

We want to be free if we wish
to live according to our own
convictions, then individual
freedom is what we have to live on.
—PATRICK HENRY.

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Hitler Masses Two Million Troops For Kerch Thrust

Nazis Claim Capture Of 40,000 Reds In Smashing Victory In Peninsula Fight

The Germans claimed a smashing victory today in the five-day-old battle for control of the Kerch peninsula, the gateway to the oil-rich Crimea. Hitler's field headquarters announced the battle ended with the annihilation of Russians encircled there and the capture of 40,000 prisoners. The latest Soviet announcement reported no substantial changes, and London declared the Nazis still are attacking fiercely along the 12-mile front.

Hitler has gathered perhaps 2,000,000 of his best combat troops in the Ukraine and is reported to be using 2,000 divisions to smash through the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea, informed London quarters said, denying his claims that he has driven a "breach" into Russia's Black Sea.

Heavy fighting raged through the night in the Kerch peninsula, with the Germans throwing masses of cavalry, tanks and infantry against formidable Russian forces defending that narrow gateway to the Caucasus, front line dispatches reported early today.

Red Army troops under General Konev, who repudiated the pact with Hitler, were battling the Nazi invaders in the eastern Crimean steppes but results of the fightings was not learned here immediately. Informants here said the outcome "may be apparent in a few days."

The same radio broadcast a dispatch from an Balkans news agency corroborated the German statement by Moscow. "The Axis forces are 'well beyond' positions from which they launched their attack."

The fighting on the peninsula was resumed yesterday in a renewed effort to break through in which the Russians already announced officially the destruction of 100 Nazi planes in two days.

Jape North Of Australia Await Reinforcements

Associated Press
A Japanese attempt to postpone its invasion attempt because of damage inflicted by the Allies in the Coral Sea battle, the Japanese invasion force was believed to have right to be lurking in the Southern Pacific north of Australia, waiting for reinforcements plane reinforcements.

The invasion fleet itself, however, the transports, was observed comparatively intact, observers said.

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Base Will Have About 2,000 Workers, Some Already Here

The vanguard of between 2,000 and 2,500 civilian workers, the estimated number of men to be employed in construction work at the Naval Operational Training Base, has already started arriving in Sanford. Vile Williams, local contractor, who is moving heavy rock to the airport, told a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the Valsen Hotel.

Mr. Williams made this announcement after a recent conference with the contractors of the project, the Bullock Oil Company, of Miami. He also revealed his intention of opening a bus line for the convenience of employees at the airport.

In connection with the influx of workers into the city, H. James Gut was appointed to form a committee of the real estate men and material supply men of Sanford to consider housing facilities for the laborers in conjunction with the inauguration of laborers on the airport project.

Present at the meeting were Gordon Brinson, Hubbard Canseberry, Randall Chase, R. L. Dean, Forrest Gatebe, S. G. Gray, Gut, J. C. Leffler, S. G. Leffler, John McLean, Charles Morris, George A. Spear Jr., Fred T. Williams, Vile Williams, G. D. Wickman, and Mr. Higgins.

Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, wife of the American commander of the Allied forces in the southwest Pacific, shaken hands with Australian Major L. A. C. Barnes, at the Sunshine Club in Melbourne, where she witnessed an entertainment given for members of the armed forces.

Defenders Fight To Stem Japanese Invaders In China

Nine Attempt To Cut Supply Road 35 Miles Above Line

Associated Press

A Japanese road, stretch

ing northwest from the Chinese city of Langfang today in an effort to cut the Burma road at Pusan, 125 miles north of the Burma-China border, Reuters reported.

Reinforcements, including Chinese defenders, came to the border station of Wanping, and other strong Chinese forces fought to stem the invasion drive nearing the northern terminus of the Burma railway from

The Japanese who have swept up northward through Burma surged back and forth in desperate battle with the Chinese along the tortuous Burma road in Western Yunnan Province today and met another check in their simultaneous drive toward India in the other direction.

But the unforeseen resurgence of the Chinese and the furious efforts of the British had apparently to be too much either to retrieve Burma or to reverse the increasing threat to India as the Japanese quickly brought up reinforcements for both main routes on the eastern and western forks of their drive.

