

WIPE OUT JAPS IN MUBO TRAP

RAF Blasts Lorient Base of Axis Subs

London—(INS)—A major effort by the Royal air force to combat the German submarine menace by direct action was cited Friday in connection with a heavy raid over night on Lorient, Nazi U-boat base on the French coast.

Switching from the usual night raids on Germany's industrial Ruhr which ebullient British pilots call "Happy Valley" because of the splendid results invariably obtained, the RAF went after Lorient in force, blasting the port and installations with large-calibre bombs.

Two planes failed to return from the mission. Transfer of activities to Lorient was the most significant indication yet of the concern felt over Adolf Hitler's U-boat campaign, which is admittedly reaching unprecedented savagery requiring "strongest handling."

The recent series of sustained raids upon the Ruhr were aimed at least partly against factories manufacturing essential submarine parts and turning out high grade submarine metals.

Damage to the submarine pens at Lorient obviously will interfere with the smooth operation of U-boat activity, which to a large extent is dependent upon French Atlantic coast bases.

Recent speeches by First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander and others have stressed seriousness of the U-boat menace, and Lord Woolton, food minister, has warned of possible bread rationing if the situation is not improved.

The night attacks by the British followed a strong offensive sweep late Thursday over northern France and Belgium by fighter planes of the United States army air force.

Order Hearings on Protests to Flynn's Choice

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee unanimously ordered public hearings Friday, beginning next week, on protests against President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward J. Flynn, retiring Democratic national chairman, to be minister to Australia.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) said he would confer with Flynn and "other interested parties" to determine a convenient time for the opening of the hearing, which will be conducted by the full 23-member committee.

He said the hearings probably would start Wednesday or Thursday. Flynn must be in Chicago Monday to attend a meeting of the Democratic national committee to submit his resignation as chairman.

Senator Bridges (R-NH) has been especially critical of Flynn, saying his record made him unfit for the important assignment. Bridges said he would submit a list of 31 witnesses including Flynn who he suggested should be called to testify.

First Victoria Cross Awarded

Canberra, Australia—(AP)—The first Victoria Cross in the New Guinea campaign was awarded posthumously Friday to Corp. John Alexander French of Queensland, Australia. The Victoria Cross is the highest British decoration for valor.

French, on Sept. 9 in the Milne bay area, silenced three Japanese machine-gun posts—killing all occupants—with hand grenades and a tommy gun. He fell mortally wounded in front of the third post, but his bravery brought the attack to a successful conclusion.

Yankee Airmen Reach Portugal

Lisbon—(AP)—Eleven American planes were reported to have landed on Portuguese soil Friday while more than 50 were sighted flying southward over this neutral nation.

Harvester, San Felice, Emerson now 6c. King Edwards quality Cigar 7 for 5c. (advertisement)

SAVE A LIFE IN 1943! Traffic Toll in City of Waterloo This Year and Last

Table with columns: Jan. 1, Date, 1943, 1942. Rows: Number of accidents, Number injured, Number killed.

Nazi Shock Forces Yield to Reds

SOVIETS PUSH AHEAD ALONG THREE FRONTS

Major Drive on Leningrad Is Disclosed After 48-Hour Assault.

RUSS ENTER "ROSTOV REGION" IN ADVANCE

Moscow—(UP)—German shock troops reeled back on the north Caucasus, Don and central fronts Friday, their infantry routed and their tanks smashed, after vain attempts to halt Red army offensives in savage counterattacks.

On all three fronts the Russians continued their advance during the night, the noon communique reported.

They captured several inhabited points on both the Caucasus and Don fronts, it said, and on the central front west of Moscow captured a series of defense points, took 350 prisoners and captured war spoils.

Mopping Up City. Intensifying their non-stop offensive in the streets of Stalingrad, Russian storm troops drove Germans from fortified positions and buildings in the northern factory area and one unit alone smashed 86 dugouts, cleared several streets and captured prisoners along with five field guns, four trench mortars, 20 machine guns and other spoils.

