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Russ Units Enter Mountain Passes In Sight Of Hungary

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.)—Ochakov, German defense base on the Black sea 38 miles east of Odessa, has fallen to the Russ army, sealing the entrance to the Dnieper bay into which the Bug river also debouches.

MOSCOW, March 31 (U. P.)—Russian advance guards have pushed high up in the Carpathians within sight of Hungary and have entered the approaches of the

strategic mountain passes guarding the border region, front dispatches reported today.

The vanguard of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st army of the Ukraine raced southward from captured Delyatin, 15 miles short of Hungary's Carpatho-Ukraine, formerly the eastern tip of Czechoslovakia, in a bid to seize the mountain passes before the Germans could plug them.

Zhukov sent other striking forces down from captured Cernauti to the Seret river, from which the whole German position in Rumania east of the Carpathians can be flanked.

Field dispatches said the speed and impact of the Soviet advance had panicked the Germans and there was no sign that they had been or would be able to regroup their shattered divisions to meet the powerful push de-

veloping against their Rumanian and Hungarian allies.

The battle of the Balkan frontiers approached a climax as Zhukov's men plunged forward and Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 2d army of the Ukraine massed along the Prut in Bessarabia waiting for the order to strike anew.

(Rumania acknowledged the war was at her threshold by issuing her first supreme command communiqué in two

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SOLDIER VOTE SESSION CALLED FOR APRIL 11

Legislature Also Will Consider Other War Measures

Governor Schricker today called a special session of the state legislature to convene at 10 a. m. April 11 for the purpose of passing a soldier vote bill and considering other "necessary" war time measures.

Copies of the governor's proclamation were mimeographed and mailed to all legislators today.

The governor's call came after it became known that President Roosevelt would permit the soldier vote bill passed in congress to become law without his signature. The governor, who had announced sometime ago that he would call a special session, had declined to issue the call until definite action was taken in Washington.

The governor's office said that Tuesday, April 11, was picked for the opening day of the special session so that none of the legislators would have to leave his home on Easter and so that both parties could hold caucuses on the Monday night preceding.

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FDR Allows Veterans Vote Act to Be Law Tonight.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt notified congress today that he would allow the soldier vote bill to become law without his signature, although it is "wholly inadequate" to assure servicemen and women a "feasible" opportunity to vote.

In a message to the house, Mr. Roosevelt also appealed to congress to make more adequate action to protect the political rights of our men and women in the service.

And he urged the states "to make the bill as fully effective as its defective provisions will allow."

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SWIFT DRIVING JAPS MENACE 2 INDIA BASES

Establish Road Block on Vital Highway in The Interior.

NEW DELHI, March 31 (U. P.)—Japanese jungle troops, slashing 30 miles across the wild Indian frontier from central Burma, have cut the main highway linking Imphal and Kohima and are closing in for a major assault on the twin British strongholds, it was disclosed today.

A British spokesman revealed that the Burma town of Tiddim 40 miles south of the Indian frontier, had been abandoned by the allies without a fight, presumably when the Japanese first launched their drive northward along the Tiddim-Imphal road some weeks ago.

Its fall was not regarded as important to the British frontier defense, however, since their main lines were drawn up about 15 miles further north and the town apparently had been bypassed previously by the Japanese.

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URGES PUBLICITY TO SPUR 4-F'S

Public Opinion Seen as Aid in Organization of Work Battalions.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.)—Col. Francis V. Keeling of the selective service system today proposed that the pressure of public opinion as well as the threat of induction into work battalions be employed to force more 4-Fs into essential war jobs.

Keeling, selective service legis-

lating representative, recommended that local draft boards publish lists of 4-Fs already in es-

sential jobs with a view to per-

suading their fellows to get into the war effort, too.

The subcommittee yesterday urged

that selective service re-examine

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96 BRITISH BOMBERS FALL TO GERMANS

One Plane Shot Down for Every Eleven Miles.

London, March 31 (U. P.)—The Royal air force suffered the heaviest loss ever inflicted on an allied air armada last night when 96 planes were shot down by German night fighters and anti-aircraft guns during a powerful British moonlight assault on the arms center of Nürnberg and targets in the western Reich.

The loss exceeded by 17 the previous record toll of 78 R. A. F. bombers which failed to return from a raid on Leipzig the night of Feb.

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Dawson Slated to Announce His Candidacy for Governor

By EARL RICHERT

Reliable sources said today that Lt. Gov. Charles Dawson will announce his candidacy for the G. O. P. gubernatorial nomination next week.

Mr. Dawson, it is known, has long been considering entering the gubernatorial arena against former G. O. P. State Chairman Ralph Gates, and, it is reported, he made up his mind after a survey made by friends convinced him that the race was still wide open.

Mr. Dawson became the state's

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. 30 10 a. m. 24

7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 28

8 a. m. 31 12 (Noon) 40

9 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 42

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top ranking Republican official in 1940 when he was elected and the Republican candidate for governor, Glen Hills, was defeated.

He has presided over two sessions of the state senate and is popular with G. O. P. senators throughout the state. He previously had served as trustee of Washington township, as head of the township trustees' state association.

His entrance into the gubernatorial race will further complicate the situation for Mayor Tyndall. The losses, due to a variety of causes, occurred in operations from Jan. 22 to the present.

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ELEVEN U. S. SHIPS LOST

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.)—The loss of 11 minor U. S. naval craft in the Mediterranean theater was announced by the navy today. The losses, due to a variety of causes, occurred in operations from Jan. 22 to the present.

