

U. S. PLANES BLAST SARDINIA, ROMMEL'S AID BASE

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Bombs Rained On Air Bases, Ships, Plants

British, U. S. Armies in Tunisia Near Junction To Trap Desert Fox

By DANIEL DeLUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 1.—(AP)—British and American troops squeezed tighter the vise upon axis divisions in Tunisia today while it was disclosed that the largest single force of U. S. Flying Fortresses ever massed had blasted the shipping and air fields of southern Sardinia, to which Marshal Rommel looks for aid.

Nearly 100 Fortresses, escorted by strong formations of Lightnings, struck yesterday at the Sardinian port of Cagliari and three airbases, hit five merchant ships and 21 smaller craft, spread areas of fire across industrial targets, damaged or destroyed 57 aircraft ground and shot down 14 enemy fighter planes on a mission from which every raider returned.

(The Italian high command said in a communique broadcast from Rome and recorded by the Associated Press 60 persons were killed and 62 injured in this attack, while three of the raiders were shot down.)

Mine Fields Defied
Gen. Montgomery's Eighth army patrols began preliminary skirmishes against a line of Rommel's rear guards newly dug in about 24 miles north of Gabes on the coastal highway north to Sfax.

Military sources here said the line was about 12 miles north of newly-captured Oudf, flanking the coastal highway north to Sfax and well above the Gabes bottleneck.

To Montgomery's left, United States armored units from the command of Lieut. Gen. Patton, pushed eastward in the El Guefaria pass area, encountered deep mine fields which made progress difficult, but the junction with the eighth army appeared near.

British and French infantrymen pushed forward in the sector of Sedjenane, itself 40 miles southwest of Bizerte. The Tebouna line, overlooking Sedjenane and the Mateur-Tabarca road from the south, was captured by a British battalion of the First army after a series of eight bayonet charges. Making good progress east of Sedjenane, the first

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Jap Bases Given New Hammering

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 1.—(AP)—Allied fliers centered their attacks on Japanese positions in New Guinea yesterday, smashing at enemy supply lines, especially along the road between Wewak and Meandang, and smashing a 30-foot gap in the newly-constructed Nipponese bridge across the Timor river, 30 miles northwest of Madang.

The Japanese attempted interception at only one point, at Babo in Dutch New Guinea, where allied bombers started fires in the town and on the airbase visible for 60 miles, a headquarters communique said. One enemy fighter that rose against the bombers was shot out of action, it was announced.

The war bulletin said also reconnaissance showed that Tuesday's bombing of Finschhafen and Holsbach had set fires burning for eight hours along the waterfront.

The entire Salamaua area was "thoroughly combed from low altitude with bombs, cannon and machine-gun fire" in attacks yesterday, headquarters said. Dispatches from the front said the three-hour attack was one of the most intensive the Japanese base had yet received.

The airbase at Lae was bombed again and the airbase near Timika, in Dutch New Guinea, suffered along with the nearby village of Kenauwa from bombs dropped in a mid-morning raid.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

To classify the American people during wartime, we suggest those—
Indispensable,
Intrepid,
Inefficient,
Indifferent,
Indolent,
Inducted,
Indicted,
Infectious,
Inevitable.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WAR and geography, as you must have noted, are very closely related indeed. The way battles are fought depends on what the military experts call "terrain" and what we ordinary non-technical people call "the lay of the land."

WHEN we look at a mere flat map of Tunisia (without mountains and minor contours shown), it seems to us that driving the Germans into the sea there ought to be a relatively simple matter. But when we get a look at the mountain ranges, it becomes apparent immediately that it isn't so simple.

Behind these mountain ranges, penetrated only by narrow passes, the Carthaginians remained safe for centuries.

GEOGRAPHY constantly enters into the Russian fighting. For example:

North of Chuguev (15 or 20 miles east of Kharkov) the Donets runs almost due north and south for nearly 50 miles to Belgorod (see map). This is a tough area to defend because of a HIGH bank on the west side and a LOW bank on the east side, enabling Germans to SHOOT DOWN at the defending Russians.

They're using tanks paced by dive bombers.

The Russians appear to have been holding the line, however.

THERE hasn't been much change around Smolensk recently. The fighting there has been taking place in the worst weather of the year, with the spring thaw flooding the battle grounds.

IN Washington they've been putting on the final festivities for British Foreign Minister Eden, who has been visiting here. (One assumes that, as leaders setting a good example for the people, they've gone light on the meats, fats and canned goods.)

