

Three Kurile Islands Pounded

U.S. Bombers Hit Fourth Strike On Japanese Bases

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, April 14.—(AP)—The Spring aerial drive on the Kurile Islands was carried by its fourth straight day Thursday strikes at Parao, Shashukotan and Mat-Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today in a press re-

lease were four attacks, making a total of 14 raids on Kurile Islands in four days. Parao was hit twice and other were directed at Shashukotan and Matsuwa, the latter 450 miles of Japan. The 11th Army Air Force bombers first went over Parao in a pre-dawn attack, encountering no opposition. Navy search planes ran an anti-aircraft fire over the base.

Press release also reported Thursday Navy search planes bombed Ulul, northwest of the Carolines and Pakin, Ponape.

In the day, announcement was made that Seventh Air Force Liberators gave one of its heaviest raids on Wednesday night, blasted five islands with planes, encountering no opposition and only meager fire in the 20th attack of the campaign.

Other Central Pacific air units, Navy Ventura's raided also in the Carolines, hit-warehouses, planes and gun-

Deaths

HITE CHAPEL

WILSON, PROB.—H. E. POUL, V. P.

HOWELL, Mrs. Mattie, resident of Montgomery, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glenn E. 425 South Lawrence St. at 8 p.m. Friday following illness. Surviving mother, Mrs. Laura Howell, Montgomery; two sons, Mrs. Bradley, and Edgar Woodruff, Holly, Calif.; one son, George Churchwell, Mobile; and Mrs. Marie Tucker, Montgomery; also three grandchildren. The funeral will be from White Chapel today at 2 p.m. with Minister J. L. and Minister Guy Reddick officiating. Burial will be in Rocky Mount Cemetery, LaPlaine.

MORY CHAPEL

WILSON, PROB.—H. E. POUL, V. P.

Y. Mrs. Lillian Minter, of Hill Road, died in hospital Friday at 12:13. She was born in Tyler, but had lived in Montgomery 10 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Hugh Thomas Caffey, Surgeon General. Surviving are a son, Hugh W. Y. Montgomery, a daughter, B. B. Rudolph, Montgomery; two brothers, J. A. Y., Tyler, Ala., and J. M. Y., Orville, Ala.; four children, Mrs. R. P. Max, New Orleans, La.; Rudolph, Caroline and an Rudolph, Montgomery. Funeral arrangements will be held by Leak-Belcher.



FIGHTING ON TWO BURMA FRONTS—Japanese troops were continuing their drive upon Allied holdings at Imphal and their two-pronged encircling movement about Kohima. Meanwhile, Chinese and American troops captured Tigring and drove south, and the British moved south toward Myitkyna.—(AP Wirephoto).



ARRIVALS

Lieut. (jg) J. J. Ryba and Mrs. Ryba, of Chapel Hill, N. C., on April 13, a son whom they have named John Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. James, 300 Ann Street, at Hubbard Hospital on April 11, a son whom they have named Thomas Wood.

'Big Three' In Agreement On Axis Control

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to the military necessities as seen by the supreme commander. Gen. Eisenhower will have a vast direct and indirect control over the civilian life of all of Europe liberated by the Allies until normal diplomatic channels are resumed. It is likely that this will be for some time.

Combat teams of military government officers are now being trained in Britain to handle every phase of German public life and to execute a complete purge of the Nazis when the Allied armies enter Germany. It is understood that the Russians have agreed to the military government principle and are now training their own forces to work with the Red Army in the zones assigned to it.

Florida Hotel May Be Held As Hospital

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(U.P.)—Senator Harry S. Truman (D), Missouri, of the Senate war investigating committee, reported today that he has been advised by the War Department that it is reconsidering a decision to return the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla., to civilian use. The hotel was acquired by the Army for use as a base hospital on Dec. 11, 1942, and since has been converted into a general hospital for battle casualties. There have been numerous protests against the Army's decision to move out on June 1, 1944.

Truman said that Norman Littell, assistant attorney general who investigated the use of the hotel by the Army, concluded in a report made available to the committee that the cost of temporary occupancy, including charges for conversion of the

Entire Division Of Nazis Destroyed In Crimea

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40 miles northwest of Yevpatoriya. Altogether on Thursday, Tolbukhin's army captured 6,000 prisoners for a six-day total of 17,000, while Gen. Yeremenko's independent coastal army, driving in from the Kerch peninsula, captured 5,000 the same day to make its total 14,000.

Yeremenko's troops occupied Karasubazar, 35 miles east of Simferopol in an 11-mile inland gain, and also captured Sudak on the Black Sea coast in a 16-mile advance. The union with Tolbukhin's forces apparently occurred at Karasubazar.