On the north Caucasus front, where Lieut. Gen. Ivan Maslennikov's army had broken thru for a 26-mile gain Thursday, the Russians in addition to taking several

new inhabited places during the night broke repeated German counterattacks with heavy losses to the enemy, the noon communique said.

In one attack more than 300 Germans were killed, and four tanks and seven motor trucks were knocked out.

Russian artillery blew up two ammunition dumps.

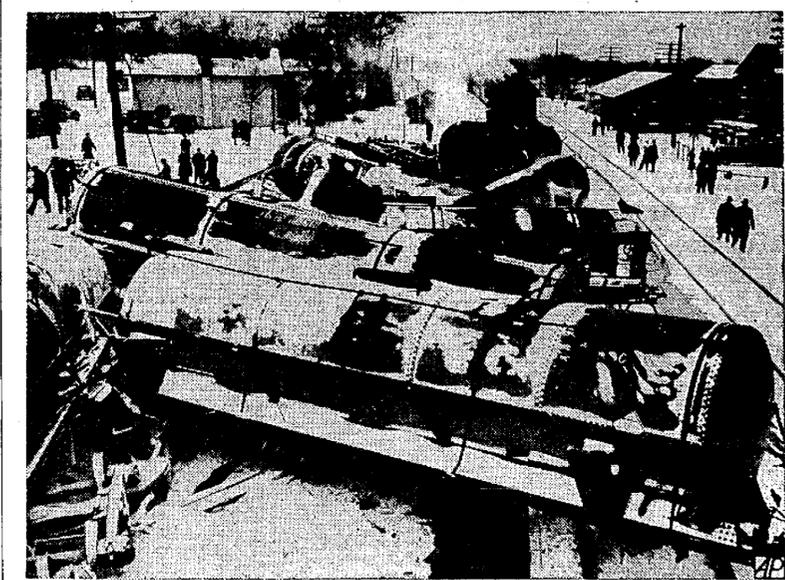
In the lower Don area, the night operations were the same—the Russians drove on to take several small towns and villages despite desperate counterattacks.

In one Don sector, the Germans

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Precious Black Cargo Is Spilled



Two tank car loads of oil were lost in this jumbled wreck of 12 cars of a 74-car freight train on the Chicago and North Western railroad at Winfield, Ill., 28 miles west of Chicago. Railway officials said a broken wheel caused the derailment.

Spain Hears of U. S. Aims

Madrid—(AP)—U. S. Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes, addressing a gathering of diplomats and high Spanish officials, declared Friday there could be no negotiated peace between the United States and her enemies.

At the same time Hayes, whose theme was "American War Aims," hit hard at axis-inspired rumors that an allied victory would mean the overturn of the present government of Spain.

"If the political and social institutions of this country undergo change or modification in future years," he declared emphatically, "it will be the work of Spaniards within Spain—not of the United States or of Spanish emigres."

But, he said, the United States is not fighting to impose on any other country or for capitalistic stakes.

Far from being materialistic, the ambassador asserted, the people of the United States "are intensely idealistic—in corrigibly idealistic."

The chief war aim of the United States is to put a stop to "pushing" by the axis powers, the ambassador asserted.

Nelson Thinks Goals Will Be Hit During '43

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Reports that some war production programs might have to be sacrificed during 1943 in order to meet schedules in others apparently were dispelled Friday.

Production Chief Donald M. Nelson told a press conference that prospects of meeting goals in five major programs are "very good."

The five programs are production of synthetic rubber, merchant ships, naval vessels, high octane gasoline and aircraft.

Iowa Payrolls Climb 9.4 Pct.

Des Moines, Ia.—(AP)—Industrial employment in Iowa last month was 4.1 per cent ahead of the previous month and 6.7 per cent higher than December, 1941, the state bureau of labor reported Friday.

Total payrolls last month were 9.4 per cent higher than November and 23.5 per cent above December of the previous year.

FIVE SULLIVANS DEAD, 'SHIPMATE' WRITES PARENTS

Letter Says One Died on Raft; Joseph's Fiancee Here from Pittsburgh.

A letter saying that George Sullivan, 28, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, 98 Adams street, had died on a life raft and that their other four sons had gone down with their ship, the Juneau, has been received by Mrs. Sullivan, she said Friday.

However, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, still smiling thru their tears, have not entirely given up hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan declined to give the name of the writer of the letter, but said that he was a Nebraska boy, writing from Chicago while awaiting assignment. The sender said in his letter that he was a shipmate of the Sullivan boys.

"George died on a life raft I was on," the letter said. "The other four boys went down with the ship and were killed immediately, so they did not suffer."

"All Hopes Went Down." "Everything I ever hoped to have went down with that ship," said pretty Miss Margaret Jaros, 23, fiancee of Joseph Sullivan, 24, one of the five boys officially reported missing.

Miss Jaros arrived at midnight Thursday by train, coming all the way from Pittsburgh, Pa., to console Mrs. Sullivan.

Hazel-eyed and demure, Miss Jaros told Friday how she had met Joseph and of the plans they had made to be married.

Saw Picture in Paper. She said: "I saw the pictures of the five brothers in a newspaper in February of last year, a month after they had enlisted. I told two of my girl friends who were with me at the time that I thought I would try writing to one of the boys. They laughed and dared me to do it."

"It was on a Monday that I wrote to Joseph. I was surprised when I received an answer on the following Friday. He had written from Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Pa., to console Mrs. Sullivan."

"Joe came to see me the following March in Pittsburgh. It was last May that I saw him the last time."

Joe Said He'd Return. Her only hold on hope is the fact that Joe told her that he would come back. "He said no Jap could keep him from it," she said.

Miss Jaros has two brothers in the armed forces, Stephen, 21, a member of the construction unit of the navy, somewhere in the Atlantic and George, 25, a corporal with the United States field ar-

Allied Fliers Smash Ports

Allied Headquarters, North Africa—(AP)—Flying Fortresses attacked the eastern Tunisian supply ports of Sousse and Sfax Thursday, leaving the harbor areas aflame from a destructive downpour of explosives, it was announced Friday.

Lighter two-motored B-25 Marauders battered rail lines and highways along the coastal road at Mahares, on the Gulf of Gabes 20 miles southwest of Sfax, and American fighters ranged widely over the battle area.

An allied communique said that "there was no change in the ground situation."

(The allied aerial attack also was kept under way from bases in the east where warplanes battered at Marshal Rommel's supply lines and air bases along the Tripolitanian coast and into Tunisia. A Cairo communique said 13 allied pilots were missing after widespread operations in which at least eight axis fighters were downed.)

(The Italian high command reported considerably increased air action over the Libyan front and said German fighters intercepted large formations of allied planes and shot down 28, many of them heavy bombers.)

A forward P-40 outfit led by Maj. Philip G. Cochran, of Erie, Pa., who recently bombed a German headquarters at Kairouan, was credited with six victories in three days.

All told, American airmen bagged 15 planes—nine Junkers 88's, four Messerschmitt 109's, and two Focke-Wulf 190's.

STAMP NO. 11 NEXT. Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The office of price administration announced Friday that sugar stamp No. 11 becomes valid Feb. 1 and will be good for three pounds of sugar until March 15. Sugar stamp No. 10, which is valid for three pounds, expires at midnight Jan. 31.

WILD LIFE COLLECTED. Iowa City, Ia.—(INS)—More than 4,000 pictures of wild life, collected over a 20-year period, have been made available to University of Iowa students by Director Homer Dill of the museum, it was announced Friday.

Any Used Furniture To Sell?

This ad brought lots and lots of calls and all the furniture was sold.

ROOMING House Furniture for Sale. By piece or lot, 222 Vine, Ph. 3428.

That's action! Make a list right now of things you want to sell and call us.

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Tax to Curb Spending Is Under Study

LABOR BOARD HEARS LEWIS' STRIKE DATA

While Congress Asks for Action, WLB Attempts to Gain Peace.

SETTLEMENT OF CASE WOULD AVOID FORCE

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—The war labor board made an eleventh-hour attempt Friday to settle the strike of miners in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania in a desperate hope to prevent use of army troops to reopen struck mines.

