

# GERMAN TROOPS ROLLED BACK IN SICILY

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### Defense Pivot Threatened by Allied Gains

Lack of Roads and Mine Aerials Impede Advance; Fields Blows Delivered

(By the Associated Press)  
Allied troops rolling the Germans back in bitter, climactic fighting in Sicily made "slow and steady progress" all along the Messina bridgehead yesterday, the allied command announced today.

"Desperate" German resistance, lack of roads and mine demolitions were reported impeding progress, but allied power flayed the Germans by land, sea and air, and Randazzo, the new central pivot of the axis line, was in immediate peril.

British troops driving beyond Bronte from the south were within seven miles of the communications junction of Randazzo, and U. S. units beating eastward from Troina flung another column at the bomb-shattered town.

Other American seventh army troops pressed forward on the north coast in junction with forces landed by sea to topple the Etna line anchor at San Agata. Mountain-wise French guns aided this advance. The Eighth army was forging up the east coast, and allied aircraft punished the Nazi retreat.

Americans making the daring landing behind the enemy lines near Cape Orlando captured 1,500 Nazis, Headquarters reported.

American and British troops again pumped shells into axis defenses ahead of their ground troops advancing along the coast, with the British working over the coastal road and railway at Riposto, north of Acireale.

Flying Fortresses paced the allied air smashes with heavy, cascades of explosives on that bottleneck where virtually all enemy motor transport from bases to front must pass.

Bomb the fifth straight night RAF and Canadian Wellingtons attacked landing craft on the Messina beaches, bombed coastal installations and caused a large explosion and fire at Paradiso.

The Italian toe's rail and road communications were repeatedly smashed by raids in the neighborhood of Catanzaro and Angitola for the third successive day. RAF Liberators and Halifaxes again thundered over San Giovanni at night.

Six small ships were sunk off the north coast of Sicily near Milazzo.

The narrow enemy roads of the Sicilian bridgehead were raked by relays of American fighters and bombers attacking at wind-shield height. They destroyed 15 vehicles and damaged more than 20 in roving attacks in the Barcellona area east of Cape Orlando where the Germans were preparing.

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### U. S. Bombers Raid Targets in Burma

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10.—(AP)—American medium bombers struck hard at Burma's internal communications by bombing ports and railroads yesterday, a United States army communique said today.

Mitchell bombers of the tenth air force scored direct hits on Katha and Bamo, doing particularly heavy damage at Katha. The bombers struck Saturday at Thazi dam, reporting hits "close to the target."

All of the bombers returned safely.

### Housing Units Approved For Toledo and Siletz

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—One hundred and forty family units and 90 portable units have been approved for war workers in the vicinity of Toledo and Siletz, Ore., the Federal Housing administration has informed the office of Senator McNary.

### Ten Arrested on Tire Black Market Charges

DALLAS Tex., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Ten men have been arrested in connection with what Office of Price Administration officials here describe as the largest gasoline and tire black market yet discovered in the United States based on stolen gasoline ration coupons and spurious tire ration certificates.

### General Patton and Sicilian Cardinal



General George S. Patton Jr., right, in a letter to the people of Sicily, assuring them that liberation, not enslavement, was the aim of the Allied armies, stated: "Here in Palermo we have established excellent relations with His Eminence, the Cardinal, and through him, with the Church." Above, Patton, an Episcopalian, chats with Cardinal Savino in Palermo after capture of the city by U. S. forces.

## Kidnapped Infant is Found

### Tiny Judith Gurney Back With Parents

Army Wife Held After Theft of Infant From Hospital Admitted

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Tiny Judith Gurney, 2½ years old, was found healthy last night, and a day investigated the bizarre case of a 26-year-old army wife charged with the abduction.

District Attorney Harlow Weirick said the woman, Mrs. Catherine Wright, fooled her husband, a young couple living with her and neighbors through nine months of feigned pregnancy, then appeared at home last Tuesday with a two-day old baby.

She confessed to a child-stealing charge, Weirick said, but only after her story of giving birth to the child in the Albany hospital had been refuted by nurses and doctors who said she had not been a patient and by a doctor's examination which Weirick's said proved she had not borne a child within five years.