Eden, with typically sound British conservatism, does little boasting about what has been accomplished during his Washington conference, saying merely:

"There has been a meeting of minds between us about the pres-

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Invasion Jitters Hit Nazis With Reported Presence of Allied 'Chutists in Norway

Foe's Troops Searching For Rebel Hideout

Nazi-Controlled Plants Damaged; Sicily Being Prepared for Defense

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—Signs of increasing axis invasion jitters from the Balkan frontier to the Scandinavian peninsula were highlighted today by a roundabout report that allied parachute troops had established a base in the Norwegian mountains and had sallied out in raids on Nazi-controlled factories.

The Norwegian government-in-exile here, commenting upon the report, declared that "Quisling and the Germans appear to be genuinely alarmed," but said it could not give any confirmation. The story came to London in Stockholm dispatches which said the allied parachute base was somewhere in the Hardanger Vidna mountain lakes area, an ideal district for an airbase and that it was equipped with a meteorological station.

The London Daily Press quoted the German radio as announcing that Nazi troops are hunting the parachutists, said to be British and Norwegians.

Nazis Expect Dunkerque
On the southern border of the allied invasion area, meanwhile, Italian Propaganda Minister Pavolini announced that Sicily, off the toe of the Italian boot, had

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Sleep at Wheel Costs Motorist His Life

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(AP) Willard H. Anderson, 28, of Camas, apparently falling asleep at the wheel of his automobile, died instantly about 12:30 a. m. today when the car plunged off the road and struck a huge boulder.

Members of the family said Anderson, a Vancouver shipyard worker, was en route home from a lodge meeting in Portland and was alone. Before virtually demolishing itself against the boulder, the car sheared off a pole. The accident occurred five miles west of Camas on the Evergreen highway.

Anderson is survived by his widow and a 21-year-old son.

U. S. "Miracle of Production" Sets World's Record, Donald Nelson Says

CHICAGO, April 1.—(AP)—The nation's industry has performed a "miracle of production" in the war effort and the creative skills of management and labor have elevated America to a "height of potential military power such as the world has never seen," says Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production board.

The WPB chief in an address last night asserted that the co-operation of business men and the concentrated productive forces of the nation's factories have resulted in many "dramatic" achievements in cost reduction. He cited several instances and said they were the "direct effect of the mass production techniques and experience of American industry acquired in peacetime."

Nelson said that the transformation of industry from a peacetime to a wartime basis had required "vigorous streamlining of our civilian economy."

"But to me, it is a startling revelation of the hidden power of America that we have been able to produce, for total war, on the present gigantic scale, with-

out disturbing civilian life more than we have. We are turning out more goods for war than we ever produced for our peacetime needs yet we have enough industrial power left over to keep civilian standards of living at a high level."

Nelson added that it was "desirable that we do not curtail civilian production much further," but cautioned that "we must not be too optimistic. In these uncertain times, there is no telling how heavily the hand of war may yet fall upon us."

The WPB chairman said that the war production this year would exceed 80 billion dollars in munitions and construction as against 48 billion dollars last year.

Nelson, in lauding management and labor, said that except for "a few regrettable exceptions, management and labor are staying on the job voluntarily and working in cooperation with the government to win this war. That is strong testimony to the realism and sincerity of purpose of the American people."

Fuel Oil Rationing in Oregon Is Continued

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Despite large stocks in some dealers hands, fuel oil rationing will be continued in Washington and Oregon, Petroleum Administrator Ickes said today.

Relaxation of restrictions, urged by some Washington and Oregon dealers, can not be authorized at this time because of the need for conserving fuel oil stocks for military and essential civilian purposes, he said.

Vital military operations in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands are largely dependent upon oil supplies received from the two states, he said.

Employment Office at Portland Prey of Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—The state employment office here was destroyed early today in a fire that burned so fiercely it blistered the hands of firefighters 30 feet away and cracked windows across the street.

All records were burned. Four city firemen suffered minor injuries fighting the flames.

Nathan Fullerton Marks 40th Year In Drug Business

Nathan Fullerton, local Rexall druggist, today celebrates the 40th anniversary of his business.

Born in Roseburg, the son of the late Judge and Mrs. J. C. Fullerton, he entered the drug business here in partnership with the late W. H. Richardson, April 1, 1903. He obtained his education in the Roseburg schools and at Pacific university, and worked as a drug clerk here for four years, starting in 1898, with M. E. Rapp and also spent two years as a clerk in a drug store at Grants Pass.