While congress clamored for drastic action, the labor board called before it John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, the heads of 22 union locals conducting the outlaw strike, and representatives of five major coal companies whose mines "have been closed."

Lewis, deeply troubled, carried with him reports showing that only 9,300 of the 90,000 miners in the anthracite fields were on strike.

This was in contrast to unofficial estimates by the labor board that 18,000 were idle.

Lewis Opposed Tieup. It was learned that Lewis, as long ago as Jan. 4, appealed to the hard coal miners not to strike in their demands for a \$2-a-day wage increase.

At that time, Lewis sent letters to be posted in all union halls in the hard coal fields calling for settlement of the miners' wage demands in "an orderly manner . . . so that victory can be had, not only on the battlefronts of the world, but on the production front of our mines and factories."

Sources close to Lewis denied that the miners were striking in protest over an increase in union dues which amounts to only about 3 1/2 cents a month.

They said that the miners striking were using the protest as cause for the strike so that they could not be accused of violating the union contract by walking out for wage boosts while a contract was in effect.

Ickes Is Irked. While the labor board arranged the meeting, Secretary of Interior (Continued on page 2, column 4)

QUICK PUNCH CLEARS ROUTE TO SALAMAU

Allied Planes Carry War to Japanese in Burma and in Islands.

SEA BLOCKADE AROUND GUADALCANAL TIGHTENS

Allied warplanes pressed their offensive against Japan's invasion armies in the South seas and in Burma Friday and United Nations ground troops were credited with killing 116 Japanese in a surprise attack 15 miles below the big enemy base at Salamaua, New Guinea.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters indicated that the allies virtually wiped out a Japanese force in the Mubo area, on the approaches to Salamaua, reporting that they were combing the bush for the bodies of more enemy slain.

In the skies, American and Australian fliers pounded the Japanese bases at Salamaua, Lae, Madang and Finschhafen, in northeast New Guinea, reached out across the Solomon sea to blast the airdrome at Gasmata, New Britain, and attacked enemy positions on Timor island.

Trap Jaws Tighten. Bad weather still hampered land operations on the Papua beach. But allied headquarters said American and Australian troops were slowly closing the trap around survivors of a 15,000-man Japanese army on Sanananda point.

In the Burma theatre, RAF bombers flying from bases in India attacked four Japanese-occupied villages in the vicinity of Akyab, on the Bay of Bengal coast, and strafed enemy installations without encountering any aerial opposition.

The Japanese occupied Mubo, 10 miles from Salamaua, on Sept. 1. On the afternoon of Jan. 11, Australian forces raided a village in the valley from five different ridge-top positions simultaneously.

Yield to Barrage. The Japs fought strongly on three ridges but gave way before the mortar and heavy machinegun fire. "The Australians' biggest success was on a hill to the west of Mubo, where they took the enemy completely by surprise."

Here, 116 Japs were killed. Australian casualties were very light. Fighting continued the next two days, Jan. 12 and 13. The Japs then sent reinforcements up.

A raiding party shelled these reinforcements but they got thru, and the Aussies retired early Friday, having inflicted a number of casualties and having obtained valuable information.

The raid, resembling a hit-and-run operation, was termed highly successful.

A novel feature of the Mubo defense were strings of tin cans hanging from wires. The invading party took care, however, not to rattle the cans.

Cut Off Supplies. Washington, D. C.—(INS)—American ground troops Friday were slashing toward the main Japanese base on Guadalcanal while U. S. motor torpedo boats and planes tighten the sea-air blockade around the embattled island to prevent supplies and reinforcements from reaching the enemy garrison.

Although some navy men believe the Nipponese have been able to slip in small quantities of supplies to their isolated troops, they assert that "round-the-clock patrols have severed the main Jap supply lines to the island."

Success of the blockade was demonstrated again on the night of Jan. 10-11 when torpedo boats intercepted an undischarged number of Jap destroyers off Guadalcanal and drove them off, after damaging two and possibly three of the warships.

Meanwhile, the navy said that the U. S. aerial offensive continued against enemy bases in the central Solomons as ground forces pressed on against Jap lines in the jungles and mountains on the western end of Guadalcanal.

