

# AMERICAN TROOPS TAKE CITY OF TROIINA

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## Keystone of Defense Line Said Smashed

### Most Savage Fighting of War Marks Victory; Bag Of Prisoners Now 125,000

(By the Associated Press)

Field dispatches reported today that hard-fighting American troops had captured the ancient, towered city of Troina after the heaviest artillery barrage of the Sicilian campaign, thereby cracking German keystone defenses on the western flank of Mt. Etna.

Allied headquarters announced that the total of axis prisoners was now 125,000.

Troina lies 25 miles below the enemy's northern coastal anchor at San Agata and marked the center of the dwindling axis bridgehead perimeter in north-east Sicily.

Batteries of more than a hundred American 105mm. and 155mm. field guns laid down a series of drum-fire barrages on the ridge town before U. S. troops surged forward to capture it.

An American officer described the battle for Troina as the "most savage" of the campaign as entrenched German troops fought bitterly to save axis forces in the southeast from entrapment.

Simultaneously, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced that American naval and military forces had occupied the Italian prison island of Ustica, 40 miles north of fallen Palermo, Sicily's capital, and captured about 100 Italian soldiers and sailors.

Many of the tiny volcanic island's population of 1,100 were

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## Nazis Fall Back Before Red Thrusts



Capture by the Red army of Orel and Belgorod threatens the entire right flank of the German line, anchored on the Sea of Azov. Success in the Kharkov campaign probably would force the German right flank to fall back to defense lines behind the Dnieper river to escape envelopment. Strength of the Russian reserves, military experts predict, will determine the success of the operation.

(NEA Telephoto)

## Germans Evacuate Smolensk

### Russians Say City Saved Of War Goals

#### Civilians Are Moved, Indicating Nazi Plans to Abandon Important Base

MOSCOW, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Information received from Russian guerrillas behind the German lines today said the nazis were carrying out a general civilian evacuation of the Smolensk region.

Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow and probably the most important German base in all Russia, would be endangered by complete deflation of the Orel salient to the southeast as the Russians already hold positions less than 50 miles to the northeast between Yartsevo and Vyazma.

The information from the partisans said the Germans were moving the population to the west and also taking away all metal and other potential war materials, even the tin roofs of houses.

Two Russian army groups which outflanked Kharkov from the north in a swift drive through Belgorod, were threatening the rear of the German positions around that third largest city in the soviet union, front line dispatches said.

Descending the valley by way of the Uby river, the Russians raced through Zolochov, a little more than 25 miles northwest of Kharkov in a flank attack similar to the action farther north which drove the Germans from Orel and opened the way for a simultaneous push toward Bryansk.

Both Kharkov and Bryansk, 275 miles to the northwest, were threatened by the broad advance. Russian troops battering their way westward beyond Belgorod have already advanced 37 miles to cut the Kharkov-Bryansk railroad at Zolochov, 25 miles to the northwest of Kharkov, the Russians reported.

(The German radio said in a broadcast recorded in London that another Russian column was poised at Chuguyev, 24 miles southeast of Kharkov, which gave rise to the belief that the Russian high command was preparing an

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### Salem Flier Shot Down By Captured U. S. Plane

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—First Lt. Harold C. Lantz, who shot down three Messerschmitts over Sicily last June, was back in Oregon today to tell of being shot down by a German-piloted American plane.

It was a P-38 that had been captured by the nazis, he explained. The ship dived on his own P-38, shot away his gas tank and forced him to a crash landing in North Africa, Lantz said.

Unaware of what hit him, he waved from the ground in the circling P-38. Later military intelligence uncovered the German ruse, Lantz said.

The Salem pilot was on 50 combat missions, won the distinguished flying cross and two oak leaf clusters.

### Baby Kidnapped



Mrs. Martha Gurney, former resident of Lookingglass whose two-day-old baby daughter was kidnapped from an Albany, Ore., hospital is shown with her other child, Marlene, 8, as they were photographed recently. Authorities appealed for return of the child, whose mother is in critical condition since disappearance of the baby.

### Mother Believes Child Be Returned

#### Condition of Mrs. Gurney Improving Following Radio Appeal by Her Husband

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Grief-worn Mrs. W. B. Gurney clung to the belief today that her baby, who disappeared from a hospital crib four days ago, would be returned safely.

Police meanwhile said they had exhausted all clues without a trace of the child or a kidnaper. Dr. E. Lew Hurd said Mrs. Gurney, who had been in a precarious condition, improved noticeably after her husband, a labor union official, pleaded over a radio hookup for the child's safe return.

With her hopes rising, she spent her first quiet night since the tot's disappearance, the doctor said.

### Victims of Food Poison Improving

EUGENE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The food poisoning outbreak in the Cottage Grove-Eugene area subsided today with approximately 75 persons recovering from the effects of eating tainted pie.

