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SOUTH/EAST PACIFIC:

A renewed Jap thrust at American defenses at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island cost the enemy at least 300 dead against American casualties of 4 dead, 47 wounded, and 1 missing. Gen. Douglas MacArthur headquarters said Monday that the enemy penetrated United States positions, but defenses were restored within 24 hours. Sgt. William B. McGurn, Yank magazine correspondent suffered superficial mortar wounds Wednesday on Bougainville. American dismounted cavalarymen have occupied Amo and Ndovo islets off the southeast coast of Manus Island in the Admiralty Group, while continuing to mop up after the capture of all vital points in this group. 4th USAAF aircraft hit Newak, New Guinea with another 207 tons of bombs as other hit Rabaul with 61 tons.

ITALY:

Allied big guns Monday were ripping into German held portions of Cassino as both sides appeared to be mustering strength for resumption of heavy close quarter combat. Allied troops on the Anzio beachhead drove back two enemy infiltration attempts.

Yesterday, Arezzo viaduct was attacked by medium bombers of the tactical airforce. Heavy bombers of the strategic airforce attacked Fiume docks, Maniago airfields, and Rimini railyards. Fighter-bombers struck at the harbor of Castiglioncello, a bridge at Stimigliano, and gun positions and troop concentrations in the battle area. Last night railyards at Vicenza were attacked by night bombers. 7 enemy aircraft were destroyed during the

MOSCO.:

Marshal Koniev's Bessarabian spearhead is today poised on the Rumanian border along a 100 mile front on the left bank of the Pruth River. On a vast front between Cernavti and Jassy the Red Army is consolidating it's positions and everyone here expects that advanced Soviet units have crossed the Pruth barrier and set foot on Rumanian territory in thrusts southwards to Jassy and the Danube Estuary. Marshal Koniev's 2nd Ukrainian Army is massing along the Rumanian border for the next leap forward after it's amazing advance across the Dneister over hills and valleys of Moldavia to the banks of the Pruth River - starting place of part of Hitler's invasion forces in 1942.

Front line despatches reaching Moscow Monday give graphic descriptions of the scene when vanguards of Marshal Ivan Koniev's 2nd Ukrainian Army reaches the banks of the Pruth River on the Rumanian frontier. Crisis of "Pruth" went up from thousands of hoarse throats Sunday morning. News of the Red Army's arrival on the Rumanian border has electrified the Soviet people. Pravda, only newspaper appearing in Moscow on Monday morning, published Marshal Stalin's historic order of the day on the front page printed in heavy black type, while editorial sections stressed the importance of this development of the war. Vera Inber, famed Russian poetess, composed a special poem in honor of the great victory.

ASIA COMMUNIQUE:

Today's communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters of the Southeast Asia command said several Japanese tanks were destroyed on Saturday in the Tiddim-Imphal region. (This is the same region of the Japanese thrust across the Indian frontier.) In the same area Allied troops captured another hill feature after heavy fighting, and have driven the Japs from their positions on the road inflicting very heavy casualties. On the main Imphal front Allied troops attacked and drove the Japanese from a hill feature on the foothills bordering the coastal plain on Sunday. Eastward of the Layu range the Japanese made unsuccessful raids on Allied positions west of Buthidaung on Saturday night and an attack further south made in considerable strength also failed. East of Lalapanzin Allied troops captured another commanding feature and the Japanese were forced to make local withdrawals. In the Ikahul area severe fighting is continuing to take place and Japanese pressure is being continued. Chinese troops continued their advance against strong Japanese resistance north of Shaduzup Ga. In the Fort Hertz area Allied troops occupied a village on the Jumprabum-Yithyina road. Allied heavy and medium bombers yesterday attacked troop concentrations and other objectives on the Imphal-Tiddim road. Dive-bombers and fighter-bombers and fighters were out in strength yesterday.