Will Take Fleet. The Japanese have been unable to move in supplies and reinforcements on any but a minor scale for more than two months, leaving the enemy troops without proper food or ammunition.

Flight of the Jap garrison is intimated by the fact that American forces have encountered little resistance for weeks.

According to naval sources, only a major warship force can hope to push thru the American

Her Sweetheart Missing



With a picture of her missing sweetheart by her side, Miss Margaret Jaros, fiancee of Joseph Sullivan, one of the five Sullivan brothers missing in action in the service of the navy, is shown above at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, 98 Adams street, parents of the five brothers, Miss Jaros, 23, came from Pittsburgh to express personally her sympathy to the boys' parents.

The Weather
 Waterloo: Snow changing to rain; warmer this afternoon and tonight; snow and sleet during forenoon with winds becoming stronger; lowest tonight, 20 above.
 Iowa: Rising temperature early tonight; becoming decidedly colder with cold wave late tonight and Saturday forenoon; lowest temperature zero in north-west and 5 above in south and east; rain in southeast portion early tonight; rain changing to light snow in south and extreme west portions late tonight and Saturday forenoon; strong winds, heavy snow in northeast portion this afternoon and early tonight.
 Wisconsin: Heavy snow south and east; moderate snow northwest portion tonight and Saturday forenoon becoming light by Saturday noon; rising temperature tonight and Saturday forenoon but becoming colder west portion by Saturday noon; wind becoming strong tonight and Saturday forenoon.
 Sunrise Saturday, 8:34; sunset, 6:04; sunrise Sunday, 8:30.

Wills Filed for Probate
 MASON, THOMAS J.: Died Bennington township Jan. 4, 1943; will, dated June 23, 1938, leaves estate to widow, Anna D. Mason, also named executrix.
Real Estate Transfers
 Glenn A. Royer to William Boyer, lot 9, Parkview, Wlloo; also easement for driveway over e 4 ft. lot 23, Parkview, Wlloo; also easement over w 4 ft. lot 9, Parkview, Wlloo; Rev. \$4.05 1 etc.
 Albert E. Gibson to Joseph P. Hogan, lot 1, block 4, Lincoln Heights Add., Wlloo; Rev. \$55.00 1 etc.
 Anna M. Decker, Treas., to S. R. Leckington, lot 14, Kenwood Park Add., Wlloo; Rev. \$5.00 \$5.15
 J. P. Faber to C. E. Boehmer, n. 40 ac. s. 66 ac. s. 1/2 nw 1/4 8-9-13; Rev. \$4.40 \$1. etc.
 Ruth Ames, otherwise known as Ruth E. Ames, to Earl B. Ames, husband of grantor, otherwise known as Earl B. Eighme, inf. nw 1/4 3-9-13; no rev. \$1. L. & A.
 Frank E. Watkins to W. H. Wedner, s. 20 ft. e. 80 ft. lot 21, Prospect Place, Wlloo \$1. etc.
 Harold C. Marek, as admr., est. F. T. Smart, dec'd., to Myrtle Nichols Kruse, assignee of Russell R. Sloan and Dorothy M. Sloan, lots 1 and 12, block 21, Westfield, an add. in Wlloo; Rev. \$1,750 \$1,750
 Vera B. Wedeking to Mayme B. Liscum, lot 110, 1st add., to Galway, Wlloo; Rev. \$1.68 \$1. etc.
 Irene H. Adams to Carl Hornstein, n. 40 ft. lot 8, block 24, O. Plat., East Wlloo; Rev. \$6.60 \$1. etc.
 Nellie Hoyle Keel to John A. Smith & Co., Inc., to Myrtle Nichols Kruse, assignee of Russell R. Sloan and Dorothy M. Sloan, lots 1 and 12, block 21, Westfield, an add. in Wlloo; Rev. \$3,300 \$3,300
 E. E. Ronglin, extr. est. A. R. Smith estate, to Chester Ackerman and Newell Ackerman, lots 11 and 12, block 10, City View Heights, Black Hawk Co. Rev. \$55 \$222.18

blockade, and the Japs have shown no disposition to risk a large armada since their crushing defeat in mid-November.
 In that action, American battleships and other warships blasted the Japanese combat vessels while U. S. planes destroyed 12 enemy transports and cargo vessels.
 Official sources have been expecting a major drive by U. S. troops to wipe out remaining Japanese on the island as a preliminary to an assault upon other enemy held islands in the central and northern Solomons.