With most patients well on the road to recovery, only one death had been reported, that of a two-year-old boy Thursday.

Dr. C. R. Lindgren, Lane county health officer, said improper refrigeration probably was to blame for contamination of cream pies.

### Vancouver Normal After Excitement of Rioting

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Riot excitement died down and Vancouver was back to normal today.

Shipyard workers, who marched on the city police station in a mob 1000 strong Thursday night, were conspicuous by their mildness last night. Police patrolled the city in normal numbers without incident.

Mayor John Hogg dropped a demand that beer taverns close at 8 p. m. nightly, announcing that tavern operators had agreed to cooperate with police in maintaining order.

### Publication of The Chieftain Is Suspended

#### War Conditions Blamed For Failure; News-Review Buys Printing Equipment

The Roseburg Chieftain, a weekly newspaper published in Roseburg since 1931, suspended publication today, a victim, according to Harlan B. Carter, editor and publisher of the final issue, of wartime conditions. The paper has had five changes of ownership during the past three years.

Mr. Carter purchased the paper this week from A. L. Linbeck of Salem, owner of the plant, and, in turn, following the final edition, printed Friday, sold the circulation and good will of the business to the Port Umpqua Courier, edited at Reedsport by M. F. Wright, and the machinery, stock and equipment to the News-Review.

The equipment is to be combined with that of the News-Review commercial printing department to provide increased capacity. The department will be continued under the management of Mr. Carter, who has been associated with the News-Review company for the past eight years.

Anticipating a large increase in commercial printing, the News-Review is enlarging its facilities and plans, as quickly as possible to install additional machinery increasing capacity for large-scale production.

Announcing the fact that The Chieftain has suspended publication, Carter called attention to the great number of weekly papers which have succumbed to wartime conditions. Thousands

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### Tests for Postmaster At Myrtle Creek Dated

Civil service examinations to fill the position of postmaster at Myrtle Creek have been announced and applications will be accepted until the close of business on the date of Friday, Aug. 13, C. B. Calkins, local secretary for the civil service commission, announced today.

The examination will be held in Roseburg, probably within about 30 days from the time applications are closed.

The office carries a salary of \$1,900 per year, plus a temporary increase of \$300 per year.

Applicants must be 21 or more years of age and must have been residents of Myrtle Creek for six months or more.

Application forms may be obtained from any post office.

### Rising Crisis Seen in Huddle Nazi Warlords

#### Possibility Hitler May Be Ousted; State of Panic in Berlin Rumored

LONDON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The German international information bureau, a propaganda agency, said in a broadcast today that it was "understood in Berlin that a number of important discussions of a military and political nature have taken place in the Fuehrer's headquarters the last few days."

This indication from German sources of a rising crisis came as reports filtered to London telling of fears in Berlin approaching a "state of panic" over the possibility of massed air raids on the German capital, serious strikes and German peace demonstrations.

The broadcast, also made by DNB, official news agency, said German newspapers had published photographs of such top nazis as Reichsmarshal Hermann Goer-

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### U. S. Bombers Hit At Japanese Bases

#### Supply Barges Blasted To Cut Communications Leading To Garrison at Salamaua

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Vulnerable spots where the next blows against the Japanese may fall now that Munda is ours, felt the fiery impact of America's growing air might in the Pacific during raids reported in today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Our fighters whipped a numerically superior enemy in an air battle off southern Bougainville. Bombers blasted Rekata bay, a float plane base, with 65 tons of explosives. It is on Santa Isabel island, northeast of New Georgia, flanking the line of advance and supply from Guadalcanal to Munda.

Other bombers 750 miles to the west ranged along the New Guinea coast, wrecking the supply barges Japan is utilizing to maintain the garrison at Salamaua, New Guinea.

On Munda, our jungle troops fanned out from the newly won 4,000-foot airstrip into nearby mangrove swamps tracking down fleeing stragglers of the crushed Japanese garrison. More than 1,600 enemy dead have been counted and there likely are many more.

### Nine Die in Washington Train Wreck



Here's how cars of a Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific mainline passenger train telescoped into one another when the train sideswiped a freight train at Warden, Wash., killing nine sailors and injuring 12 others. The sheet in the passenger car window covers one of the bodies as sailors examine the wreckage.

(NEA Telephoto)

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
A FEW outlines of probable fact are beginning to emerge from the fogs that have shrouded the Italian situation in the past week and a half.

THE Germans seem to have handled a bad situation rather well. They've gained the time they so critically needed to organize strong defensive positions in the valleys of the Po and the Adige—Italy's most important industrial and strategic areas.

They've plugged what might have been a nasty gap at Flume, at the eastern tip of the Istrian "peninsula," which is the finger of Italian soil that curves around the upper end of the Adriatic sea. Through this gap, if it hadn't been walled up, we might have been able to move. LATER from Jugoslavia into the rear of the German positions in northern Italy.

