

## Guerrilla Siege Threatens Nazis At Vital Bryansk

90 Soviet Divisions  
Moved Up to Bolster  
Southern Front

MOSCOW, April 6 (INS).—Russian guerrillas have the key town of Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow, the army newspaper, Red Star, reported today.

The Germans have evacuated all civilians from the eastern outskirts of Bryansk, where the enemy has established strong defense positions, Red Star added.

(Ninety Russian divisions have been brought up to reinforce the 250-mile sector of the southern front between Taganrog and Kharkov, according to an Ankara dispatch to Reuters. The news was attributed by the Ankara radio to Russian reports.)

**40,000 MORE KILLED**  
A special communique claimed slaughter of 40,000 Germans in fighting on the central front between March 27 and April 3. The Red army recaptured 161 inhabited localities in this sector, the report added.

Russian forces in the Orel sector have advanced 50 miles both north and south of the city, said a Stockholm dispatch to the London News Chronicle. Orel is 80 miles southeast of Bryansk. Red army artillery is heavily shelling Bryansk, according to Stockholm reports.

German planes bombed Leningrad Saturday night but caused no serious damage, said reports. Only a few enemy bombers penetrated the city's defenses and 18 planes were shot down by Russian fighter planes and anti-aircraft batteries.

**102 PLANES DOWNED**  
Along the whole front, 102 German planes were destroyed in Saturday's fighting, said an official communique. Russian losses were placed at 16 planes. On the southwestern front, 14 German tanks were destroyed and three captured, the communique said.

South of Leningrad, where the 16th German army is virtually encircled at Staraya Russa, 2,500 Germans were killed in an effort to break through the Russian lines.

**Russians Smash Nazi Reserves**  
Kuibyshev, Russia, April 6 (UP).—Sweeping Russian victories forcing the Germans into rapid retreat on the central front and smashing their spring offensive reserves in the Kharkov area of the southwestern front were reported today by the Soviet army newspaper, Red Star.

The Red Star dispatch said the Germans had been forced back across a river on the central front, and the Russians, in hot pursuit, prevented them from discontinuing the battle.

It said all the reserves of the German 6th and 17th armies, which the enemy high command had massed in the southwest for the spring offensive, had been smashed in a determined Russian drive.

**NAZI FLIGHT GRAVE**

Red Star's dispatch indicated that the 6th and 17th armies now are in an acute situation. The 17th army's left flank, which the Red army crushed, was based at Barvenkova, 80 miles southeast of Kharkov. The crumbling of this salient forced the Germans to bring in forces from other sectors, including the remnants of Col. Gen. Ewald von Kleist's battered southwestern tank command.

The reinforcements rushed to stiffen the 6th and 17th German armies already have been put to flight, Red Star said.

**Wreford on Draft Board**

William B. Wreford of 7614 Dexter boulevard, was appointed today to Wayne County Local Draft Board No. 30, succeeding Byron J. Rivett who died recently. During the first world war Wreford was active in public service.

**Dies at Easter Mass**

GRAND RAPIDS, April 6.—Mrs. Micheline Wysocki was stricken with a heart attack and died while attending Easter Sunday mass here.

## IN THE NEWS

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folding Book of Destiny, just as in the closed book of history, it is written that tyranny and oppression bring forth their own downfall, and that the irresistible moral forces of the world march on the side of resolute men when freedom is the goal.

The high crusade upon which we have embarked calls into action every spark of our genius, every inheritance of our pioneering spirit, every native skill, every liberty we cherish, all that we are and ever hope to be.

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In the words of our indomitable MacArthur:

"There can be no compromise. We shall win or we shall die, and to this end I pledge you the full resources of all the mighty power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen."

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What God has given no man can take away.

While we stand amid the encircling gloom, all is not dark.

The light kept shining in the darkness, and the darkness was not able to put it out.

The light of liberty our fathers kindled shall illuminate the world!

An old man, travelling a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm deep and wide,  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fears for him,  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength in building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day;

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## CUTIES By E. Simms Campbell



"—So I told him, 'Listen, I've been in show business five years and with my figure, I don't HAVE to know how to act!'"

"You never again will pass this way;  
"You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
"Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.

"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
"A youth whose feet must pass this way,  
"This chasm that was as naught to me,  
"To that fair youth may a pitfall be;  
"He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
"Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

**Eludes 4, Sunk by 5th U-Boat**

NEW YORK, April 6 (INS).—A medium-sized United Nations merchant vessel four times outsped enemy submarines but fell victim to a fifth, survivors of the crew revealed today.

The ship was sunk recently off the Atlantic Coast, and 29 members of the 36-man crew were brought to LaGuardia air base by a Pan-American Airways clipper.

Among the six men believed lost—one was wounded and left in a foreign hospital—was the ship's captain.

Survivors revealed the fifth U-boat was too big and too fast, and came at the freighter with a machine gun spitting bullets from her conning tower.

## Berlin Boasts Of Slave Labor

WASHINGTON, April 6 (INS).—The office of facts and figures said today that the Berlin radio has been boasting that Germany will increase the number of foreign workers in the Reich to more than 4,000,000.

"Hitler," OFF declared, "is moving with 'blitz' speed to extend his system of slave labor throughout subjugated Europe.

Nazi labor bosses are reaching from Rome to Riga for manpower to ship into Germany."

Italy, according to Berlin broadcast recorded here, provided 300,000 workers to Germany in 1941, and another 100,000 are expected shortly.

Polish workers now in Germany, exclusive of war prisoners, number 655,000.