Cooking Up Story.
 (By the United Press)
 Japanese leaders held an extraordinary state council Thursday, axis broadcasts reported Friday, in an apparent attempt to get together on a story to tell the world, which meets next Thursday.
 Eight former prime ministers, in addition to cabinet members, attended the council meeting, it was announced, and conferred for three hours during which Gen. Hideki Tojo, prime minister, reviewed the war situation.

A Rome dispatch from Tokyo said that the council discussed these measures approved by the government and Emperor Hirohito.
 Tojo also conferred with the ministers for "Greater East Asia," interior and religious affairs, the president of the Bank of Japan and the president of the Agricultural union.
 "Part of Build-up."
 It was indicated strongly that Italy's big-hearted if empty gesture in renouncing extra-territorial rights in China was part of an axis build-up for the Japanese government in anticipation of the parliament, even though there is only one party in it.
 Part of the build-up also seemed to be planned, announced by the Tokyo radio for a conference between Japanese military leaders and 11 sultans of Malayan and Sumatran areas. The conference starts the day before parliament meets.
 Somewhat guards Japanese broadcasts on relations with the puppet government set up in occupied China indicated that Japan was promoting a plan to send Chinese workers as slave laborers to various occupied areas including Manchukuo, whose conquest by Japan in 1931 never has been recognized.

Litvinoff, Wife Classified as Common Folks
 Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff and Mrs. Litvinoff classified themselves as common people Thursday night, discarded their diplomatic immunity to the ban on pleasure driving, and walked to a special preview showing of the movie "Commandos Strike at Dawn."
 The special performance, by invitation only, officially opened observance of United Nations week and was attended by other diplomats, congressmen, supreme court justices and government officials.
 Most of them, like the Litvinoffs, walked or rode street cars.

Outlawed Irish Army Chieftain Joins in Break
 Belfast, Northern Ireland—(AP)—Hugh McAteer, alleged chief of staff of the outlawed Irish Republican army, escaped Friday with three other members of the organization from Belfast prison, where he was serving a 15-year sentence for treason.
 It was not immediately disclosed how the break was effected, but it was assumed the prisoners had received outside help.
 Their flight was discovered, prison officials said, when guards made their regular rounds of the cells and found them empty.

Waterloo, Cedar Falls Girls Among Beauty Candidates
 Cedar Falls—(NS)—Names of the 10 co-eds who will be finalists in the annual beauty contest sponsored by the Iowa State Teachers college yearbook were announced Friday by Irene Farnsworth, Frisberg, Old Gold editor.
 The 10 beauty candidates, selected by a college-wide student vote, will be presented at the Old Gold beauty dance, Jan. 29, in the Commons.
 Five beauties will be chosen from the 10, and another, the famed "sixth beauty," will be chosen from coed dancers at the Beauty Ball.
 Teachers college students went to the polls on College Hill this week and narrowed down the field of 16 candidates to the following 10 finalists: Peggy Entz, Waterloo; Eloise Hansen, Miriam Hansen, both of Cedar Falls; Lorraine Johnston, Mason City; Dorothy Lincoln, Grinnell; Celestine Paule, Burlington; Darlene Pearson, Waukegan; Bethel Pollock, Garner; Pave Seamer, De Witt, and Jeanne Tipton, Valley, Neb.

CASEBEER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CHURCH BALANCES ITS BUDGET
 Casebeer Heights Community church balanced its budget for the fiscal year of 1942, when its income was \$1,786.27, Rev. Robert E. Hewitt, pastor, reported Friday.
 The church now has 35 members, having gained four in 1942.
 New officers, elected this week, are Truman Fox, John Billings and Junior Smock, trustees for one, two and three years, respectively; Albert Swanson, Lloyd Harkness, and Donald Smock, deacons for one, two and three years, respectively; Mrs. Laura Swanson, Mrs. Hazel Fox and Mrs. Rene Harkness, deaconesses for one, two and three years; Mrs. Edna Smock, treasurer for two years, and Mrs. Fox, secretary for two years.