The capture of Sudak by Yeremenko's troops and the simultaneous seizure by Tolbukhin's men of Aluhra, 30 miles to the west, created another pocket for the Axis troops caught between those two points, but the greatest potential bag of the enemy loomed in the investment of Sevastopol, which the Russians evacuated July 2, 1942, after an eight-month siege.

New Airmail Rates Clarified By Nolen

Considerable confusion on the part of the public has resulted from the new air mail rates that went into effect March 26. Postmaster Roy L. Nolen said yesterday, adding that it had become necessary every time an air mail stamp was purchased to ask the buyer whether it was for mailing a letter overseas or in the continental United States.

For the benefit of the public, Postmaster Nolen gave the following scale of postage for airmail letters: any air mail letter whose destination is in the continental United States, whether it is for a person in the Army or a civilian, must be stamped at the rate of eight cents for every ounce. The rate for overseas mail to service personnel is still six cents, but—there the hitch comes—this amount is for a letter weighing only one-half ounce. If a letter going overseas weighs one ounce, 12 cents in postage will be necessary.

War News Rules Being Relaxed

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(U.P.)—The Army, Navy and Office

Case Of Scotch Now Rickenbacker Goal

NEW YORK, April 14.—(U.P.)—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker said tonight that "he would not leave a stone unturned" to see that Major Richard I. Bong received the case of Scotch whisky that Rickenbacker promised to be the first flyer to top his World War I record.

Rickenbacker said he didn't know where he'd find the whisky, but he revealed that a case of champagne was promised at the same time by General Douglas MacArthur and said it "may have made the celebration possible for the boys already."

Bong, a 23-year-old Wisconsin farmer, bagged his 27th Jap plane over Dutch New Guinea last Wednesday, passing Rickenbacker's score by one plane.

"While completing my mission for Secretary of War Stimson after our rescue in the South Pacific," Rickenbacker's statements said, "I visited Port Moresby, New Guinea, in company with General MacArthur and General George Kenney, where I spoke to a group of combat pilots."

"When I finished a speaking, General Kenney told the boys I would give the first pilot in that area who broke my World War I combat record a bottle of Scotch. I immediately offered to make it a case of Scotch, and General MacArthur added a case of champagne."

Farmers Swinging To Hill, Disgusted By Foe's Tactics

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ing Senator Hill. This, of course, is with the possible exception of some Republican farmers who see an opportunity to cripple the Democratic Party in the national election and who have lined up with the candidate of the "Big Mules" of Birmingham and the Republican National Committee.

No one, of course, could blame Republican farmers for helping "gut" the Democratic Party. In certain north Alabama counties the Republicans have been doing that ever since the War Between the States. And the "Big Mules" are not really Democrats. They vote in Democratic primaries but their sympathies are now where they have always been, with the Hoover of the Republican Party. When they select a candidate they know, of course, what they are doing.

Few Democratic farmers are being lured away from Senator Bankhead and the Democratic Party by the siren calls of the "Big Mules" and their Republican comrades in Birmingham.

Farm leaders with few exceptions in Alabama are backing Senator Bankhead and the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate. Statements being made that the extension service agents and others are opposed to Senator Hill and are for the "Big Mules" are not true. The writer has found that extension service agents are attending to their jobs and eschewing politics except in one or two counties.

Isolation Of Imphal Base By Japanese Troops Completed

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before the rainy season commences." The British-owned Times of India, published in Bombay, commented on the serious aspect of the Japanese advance into India and urged Allied military leaders to give the public a realistic picture of the situation. "The public," it declared, "should not be treated as if it is incapable of appreciating the military situation."

It was disclosed that Mountbatten paid a surprise visit to Imphal last Saturday, presumably by plane, and held a half-hour conference with the commander of the city's large garrison. Informed by newspaper correspondents that there had been considerable delay in the transmission of messages from the India front

Negro Lawyer Is Fined \$2,500 In Vote Appeals

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nation as a practicing lawyer in Alabama. The evidence showed without conflict, and by members of Madison's own race, that Madison appeared in court claiming to represent these negroes when he had never been employed or authorized to do so in any way. In short, Madison was an intermeddler causing trouble for some purpose. As to what that purpose was, I have my own view. Why should Madison, on the eve of an election in Alabama, come here and undertake to qualify negroes to vote. I am grateful for the help of the firm of Hill, Hill, Whiting and Rives, who offered their assistance to my office at the request of Senator Lister Hill, and also the State attorney general's office, in the prosecution of his own counsel. Madison acted as a lawyer, but said at the beginning of the trial that he had expected an attorney from Birmingham, sent by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. For some reason, he said, the attorney did not arrive in Montgomery.