Reporting the presence of 150,000 French workers in Germany, Radio Berlin said that since the beginning of last month, a weekly average of 30 trains with about 1,000 workers each have been leaving France for the Reich.

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## Defenders Balk Bataan Pincers By Japanese

First Tanks in New Offensive Massed for Kayo by Invaders

By JOSEPH A. BORS  
Ins'l News Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Bataan's defenders today snipped off the spearheads of a Japanese land and sea-borne pincers movement with point blank artillery fire that smashed enemy invasion barges on the east coast and threw back Jap infantry forces who had the support of tanks and dive bombers.

Mention in recent weeks that Japanese tanks are being used in the Bataan jungles indicated that their military might in an attempt to knock out the American-Filipino army which has kept the Japanese virtually stilled in the Manila Bay area since shortly after the war began.

**DIVE BOMBER FELLE**  
Again, Japanese losses were described as "heavy."

In addition, the war department in its communique reported that "one enemy dive bomber was shot down by our anti-aircraft artillery."

"Though the assault was made with great force, supported by tanks, artillery and dive bombers, it was stopped by our troops after hard fighting," the communique said. "The enemy was unable to extend the slight gains made on the previous day."

The second sea-borne attack within 48 hours was made by the Japanese under cover of darkness but the army reported it was "frustrated by light artillery fire from our beach defense."

**ATTACK WITH BARGES**  
The first attack was made with barges mounting 75-mm. guns and carrying troops, but that also was smashed by American artillery on the east coast of Bataan with heavy losses to the enemy.

Meantime, Corregidor experienced a comparatively quiet week-end.

"Corregidor was again free from hostile air raids," the communique said, "but two enemy dive bombers attacked Fort Frank yesterday morning and Fort Drum yesterday afternoon with light bombs. No damages and no casualties resulted."

Fort Drum and Frank are near the Cavite shore of Manila Bay.

## Rabaul Costly to Foe

1,399 Aussies Inflict 2,000 Casualties on Force of 17,000 Japs Capturing Island Port

LONDON, April 6 (INS).—A force of only 1,399 Australians inflicted 2,000 casualties on 17,000 Japanese troops that landed on the north coast of New Britain Island and captured the Port of Rabaul last January 23, the Exchange Telegraph News Agency reported today in a dispatch from Port Moresby, New Guinea.

The invasion began in the pre-dawn hours after days of aerial blasting by unchallenged Japanese bombers.

Dug in on the slopes of Mount Vulcan, the Australians had their first warning when they heard low voices across the nearby water.

Then came the sound of boats scraping on the pebbled beach below.

The Japanese, with limbs and faces blackened and wearing singlets and shorts, made no attempt to be quiet as they swarmed ashore. Apparently they believed the point to be entirely undefended.

A group of 150 Australians moved swiftly down the mountain-side to meet the invaders, and soon the opposing forces were grappling man to man in bloody combat.

Thousands more of the Japanese attempted to follow the first contingent ashore only to be caught in the areas barbed wire defenses and subjected to a murderous cross fire of machine guns. Bodies were sprawled in piles over two yards of beach front.

Overwhelmingly outnumbered, the Australians retired, traveling hundreds of miles through almost impenetrable jungles.

**Bombs Kill 2,000 In Mandalay**

LONDON, April 6 (INS).—Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons were killed and 5,000 injured in a three-hour bombardment of Mandalay Friday by a formation of 36 Japanese bombers, according to a Mandalay dispatch to the Daily Sketch.

Two-thirds of the business district of the Burma city were demolished by the continuous rain of bombs, the dispatch said.

The Sketch's correspondent said he saw fragments of bombs taken from craters near the Mandalay station, and believed they were British bombs, presumably left in Rangoon and which fell into Japanese hands when they captured the Burma capital.

**Heroes Unite**

MacArthur Accepts York Bid for Flag Campaign

MELBOURNE, Australia, April 6 (INS).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has accepted the invitation of Sgt. Alvin York to serve as "honorary commander-in-chief" of a nationwide campaign in the United States to display the flag in every home.

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## Report on India Sent to Roosevelt By U. S. Envoy

British Cabinet's Reply on Revision of Plan to Be Made Tomorrow

By P. D. SHARMA  
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW DELHI, India, April 6.—Louis A. Johnson, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to India, has conferred with Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian nationalist leader, on Britain's offer of post-war dominion status to India and has forwarded a special report to the President, it was made known today.

Tomorrow Sir Stafford Cripps, British war cabinet envoy who submitted the offer to the Indians, is to advise the nationalists of the cabinet's "final" reply on the extent to which the offer may be changed.

Nationalists said they were dissatisfied over the conference Saturday between Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, commander-in-chief in India and Burma, and nationalist leaders.

They complained that Wavell did not "commit" himself on the details of an Indian defense set-up in which an Indian, as defense minister, would share power over non-strategic defense positions.

**Gandhi's Plan**

Tells How He'd Beat Japs Without Guns

LONDON, April 6 (INS).—The Daily Express today quoted Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of India's millions, as insisting he would not fight the Japanese under any circumstances.

Interviewed at New Delhi prior to his departure for Wardha, where his wife is ill, Gandhi was quoted by the Express correspondent as stating:

"I would not surrender India—I would let the Japanese land and then fight them by non-violence."

"The Chinese made a mistake fighting the Japanese. They have been battling a long time but the war still continues. You must be just as prepared to lay down your life in non-violent as in violent warfare."

"The Indian people are not armed. What is the use of their resisting people as well armed as the Japanese?"

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