Returning to Roseburg in 1903, he joined with Mr. Richardson in purchasing the Rapp drug store, then located in the James Hildeburn building on Cass and Pine streets.

Mr. Richardson retired in 1912, at which time Mr. Fullerton moved the store into the newly completed Perkins building, where he continued in business until six years ago, at which time he moved to the present location at 127 N. Jackson street.

His 40 years of association with the business makes it the oldest individually owned drug store continuously under one management in the city, Mr. Fullerton states.

Dr. K. E. Burke, Head of Christian College, Dies

EUGENE, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Dr. Kendall E. Burke, 50, president of the Northwest Christian college here and widely known Oregon and Washington minister, died last night at a Eugene hospital. He had been ill with pneumonia following an operation.

Survivors include his widow, Edna Burke; two sons, Herman and Donald Burke, students at Northwest Christian college; two brothers, Joe Burke, Bakerfield, Calif., and Simeon Burke, Albuquerque, N. M.

Coffee and Doughnut Memory Frees Offender

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—The memory of the coffee and doughnuts he received in France 25 years ago while he was serving as a private in the first world war came back yesterday to Magistrate Harry G. Andrews.

When a Salvation Army representative came before him with a summons for a parking violation charged against a Salvation Army truck, Magistrate Andrews dismissed the summons and said with a smile:

"Keep on passing out the doughnuts and coffee."

Allies Kept In Dark as to U. S. Policy

Isolation Error of '18 Must Not Be Repeated, Warning of War Aide

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, said today that "one of the great errors of the United States today is the doubt as to what the policy of the United States will be when the victory is won."

Welles, in an address to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, declared that our allies remember that after the victory of 1918 the United States "withdrew from almost every form of practical cooperation with friendly nations in the reconstruction tasks, and made no effort to win the peace."

"Our allies are asking themselves now whether we will again follow that same course," Welles said. "In a very real sense the decision that will be made with regard to the renewal of the trade agreements act will be regarded by peoples throughout the world as an acid test of our future intentions."

"They will see in that decision a clear indication as to whether the people of the United States have determined upon a policy of international cooperation for the future, or whether they will ever more turn back to that road of isolation which leads to inevitable disaster."

Destitute Must Be Aided
In the post-war period, the undersecretary said, it will be necessary for this country to supply its fair share of immediate relief to those left destitute in the wake of the war, "not only for humanitarian reasons but for reasons of

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Sinking Fund For Bridges Urged By County Tax League

A proposal that the Douglas county court set up a sinking fund to provide for the repair and construction of roads and bridges during the post war period was made by the directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers league at a meeting held Tuesday.

The league directors met in conference with E. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., of Portland, at which tax legislation of the recent legislature was reviewed.

The league's resolution recommends that the court place in a sinking fund all surplus money now on hand or anticipated, after retaining an amount necessary to keep taxes at their present base. The action is authorized under the terms of House Bill 215, passed by the legislature and approved by the governor, making sinking funds legal.

The amounts so designated would not be considered an unexpended balance in considering the forthcoming budget.

It is contended that due to priorities and inability to secure materials and equipment, roads and bridges will be badly deteriorated, and that it is in keeping with good business to provide funds to take care of the needs when labor and materials again are available.

County, City Lots Open For Victory Gardens

County Judge D. N. Busenbark and Mayor W. F. Harris announced today that lots owned by Douglas county and by the city of Roseburg are available upon request for Victory gardens. Persons desiring the use of the publicly owned lots within the city are requested to make application for authority before planting.

Applications for use of county-owned lots should be made to H. C. Darby, special tax collector, and applications for city-owned lots should be made to Recorder A. J. Goddes. Use of the property will be granted without charge, but applicants must agree to dispose of all trash and rubbish remaining from their operations.

War Bond Sales Head of Douglas Will Be Honored



Harry O. Pargeter.

Harry O. Pargeter, chairman of Douglas county's war bond savings staff, will be initiated into the "Million Dollar Club" at Portland, Sunday, April 4. The "Million Dollar Club" is an honorary society of individuals who have been instrumental in the sale of one million dollars or more of war bonds, through their efforts on behalf of the Oregon war savings staff.

Radio station KOIN will broadcast the ceremony to the state at 9:30 p. m. Sunday. The program features Johnny Carpenter as master of ceremonies, and Suzanne Burce, the Oregon Victory girl, who has plugged war bonds for the past two years.