LONDON:

U.S. bomber formations flew toward the continent Monday following a 2,800 ton A.F. assault on Essen, site of the Krupp armament works, and attacks on the Nazi rubber center of Hannover, a 125 miles Northeast, and Josurtrai in Belgium. Essen was last raided in force July 25th, after which the British airminister Sir A. Sinclair described the series of blows

LONDON:

If movie stars are made not born England's news triplets have a good start because the two girls and one boy peeped into the world Sunday with cameras grinding out the first gasps of their breath. This is the first time in history the birth of triplets has been filmed. The 23 year old mother Mrs. Constance Hubbard, a miners wife, was coy about the whole performance, she refuse an offer to wear a mask and remain anonymous in the film to be shown medical circles for instructional purposes. The attending Mrs. Hubberts knew since January she'd give birth to triplets and requested she make a film for scientific record. The babies arrived at 25 iminute intervals the exact day the doctor predicted. All are doing well weighing 5, 5 and a quarter, and 3 and a half pounds. The boy is the heaviest.

MELBOURNE:

The "Pyjama girl" Linda Agostinia, whose charred and battered body was found clad in cream and green Pyjamas beneath a culvert nearly ten years ago had been in a fight for a gun according to an alleged statement by her husband. The story was told at an inquest here today where the 43 year old Italian waiter Antonio Agostinia is charged with the murder of his wife. In an alleged statement Agostine said he disposed of the body under a culvert near the Albury, on the Victoria New South Wales border where it was found on September 1st, 1934.

Marriage relations, he said, had been mainly unhappy owing to Linda's overdrinking, and once she threatened to kill him. Then on Sunday he told her he had to go away on business. He refused to go without her. They went to bed and after a restless night he woke up and found something pressing against his car. He realized it was a gun and grasped her hand and they struggled, the revolver went off, Linda gave a long gasp and she was dead. Realization that she was dead unbalanced him, at first he thought he would go to the police but fear of publicity and damage to the Italian community changed his mind. Much time passed and at eight o'clock that night he took the body in a car along the Alburg highway. Near Alburg he reached down and put the body under a culvert - and drove off to Melbourne. In 1938 I told my wifes acquaintances she had gone away. the inquest was ajourned until tomorrow.

MEMPHIS:

A twenty minute storm with hailstones as large as eight inches in circumference struck Memphis Sunday night, inflicting widespread damage and injuring 8 persons. Large stones broke windows, hurtled through roofs, and auto windshields, in what some weathermen described as the most destructive storm ever to hit Memphis. One 6 year old boy was in serious condition with a brain concussion suffered when one of the stones struck him on the head. On resident sustained a fractured ankle.

JACKSON, MISS.:

.. windstorm Sunday night put a farm home on the Illinois central railroad track. Owners of the home,

LONDON:

Between 500 and 750 heavy bombers escorted by perhaps 1,000 Lancaster raided German Army targets in Northern France - while Essen seat of the German Krupp arm works burned during a night attack by the RAF in which 2340 tons of bombs were dropped.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES:

Massed Allied artillery has begun a systematic bombardment to blast Nazi parachute troops from the ruins of the Continental hotel and the Hotel Des Roses in Cassino after failure of intense infantry assaults and the massive air blow of March 15th it was announced Monday night. Complete absence of ground activity in the Allied communique appeared to indicate that New Zealand troops also have begun their way into the last quarter of Cassino had for the moment abandoned their efforts to drive the Germans from their remain strongholds.

LONDON:

Russian troops have crossed the middle Dniester River in Southeastern Poland in a flanking move toward North Bucovina former Rumanian province and struck to within 20 miles of the important Czernovitz-Lwow railway Moscow announced Monday night. To the south in Bessarabia where the Russians were poised to strike across the Prut River into Rumania. The Russians announced the capture of more than 100 places.

NEW YORK:

Pope Pius XII had addressed a new appeal to the Allied and Germans in Italy "extending the home that Rome will be considered as an open city", the Bern radio reported Sunday in a broadcast heard by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

STOCKHOLM:

Berlin was still burning on the third day after the large RAF 2,800 tons attack Friday night, passengers from a Swedish plane from Berlin declared Monday.