In the face of possible disaster, they've moved swiftly and boldly, with no signs of panic.

FOR an accurate and realistic estimate of Badoglio and his little partner Victor Emmanuel, we shall have to wait—possibly for the verdict of history.

But we know already that Badoglio is no superman, to be included in the list of the great patriots of history.

If he had been, he would have known that Hitler is the enemy of the Italian people and would have taken advantage of the confusion following Mussolini's downfall to STRIKE HARD AT GERMAN.

Instead he temporized and fiddled and gave the Germans precious time.

IT may be, of course, that WE didn't strike boldly enough when the iron of Italian upheaval was hot. But there were limiting military factors, such as lack of sufficient forces for an enterprise of such magnitude. We were probably compelled in the sudden emergency to lean upon Badoglio, who has proved to be a weak reed.

YOU must understand that these are pure guesses, based upon the flimsiest kind of evidence.

We outsiders are a mere audience sitting before a stage with the curtain down and speculating from obscure noises, blurred shadows and such-like un dependable testimony as to what is going on behind the curtain. Our opinions can't count for much.

AT any rate, we're emerging from rosy dreams and getting back to the hard realities of war. We're going after Sicily for blood. Patton's 7th American army is pounding its way eastward along the northern coast toward Messina. The Canadians

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### Bill Championed by Rep. Mott Will Aid Oregon in Post War Road Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—When Oregon starts spending its \$849,827 from federal highway funds for engineering and economic investigations of road projects for future construction it may give Rep. James Mott, republican from the state's first district, much of the credit.

Mott was one of the men who pushed through congress a bill which permitted the states to retain and spend funds which otherwise would have reverted to the treasury July 1.

The bill championed by Mott, second ranking republican member of the house roads committee, would require that federal aid road funds apportioned to the states and not spent before June 30 instead of being returned to the treasury for reallocation

among the states, shall remain available for obligation by the states during the war emergency.

The measure, now public law 136, was pushed through congress in the last days before the summer recess so that the money would not have to be reallocated.

The measure provides that the commissioner of public roads shall cooperate with the states' highway departments in planning for the postwar construction and the spending of each state's share in the \$10,000,000 apportioned under the federal aid formula. Representative Wolcott (R-Mich.) put into the congressional record the apportionment he said was available under the bill for post war work and planning.

### Assignments Made To Military Duty

Inductions resulting from the second call of selectees were announced today by the Douglas County Selective Service board. The men named were called for examination and all have been accepted and assigned to various branches of the military services as follows:

Army—Ernest Jerry Whipple, Drain, Earl Moses Manley, Medford, Robert Sidney Shoemaker, Roseburg, Joseph Thomas Metcalf, Grants Pass, Donald Emmitt Hardesty, Eugene, Phillip Gardner Blayney, Glendale, John Robert Shaffer, Canyonville, Lorenzo Andrew Cooper Jr., Sutherlin, Wallace Leroy Thorp, Yoncalla, Lyle Raymond Spore, Days Creek, Ellis Estel Prowell, Green, Norlan Daniel Wilson, Myrtle Creek, Oral Lester Jones, Myrtle Creek, Glen Raymond Brindy, Cushman, Harold Floyd Coucy, Roseburg, Leon E. Paull, Gardner, James Buford King, Drain, William Leroy Olson, Siltcoos, Merle James Moyer, Canyonville, Harry Leslie Smith, Drain, Donald Chandler Hays, Eugene, Laurie Gordon Coffey, Roseburg, Ray Loren Smith, Myrtle Creek, Lowell McAfee Campbell, Roseburg, Harold Rodney Pitcher, Gardiner, James Henry Cunningham, Oakland, Elmer Allen Taylor, Roseburg, Raymond Lester Grant, Azalea, Ernest Wayne Newport, Roseburg.

Navy—Walter Thompson Wright, Eugene, Douglas Dean Eusted, Creswell, Thomas Michael Carlson, Reedsport, Loren Howard Bartle, Glendale, James Edward Young, Azalea, James Samuel Young, Oakland, Milo Wesley Haynes, Drain, Willard Melvin Timm, Roseburg, Lewis Harrison Foster, Reedsport, George Simon Crocker, Roseburg, William Lewis Burton, Yoncalla.

Marines—Millard William Manning, Roseburg, Dewett Clinton Carey, Jr., Lookingglass.

State's Juke Box Law Outlawed by Decision

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Oregon's \$10 yearly juke box tax was outlawed today as unconstitutional.

The tax, passed by the last legislature, was discriminatory, since it applied to juke boxes and not phonographs or coin vending machines, said a decision, by Circuit Judges Alfred P. Dobson, Ashby C. Dickson and Earl C. Latourette.

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