Mr. Tucker, secretary of state

from 1933 to 1943 and recently dis-

charged from active duty as a navy

lieutenant, has been indor-

JAP FLEET FLEES AS U. S. FORCE SMASHES BASES NEAR PHILIPPINES

Photos Dramatize Allied Bombardment of Cassino Ruins



Huge smoke columns mark exploding allied shells and bombs in a recent allied bombardment of Cassino's ruins where Germans, hidden模倣, resisted 8th army advances.



Taken from a U. S. army air force reconnaissance plane, a few minutes after the last wave of bombers left in a record-breaking aerial assault, this photo shows the raid's devastation.

HEAVY ATTACK IS 'CONTINUING' BY SEA AND AIR

Yank, Ships, Planes Make Record Penetration Into Enemy Waters.

By UNITED PRESS
Powerful American naval forces, in their deepest penetration of Japanese waters, were believed today to have smashed Japanese bases in the Palau islands, 530 miles from the Philippines, in heavy attacks which still may be continuing, in the wake of one of the greatest co-ordinated aerial offensives of the Pacific war.

American battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers opened their assault on Palau, 2000 miles south of Tokyo and 4000 miles southwest of Hawaii, at dawn yesterday while U. S. aerial fleets hammered the Japanese over an area stretching 2600 miles in length from Palau to the eastern Marshalls, and 700 miles wide from Truk, in the Carolines, to northern New Guinea.

The naval attack on Palau was a new attempt to bring the reluctant Japanese navy to battle, but the enemy ships at the islands fled.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said the "heavy attacks" were continuing, and although the details were lacking, observers in Washington doubted that a landing would be attempted.

Hundreds of Planes

Hundreds of planes were believed to have participated in the attack. (Naval observers in Washington regarded the attack as the prelude to an American invasion thrust system in the Carolines, stretching eastward.)

The exact size and makeup of the task forces comprising the attacking fleet was not disclosed, but Nimitz's communiqué called them "strong" and a spokesman said they were similar to those which sank 23 to 28 Japanese ships at Truk in a two-day raid last Feb. 16 and 17.

Japanese search planes from New Guinea and Caroline bases spotted the huge fleet as it approached Palau and flashed a warning to the islands, enabling ships anchored there to flee before the assault began.

Deserted by their protective warships, the islands presumably were left at the mercy of the attackers with only coastal batteries and fighter planes with which to ward off a sea or air bombardment.

200 Small Islands

In view of the destruction inflicted on the even more strongly-protected Japanese bases of Truk and Saipan by similar task forces last month, observers believed the American fleet probably achieved wide devastation at Palau.

The raid was the most daring yet attempted by American naval forces

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ARMY TO CLOSE BUTLER SCHOOL

More Than 1000 Students To Receive Transfers to Other Units.

More than 1000 soldier students in the 52d college training detachments (air crew) at Butler university will be gradually reassigned to air fields for overseas service, Senator Raymond E. Willis' office in Washington was notified today.

The order to abandon all such army college training detachments by June 30 was announced by Col. George Parker. There are 40,000 air crew trainees in 81 colleges in the United States.

Butler university officials and army officials here, however, said they had received no notification as to the abandonment.

Begin Reduction

Last month the university began to reduce by 50 a month for five months the number of soldier students in training so that the quota would be brought down to 1000. Until recently 1260 students had been taking flight training at Butler.

University officials said the step was entirely unanticipated and that only last week school representatives had conferred with army men from Randolph field on the college training program.

Hoosier Heroes—

LOCAL FIER, SAILOR MISSING IN COMBAT

AN INDIANAPOLIS airman and a sailor are missing following combat over Germany and in the Atlantic.

They are:

T. Sgt. James H. Fiers, 4780 Wentworth Blvd.

Seaman 1-c Albert Sylvan Eldridge, 2711 N. Illinois St.

T. Sgt. JAMES H. FIER, engineer in the army air forces, was lost in a raid over Germany Feb. 22 on what was believed his 14th mission.

He is the son of Mrs. Elma Fiers and brother of Mrs. George

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Too Many Eggs Give Farmers New Headache

By HELEN RUEGAMER

Ways to put more eggs on the tables of Indianapolis homes and restaurants and relieve a glut in Indiana's egg market were considered at a meeting today of farmers, retailers, poultry men and government officials at the Indiana Farm bureau.

The mild winter weather and an increase in the number of layers has increased Indiana's egg production 11 per cent over that of last year with the result that the price of eggs has fallen to a new low of 16 cents a dozen for farmers.

Due to the rock-bottom price farmers are discontinuing their poultry production, hatcherymen are cancelling orders for hatching eggs, with the result that a serious shortage in eggs and poultry looms for the future.

Representatives of the Indiana

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AIRCRAFT LABOR CHIEF INDICTED

U. S. Jury Charges False Information Given in WLB Application.

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—Thomas de Lorenzo, president of the Brewster Aeronautical Corp. of the United Automobile Workers union, C. I. O., was indicted by a federal grand jury today in a charge of making false statements in an application to the United States civil service commission for appointment as a labor panel member of the war labor

De Lorenzo was charged last year with responsibility for labor troubles which seriously curtailed the production of navy fighter planes at Brewster plants in Johnsville, Pa., and Farmingdale, N. Y.

The 35-year-old Brooklyn-born

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Six U. S. Fliers Die When British Down Transport

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.)—British carrier fighter planes, protecting an allied Atlantic convoy, shot down an American transport plane by mistake this week and its crew of six men was lost, the war department and the British admiralty announced today.

The plane was a four-engined C-54 operated by the U. S. army air forces air transport command. It was flown by a civilian contract crew.

The plane carried cargo but no passengers.

Fighters protecting the convoy attacked the C-54 in the vicinity of the convoy route when, according to reports, identification was not established," the announcement said. "Evidently the fighters mistook the C-54 for a German four-motor bomber, the Focke-Wulf 200."

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