Aiding Fight, 289 Aliens Naturalized

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—For the first time in history, aliens outside the United States and serving as members of the American armed forces have been naturalized by administrative procedure, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced Friday.
 The proceedings, which took place in the Canal Zone, British and Dutch Guiana, Trinidad, Antigua, Caracao and Aruba, granted citizenship to 289 aliens—56 of whom were nationals of Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.
 The naturalization was conducted by Deputy Commissioner T. B. Shoemaker, Philadelphia, of the immigration and naturalization division of the justice department.
 He first naturalized 236 soldiers and sailors in the Canal Zone.
 "More than one alien soldier told me with tears in his eyes that the day of his naturalization was the happiest of his life," Shoemaker reported.
 Granting of citizenship to such aliens outside the jurisdiction of the naturalization courts was made possible by enactment of the second war powers act several months ago.
 "It was generally felt by the law makers," Shoemaker said in commenting on the act, "that if these soldiers were willing and good enough to fight for the United States then they were good enough to be made citizens."
 Many ordinary requirements were waived to expedite the citizenship applications.
 Shoemaker reported that one of the navy officers told him that two of the Filipinos who were naturalized had been cited for heroism.
 Representatives of 35 nationalities were naturalized.

Aided Rescue



Lieut. (i.g.) G. T. Forrest (above), 25, of Oakland, Cal. was identified as one of the two navy pilots who located Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions floating on a rubber raft in the Pacific. (Associated Press Photo from U. S. navy.)

Five Sullivan Boys All Dead, Says "Shipmate"
 (Continued)
 killery, somewhere in Africa. She has not heard from Steve in two months.
 Defense Worker.
 Miss Jaros is employed at the Keystone Ice company in Pittsburgh, where she is engaged in defense work. She resides there with her aunt, Mrs. Anthony Naccarato.
 She is five feet three and one-half inches tall, 23 years old and weighs 135 pounds.
 Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jaros, operate a farm near Amsterville, O., where Margaret, "Marge," as she is called, was raised.
 Gives Text of Letter.
 Mrs. Sullivan said that the letter from a sailor whose name she did not reveal said:
 "First let me introduce myself. I was a sailor on the Juneau with your boys. George was a special friend of mine.
 "George got off but died on the life raft I was on.
 "The other boys were below at the time. They went down with the ship and did not suffer.
 "It was a sad and pathetic sight to see George looking for his brothers, but all to no avail.
 "George and I made several libertes together and always kidded about coming home and going back on the railroad after the war was over.
 "I don't know whether this sort of letter helps or hurts you, but it's the truth.
 "I know you will carry on in the fine navy spirit and I truly hope your boys' lives did not go to no avail.
 "I will try to avenge them for you."

Heavy Snow and Colder Forecast

Des Moines—(AP)—A cold wave with temperatures dipping to zero was heading toward Iowa Friday, the weather bureau warned in a special forecast at noon.
 Heavy snow and rain also were predicted.
 The weather bureau said temperatures would rise Friday night, becoming decidedly cold late at night and Saturday forenoon.
 Lowest reading predicted is zero in the northwest and five above in the south and east portions by Saturday forenoon.
 Rain was forecast for the southwest and extreme west, with snow in the north central and east portions changing to rain in the southeast early Friday night.

Dodgers to Train at Bear Mountain

New York—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers will do their spring training at Bear Mountain, N. Y.—45 miles north of New York City on the banks of the Hudson river—President Branch Rickey announced Friday.
 The team will train at the summer resort and, in case of inclement weather, will use the U. S. military academy field house at West Point, four miles away, Rickey said.