The Chinese early in the evening announced that the main force of the invasion column which had penetrated Yunnan through China's back door had been driven back northward to Wanping, the Burma border, but later communists acknowledged that the Japanese had brought up reinforcements and were resuming the attack.

This apparently was in the region between Chongming and Haikou, 25 and 65 miles inside China, respectively. There the Chinese had said they were heavily occupying remnants and rear guards of the first Japanese force after having forced them back 20 miles to their deepest penetration near Langfang.

With the arrival of reinforcements apparently this Japanese rear guard reconnected itself on an advance guard.

A Chinese spokesman said, however, that "the enemy will not be allowed to rest or consolidate his position." He added that the recent work of the AVG, the PAF and the Chinese communists had shown that this rear guard would continue.

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preserve freedom; those insatiable privi-
leges for which we have been so long con-
tinuing, we must fight!

—ADAMANT BEEHIVE.

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Grand Scale Japanese Attack On Approaches To Australia Is Seen

Military Experts Are Intrigued By Tokyo Claim Of Resounding Sea Triumph

By Associated Press
Military experts, intrigued by Tokyo's solemn but hollow claims of a resounding Coral Sea victory, concluded such a boast could only drive the Japanese admirals to a grand scale assault on the approaches to Australia in an effort to save face. The claims have been so extravagant in the last few days, they said, that the Japanese may be compelled to try to make good soon by a new foray in tremendous force.

Activities of Japanese ships and war planes at Rabaul, on New Britain island, and at Lae, on the North New Guinea coast, as reported by American and Australian reconnaissance fliers, indicated that enemy reinforcements were arriving in the area steadily, according to war dispatches.

The belief was that the Japanese could not long stand the heavy blows of the Allied air force and must strike soon or get out of the northeastern invasion area.

Dispatches from advanced Allied bases indicated that last week's Coral Sea battle, in which 21 enemy ships were sunk or damaged, might only have disrupted temporarily the Japanese drive, because aimed either at Australia or the French

French Island of New Caledonia, garrisoned by American troops and protector of the supply line to the sub-continent.

The main Japanese striking force was scattered but its small remnants had virtually

disappeared. The men were welding ships to replace those lost last week.

Calm Spirit Of "Men Of Bataan" Shown In Letter

Lieutenant's Wife's Outcome Of War Is Fore-Ordained

Services Held At Funeral Home For Former Resident

Funeral services for Thomas E. Thorne, 67, former resident of Sanford, who died at an Orlando hospital yesterday, were held at the Erikson Funeral Home this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Elder H. S. Prentier of Orlando officiated and burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Thorne was well known in Sanford. He left here six years ago to go to Summerville, S.C., where he died April 21, 1875 at age 65.

Survivors include three sons, J. L. Thorne of Summerville; J. L. Thorne, former Sanford resident now at the Panama Canal Zone, and T. E. Thorne, Jr., of Selbyville, N.C.; four daughters, Miss Lillian Thorne of Sanford, Miss Leslie Thorne of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. D. W. Walker of Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. W. G. Tyler of Remond, N.J.; two brothers, two sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

Four Sanford men, George George Shipp, Leslie West, Harry Watt, Leslie West, Harry Watt, Ray Schmidt, H. N. Sayer and E. C. Williams, were designated to act as pallbearers.

Officers Will Be Selected For Bureau

Ickes Backs Texas To New York Pipeline

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—

Petroleum Coordinator Ickes said today any expansion of the gasoline rationing areas generally depends on whether the government decides to use this as a means of saving rubber. He said there is no need now of broadening the areas, but he agreed with a point of view.

He told the press that the construction of a 500-mile pipeline from Texas to the New York area is the "only sure solution" to the eastern shortage, and he announced the application for steel for the line will be sent to the War Department.

Investigation Into Explosion Is Held Up

OSAGE, W. Va., May 14.—(AP)—

Official investigation into the explosion at the Drexel Coal Mine, will meet Monday night at 8:00 o'clock at the County auditor's office at the Court House for the purpose of selecting officials to conduct an inquest and to plan a trial for the year and month after the accident occurred. A trial date has not been set.

The State Fire Marshal, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Mines, and other state officials, will be present to take action in the interest of justice.

City News Briefs

Members of the Sanford City Council, will meet Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce room 15

of the City Hall.

Local Field

Services Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson

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