MELBOURNE:

All Catholic Bishops of Australia joined Monday in a statement protesting that destruction of historic cities and civilian life in war especially from the air, also asked that Rome be spared.

CHUNGKING:

The Chinese ministry of information Monday quoted a Korean who formerly was a translator with the Japanese 18th

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H. V. H.:

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived in Havana Monday at the end of a tour of Jarribbean and South American bases of the United States fighting forces.

WASHINGTON:

The House agreed Monday to adjourn Thursday for an Easter vacation. The recess will last until noon Wednesday, April 12th.

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A near free-for-all threw the House into an uproar Monday as Representative Hoffman (R-Mich) renewed his biting attack of the radio broadcaster Walter Winchell, declaring "the truth just isn't Winchell." In the ensuing battle members of the House struck each other in demonstrations in violation of the rules and speakers gavel pounded furiously. Winchell who has been engaged for weeks in a controversy with representative Dies (D-Tex) Hoffman ranking (D-Miss) and others commented to reporters im enjoying this. I seem to be keeping quite a lot of people busy. A little better than 400 to 1 isn't it."

NEW YORK:

Rejecting defense contentions that Wayne Longerman's purported confession was obtained under stress, judge James Garrett Wallace ruled Monday that the document was available as evidence.

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Food rationing became simpler for everyone Monday as the office of price administration removed the expiration dates for all red and blue ration coupons. OPA said the move was one to cut the clerical and shopping problems of rationing down to a minimum of nuisance and trouble."

SPORTS NEWS

New York - The once night Yankees are still going strong in the armed forces. So far fourteen of the 1943 Yrkees are in the armed forces or heading that way. Last to pass their induction physical were pitcher Tiny Bonham and shortstop Frankie Crossette. Crossette is 26 with a defense job on the West coast, and will remain there unless call for induction. Hank Borowy, Atley Jonal, and Jim Tunner are the only veteran pitchers still with the Yanks. The Yankee infield at the Atlantic City training camp is made up of Nicker Stten and George Sternweiss. Sternweiss (replacement for Gordon) at second, Oscar Grimes at short and Don Savage (replacement for Bill Johnson) at third. On hand for outfield duty are only Bud Metheny, Ed Levy, and Tuck Stainback. The great catcher of the Yanks Bill Dickey is in the Navy and Rollie Femsley is expected to do Trojan duty. Whitlow Wyatt, Brooklyn Doger ace moundsman, has been classified 1-2, but he may not pass his physical because of a bad knee.

Durham, N.C. - Craig Wood won the five thousand dollar Durham open golf tournament Sunday with a 72 hole total of 271. Byron Nelson of Toledo was runner up with 274.

New York - St. Johns of Brooklyn won the National Invitational Tournament at Madison Square Garden Sunday night, by defeating De Paul of Chicago 47 to 39. Lentuck gained third place by defeating the Oklahoma Aggies 45 to 39 in a consolation match.

Jack Kramer who pitched a no hitter for Toledo of the American Association last season signed a contract with the St. Louis Browns Monday.

New York.- The University of Utah basketball team which won the National Collegiate Western Regional title as a last minute entry will play St. Johns of Brooklyn, winner of the National Invitational Tourney, in a Red Cross benefit game at Madison Square Garden Thursday.

HAWAII:

Mt. Vesuvius spouted fresh clouds of smoke laden with volcanic ash Monday but most of the cinders fell harmlessly into the mediterranean. With the lava flow at a standstill Allied authorities busied themselves on rehabilitation work following the 10 day eruption which took its toll mostly as the result of roofs collapsing under the weights of ashes and rock.

LOS ANGELES:

Charlie Chaplin may take the stand in his own behalf against the charge that he transported red haired Tom Barry to New York City for immoral purposes. Trial of the 5 year old movie comedian on charges of violation of the Mann act will be resumed Tuesday. O'connors counsel for Chaplin says the notice that he has almost completed it's appeal as soon as it vests defense counsel Giesler is expected to ask for dismissal on the ground that the prosecution has