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Not an exact forecast, rain in after-noon.

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Sideway Probe Gets Under Way into Explosion Near Easton; 31 of Dead Remains Five at 1

American Pilots In New, Modern Planes, Destroy 14 Japs Over Loe
Sydney Dispatch Relates Claim Japs Are Now in Port Moresby
Enemy Halted 27 Miles Above Loe, Allies Claim



Rolling hills of Northampton county, showing the first signs of spring, frame this picture of death at the Sandts Eddy quarry of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., five miles north of Easton, Pa. In the foreground, the twisted wreckage of the mill's machinery is visible. Drill machinery twisted the force of the explosion at the left.

Bodies Are Strewn Over Field Near Cement Co. Quarry
FBI Investigators Join Inquiry into Premature Blast of Dynamite at Lehigh Portland Property—Allentown Explosives Expert Among the Victims

A number of investigations, including one by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be continued today into the violent blast which killed 31 men yesterday morning at a quarry of the Sandts Eddy plant of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., five miles north of Easton, Pa.

Quarry Blast Victims
Death in Thursday's explosion at the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. quarry, near Easton, Pa., has been identified as that of the chemical sales division of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., which resided at 2444 Locust St. this city.

State Policy as Union Okays Firing of Stewards Who Urged Practice
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—Slow-downs were denounced by the leadership of both the CIO and AFL today and the machinery of the War Labor Board swung into action to eliminate that form of sabotage in the plant.

Nazi Admiral Seized in Brazilian Roundup
RIO DE JANEIRO, March 26 (AP)—A German admiral said by police here today that he had fled from Brazil with planning a Nazi attack on South America.

National, New Jersey Druggist Groups Face Conspiracy Indictment
NEWARK, N. J., March 26 (AP)—The National Association of Retail Druggists, the New Jersey Pharmacists Association, 15 member, group of 15 individuals were indicted today by a Federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring to violate the Sherman anti-trust act.

MacArthur Pledges U. S. Power, Blood to Win War
CANTON, AUSTRALIA, March 26 (AP)—In a final blow devoid of words, even the language of peace, General Douglas MacArthur pledged the United States to an unflinching fight against the Axis.

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Might Try It!
NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—The War Production Board today announced that it will permit the use of a one-man crew in a battle over Loe, Japanese planes in the Pacific have been shot down by American fighters.

Ringed Chinese Army at Toungoo Holds Off Japs
Invaders Gain on Three Fronts, Take Airdrome and Move Toward Oil Fields
NEW DELHI, India, March 26 (AP)—The Chinese general commanding the Chinese forces at Toungoo, Burma, held off their Japanese opponents today.

Roosevelt Takes Action to Assist 'Little Business'
Authorizes Three U. S. Agencies to Make or Guarantee Conversions Loans
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—The Nation's "little businesses," threatened with bankruptcy by war-time priorities, were given a new lease on life today when President Roosevelt authorized three government agencies to make or guarantee loans that will enable them to convert to war production.

Declares Nazis Get Best Deal on Rubber Issue
Arnold Charges Standard Oil Gave Germans Most Improved Processes
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has "insulted the creation of an American synthetic rubber industry," according to a statement today by the War Relocation Authority.

Leaves Lifeboat to Raise Old Glory on Sinking Ship
Unidentified craft believed to be a U-boat in the Caribbean on the night of March 25.

Water Lippmann
MacArthur, unlike the Administration, believes in keeping the public fully informed to win the war.

Read David Lawrence on the Editorial Page

Corregidor Fort Pounded by 54 Big Jap Bombers
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—The United States military engineers today reported that 54 Japanese bombers pounded Corregidor Island in the Philippines yesterday.

Murray, Green Hit Slow-downs on Defense Jobs
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WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—Slow-downs were denounced by the leadership of both the CIO and AFL today and the machinery of the War Labor Board swung into action to eliminate that form of sabotage in the plant.

RAF Sends 300 New Warplanes Into Ruhr Valley
London Shakes With Vibrations as Heavy Bombers Pass Over Capital
LONDON, March 26 (AP)—The Royal Air Force yesterday sent 300 new warplanes into the Ruhr valley in a surprise attack on German industrial plants.

13 'Regional' WPB's To Speed Up Work
WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—A network of 13 "regional" War Production Boards will be established today as part of a program to speed up the production of war materials.

For Supply of Sugar
MEKONGKONG, Siam, March 26 (AP)—The United States today announced that it will purchase 100,000 tons of sugar from Siam.

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