DEATHS

WILMOT A. POND.
 Wilmot A. Pond, 87, a resident of Waterloo since 1903, died Thursday at his home, 323 Glendale street, of complications and old age.
 Born Oct. 27, 1855, in Wisconsin, he moved with his parents when they went to Frederickburg, Ia. He married Harriet E. Goldsberry there in 1881, the couple coming to Waterloo in 1903. Mr. Pond was employed for many years by the Bivak Transfer company and was later employed by the city, retiring six years ago.
 He was a member of the Church of the Open Bible.
 Survivors besides the widow include two sons, Daniel, 258 Glendale street, and Edward, Boise, Ida.; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Swallow, 1143 Mendota street, and Mrs. Edna Van Drev, of Centralia, Mo.; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.
 Four sons preceded him in death.
 The body was taken to the O'Keefe & Town funeral home.
GERALD V. BRANDT.
 Gerald Verdette Brandt, 3-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Brandt, 326 West Fourteenth street, died at St. Francis hospital at 2:30 a. m. Friday. He had been in patient at the hospital since Nov. 1.
 Gerald was born Sept. 2, 1942, in Applington, Ia. Surviving are the parents; a brother, Donald, and sister, Udonna Irene, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brandt, 1335 Mulberry street, and the maternal grandfathers, Carl Anderson, Clearwater, Neb.
 Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Keavns Garden chapel by Rev. Hilmore Cedarholm. Burial will be in Spring Creek cemetery.

WPB Steps Up Farm Machine Repair Output

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Greater production of repair parts for farm machinery was authorized Friday by the war production board.
 Whether increased production of new farm equipment will be authorized is now being studied and a decision will be announced soon, Chairman Donald M. Nelson said.
 Production of repair parts in 1943 at 167 per cent of 1940 production was authorized. Previously, production of parts this year had been limited to 137 per cent of 1940 production.
 Another order partially lifted the ban on new electrical connections to permit short extensions of existing rural distribution lines to operate such farm equipment as water pumps, milk machines, milk coolers, incubators, poultry brooders and feed grinders.
 Before qualifying for an extension, a farmer must receive certification from his local county war board that the extension will result in increased production or a saving of labor.

BANKER IS DEAD.

Des Moines—(NS)—Funeral services will be held Saturday for B. F. Rothrock, 78, of Des Moines, former president of the State bank of Bondurant, Ia., for 35 years. Rothrock died Thursday night in a Des Moines hospital following illness of 10 days.

Lend-Lease Extension to Get Backing

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Approval by the house foreign affairs committee of renewing the administration's authority to extend lend-lease aid to the allies appeared certain Friday on the basis of an Associated Press poll of a majority of the committee's membership.
 Moreover, it seemed likely that the bill would reach the floor—probably in late April—bearing an almost unanimous endorsement by the committee, which is composed of 15 Democrats and 10 Republicans.
 There was none among those reached who expressed opposition to the program; many who voiced approval.
 Authority for the administration to embark upon the far-reaching lend-lease program was given by congress two years ago only after a long and acrimonious pre-war fight between interventionist and non-interventionist groups in the house and senate.
 That grant of power will expire on June 30.
 Its continuance has been regarded as one of the top-ranking issues which will be laid before the Seventy-eighth congress. The poll came as the first definite indication of how the measure will fare.
 Only two members among those reached—Reps. Mundt (R-S.D.) and Bolton (R-Ohio)—declined to say at this time that lend-lease aid must be continued, and they said their judgment would depend on the evidence produced during forthcoming hearings before the committee.

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 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—(NS)—Claiming lack of funds for transportation, officials of 10 of 28 striking United Mine workers locals planned to ignore the war labor board's summons to attend a public hearing in Washington Friday.
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British U-Boats Report New Hits on Axis Vessels
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Parkersburg, Ia.—Miss Marjorie Johnson, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Remko Johnson, six miles southwest of Kesley, was killed outright about 5:30 a. m. Friday in an automobile upset on highway 20, at the edge of Parkersburg.
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 Marjorie was born July 16, 1925, in Madison township, Butler county, near Kesley. Besides her parents she leaves three sisters and three brothers.
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 The body is at the Houts funeral home here and will be taken to the home Saturday.

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