Mr. Pargeter is being honored with membership in the club for his work as chairman of the Douglas county war savings staff, which sold \$1,457,440 in war bonds during 1942.

Douglas county exceeded its February quota for war bond sales to the tune of 26.4 per cent. Quota for war bond sales was \$90,000. Bonds sold totaled \$113,812.50.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—State War Bond Chairman Palmer Hoyt announced yesterday that Oregon's quota in a new 17-day sales drive to start April 12 will be \$107,000,000.

Two Youths Admit Local Burglaries

Burglaries last week end at the Kool Motor company office and the homes of Cecil Black and Earl Oakley in Roseburg have been cleared by the arrest at Seattle of James Babbs, 17, and Donald Baker, 16, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported today. The two youths, who have records in the juvenile courts of Multnomah and Marion county, Morgan said, are now being held in Eugene, where they are charged with burglary in a schoolhouse.

The two youths, the state police sergeant reported, were arrested in connection with a burglary at Seattle, but were released to the Lane county authorities. The burglaries at Roseburg, Morgan said, were admitted by the youths to the detectives at Seattle and to the state police at Eugene.

Douglas county is filing a hold warrant and the youths will be returned here in the event they are not convicted in Lane county.

Idaho Town Almost Marooned by High Water

SALMON, Idaho, April 1.—(AP)—Melting snows and flash floods have almost marooned the town of Salmon from the outside world. Officials said no mail was received here from Friday until late Monday and none the following day.

The mail stage is still unable to make the complete trip from Armstead, Mont., to Salmon because of a washout on state highway 28, about 18 miles south-east of Salmon.

There has been no traffic from the south on U. S. 93 for several days but highway 93 north of Missoula is open.

Two Axis U-Boats Sunk Off Colombian Coast

MEDELLIN, Columbia, April 1.—(AP)—Travelers arriving from Turbo reported today that a North American aerial squadron sank two enemy submarines within sight of the Colombian coast. No details were given.

Drafting of Labor Urged in Manpower Plan Opposed by Heads of AFL, CIO

By JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The manpower "push" is on.

Today is the deadline for "non-deferrables" to get into other jobs, or sign up with the U. S. Employment service (and so get a 30-day extension of deferment).

This also is the deadline for the 48-hour minimum work week in designated labor-shortage areas, except for those employers who have submitted applications to continue working shorter hours.

The pressure is on for men in the 38-45 age group to go into essential industry or farming.

And next week state selective service directors will gather for a conference which, some sources say, may have to do with changes in regulations to clear the way for drafting of fathers.

The whole manpower situation focuses attention once more on the question of drafting labor for work in industry and on farm.

Arguments Listed
Here are the pros and cons as aired before congressional committee:

Principal argument offered by proponents of national service legislation is that it would provide for efficient use of the nation's manpower in the war effort, would assure that manpower isn't dissipated in non-essential work.

On the central argument over whether a labor draft is democratic, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson summed up the views of those favoring such a draft:

"If it is democratic to tap a man on the shoulder and send him to fight the Japs in a New Guinea jungle, can it be undemocratic to select a man or woman to load shells, work on an airplane or stay on a farm?"

"It should not be possible for some to say, 'I do not choose to serve.'"

"I firmly believe that not until there is imposed on every man and woman the equal obligation to render service in the war effort, will this country make the all-out war effort which is necessary and of which we are capable."

U. S. to Pay Expenses
Workers be paid prevailing rates for jobs assigned.

Men and women are assigned as nearly as possible to jobs near their present homes.

The government pay moving expenses for workers sent to new localities.

Nobody should be sent into communities whose housing accommodations already are overtaxed.

Exemptions be provided for women with children under 18, expectant mothers and those taking care of the sick or aged.

Workers be guaranteed rights to re-employment at their old jobs after the war, without loss of seniority.

No worker be required to join a labor union if assigned to a plant with a closed shop; but be permitted to join if he wished.

Necessity Disputed
Arguments of those opposed to a labor draft center principally on contentions that it would be undemocratic and that it isn't necessary in the first place.

They say progress is being made by the War Manpower commission in organizing the nation's labor markets. They say there is no manpower shortage that can't be solved by proper planning of production.

They ask whether it's fair to draft somebody to help someone else make money.

William Green, president of the AFL, says a labor draft would be "involuntary servitude," and Philip Murray, CIO president, declares there is "no unwillingness" of labor to go where it is needed.