Madison attempted to show that he was employed to head a "movement," as he termed it, of residents of the Madison Park community, north of the city and inhabited largely by negroes, to have the latter registered so that they might incorporate the community into a municipality. He argued that as counsel for the movement he was properly counsel for five negroes, he said were a part of the movement, but who previously had made affidavits that they had not employed Madison to act for them.

It was on the basis of these affidavits and an Alabama statute, long in the code, providing punishment for an attorney who represents a person by whom he has not been employed, that Madison was arrested Saturday night and tried yesterday.

On the stand as a witness in his own behalf and in reply to a question by Solicitor Seibels, Madison admitted that he told O. C. Maner, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, that he intended to register 5,000 negroes in Montgomery County.

To all questions as to who paid for his services, Madison was silent.

Originally Madison entered appeals on behalf of 16 negroes. The refusal of the board of registrars to enroll them as voters. Five of these appeals were withdrawn when those named in them swore they had not employed Madison. The remaining appeals are down for hearing in circuit court on April 19. Under his conviction in Common Pleas Court yesterday, Madison is deemed by Solicitor Seibels incompetent to appear at that time.

Part Time Distilling Of Liquor Is Proposed

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(U.P.)—Part-time resumption of liquor distilling was again proposed to the War Production Board today by industry representatives who said that unless some production of beverage alcohol is permitted there may be none available next year.

The WPB disclosed that the proposal was made at a closed meeting by a member of the agency's alcohol industry advisory committee. It said this committee, whose name was not made known, suggested that a three-day-a-month diversion from production for war needs would provide approximately 50,000,000 proof gallons of alcohol a year and "substantially alleviate the present shortage of alcohol." The WLB's official account of the closed meeting did not state the reaction of government officials.

\$500,000 Fire Rakes California Airport

GLENDALE, CALIF., April 14.—(U.P.)—Damage estimated at half a million dollars was caused by a

Allied Cannon Rakes Germans

Last Observation Tower In Littoria Shot To Pieces In Duels

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, April 14.—(U.P.)—Massed Allied artillery on the Anzio beachhead had destroyed the last German observation tower in the ruined town of Littoria. It was announced today, while anti-aircraft gunners shot down five of 50 planes that raided the Anzio-Nettuno port area.

Destruction of the last observation post in Littoria has deprived the Germans of one of their favorite lookouts from where they directed artillery fire against American troops holding the southern flank of the beachhead.

The raid in which the Germans lost 10 per cent of their attacking planes to ground fire alone was made at 7 p.m. Wednesday night by flights that included about 30 fighter-bombers. The few bombs which the attackers dropped caused little damage.

Although the Allied Mediterranean command had disclaimed ground activity with nine words in today's communique, saying "our patrols and artillery were active on all fronts," front reports described increasing German activity along the Lower Garigliano River south of Cassino, where the enemy has been planting mines in the river bed.

One Allied-held bridge across the Garigliano in the San Andrea area 12 miles South of Cassino was the target of heavy artillery fire, with 250 shells fired within two hours. There was no damage from the German fire, the reports said.

(The Berlin radio today reported a "recent" assault by an Anglo-American landing party on the small island of Ponosa, a few miles southwest of Elba, where several dozen Italian prisoners were freed and evacuated by the Allied landing craft.)

Flying Ace May Be Grounded By U. S.

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, April 14.—(U.P.)—Capt. Don S. Gentile, America's top European fighter ace, may have trained his deadly Mustang guns on Swastika-marked fighters miles over Europe for the last time.

The Piqua, Ohio, plane-killer has been released from the hospital where he was treated for crash landing shock. It was disclosed today, but Gentile told friends before he took off on the flight in which he was injured that it would be his last fighter mission. He has long since passed his second quota of missions.

(The number of missions making up a quota varies in different theaters and censorship does not permit it to be revealed.)

He had hoped to add three more Germans to his list of 30—23 shot down in combat and seven others destroyed on the ground—in order to top the European record of 32 held by RAF Group Captain G. A. MacLean. A friend said today he probably would have topped MacLean's record—he had three German fighters lined up—"just like sitting ducks"—but he broke off and helped a companion who was in trouble with a German on his tail. Then he was forced into evasive action himself by two German fighters who got on his own tail.

The word that "Gentile is a charmed man" spread around the field when he walked away from the recent crash landing. A crash crew found him sitting on the wing of his torn plane "Shangri-la" in a plowed field.

After 40 Help Nature

If you add him, both men, fire easily and