-nomination on the Republican ticket and Lloyd D. Clavcombe, 4301 Park ave., filed for Republican nomination of circuit court judge here.

Among others filing were Joseph G. Major, Monticello, for the second and district Democratic congressional nomination, and Congressman George W. Gille, Ft. Wayne Republican, for renomination in the fourth district.

G. O. P. WILL SELECT KEYNOTER IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, March 24 (U. P.)—The committee on arrangements for the Republican national convention will meet in Chicago April 18-19 to select the keynote speaker, permanent chairman and other convention officials, G. O. P. National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler announced today. The committee will meet at the Stevens hotel.

PENSIONERS TO ELECT

Indiana Old Age Pension group 2 will meet to elect officers at 8 p. m. Monday at the I. O. O. F. hall, Hamilton ave. and E. Washington st.

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