There was evidence of an earlier birth, but Weirick did not disclose what had happened to that child. Neighbors said Mrs. Wright had no child at home until last Tuesday.

Weirick said this is the story of the kidnapping: "Strange Tale Told: After months of declaring she was going to have a baby, Mrs. Wright inspected the Albany hospital, six blocks away Aug. 1, then stole the child from the nursery in early morning Aug. 3.

To friends she explained Tuesday the doctors had permitted her early return home because of the hospital bed shortage and because the birth had been easy for her.

It was not until last night that a neighbor reported to police that diapers had suddenly appeared on Mrs. Wright's clothes line. Police investigated but no one answered the door. Mrs. Wright then talked her husband, Sgt. Jesse Wright, home on one of his infrequent leaves from nearby Camp Adair, into making a trip to friends in Portland. Police nabbed them before they had gone a block.

At the hospital the baby was identified from footprints. In the Wright home police found a hospital bracelet, used to identify babies. It bore the word, "Gurney."

Judith, eight ounces heavier than when she disappeared, was restored to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

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### Jap Bases Treated To Rain of Bombs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Allied bombers ranged the whole length of the southwest Pacific battle area yesterday, dropping 224 tons of bombs on four Japanese strongholds—Vila, Salamaua, Bairoko and Amboua.

There was no attempt at interception by enemy planes. The heaviest bombardments were released on Salamaua and Vila, presumably the next major objective of a two-pronged thrust directed at the great enemy base of Rabaul, New Britain.

Successive flights of Liberators roared over Salamaua, dropping 103 tons of bombs in 40 minutes. Heavy anti-aircraft fire met the first waves but when the last left the target area the airdrome, the town and harbor of this northwestern New Guinea base were obscured by clouds of smoke from fires and explosions. Damage was heavy. A headquarters communique said.

Heavy rain on New Georgia hampered ground forces advancing northward from Munda toward Bairoko.

Ground activity in the Salamaua sector was limited to patrolling and harassing artillery fire the communique said.

### ARMY BOMBER CRASH KILLS SEVEN FLIERS

PENDLETON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—An army bomber crashed and burned at 3:53 a. m. one and a half miles from the tiny hamlet of Cecil, midway between Heppner and Arlington. Mrs. M. Hurst, Cecil telephone operator, reported the crash on East Oregonian this morning.

Flames raged through the wreckage so fiercely that volunteer rescuers aroused by the explosion of the plane as it hit the ground, were unable to get within 100 yards. Seven bodies were unofficially reported found in the charred fuselage.

An indication that the crew realized the plane was about to crash was seen in the finding of an open parachute about half a mile from the scene of the tragedy. Whether used by one of the airmen has not been determined, but no survivors have been located.

### Ruhr Industries Blasted by Bombs

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Big formations of the RAF's heavy bombers blasted Mannheim and Ludwigshafen last night while speedy Mosquitos attacked targets in the industrial Ruhr valley, the air ministry announced today.

Nine bombers were lost during the night's operations. In the course of which RAF fighters attacked enemy airfields and railways in France and the low countries, shooting down two enemy aircraft a communique said.

Large fires were reported set in Mannheim and Ludwigshafen twin towns situated on opposite banks of the Rhine near its junction with the Neckar, 43 miles southwest of Frankfurt.

### Government Will Take Prune Crop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The War Food Administration (WFA) today ordered the entire 1943-44 pack of seven dried fruits to be set aside for government purchase.

Fruits affected are raisins, prunes, apples, apricots, peaches, pears and currants.

The government took over a large proportion of last year's supplies under a similar order, designed to assure ample supplies for lend-lease and military programs.

The food agency said civilian supplies would be provided during the next 12 months as was done in the past year, through the release of quantities from government stocks into regular trade channels.

### Robert D. Lytle Named To Post of Circuit Judge

SALEM, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Robert D. Lytle, Vale, was appointed by Governor Snell yesterday as circuit judge of Grant, Harney and Malheur counties, replacing the late Robert M. Duncan, Burns.

Lytle was Malheur county district attorney from 1921 to 1925, Vale city attorney in 1924, chairman of the county public welfare commission for four years and chairman of the county selective service board since 1940.

### Dairymen at The Dalles Given 90-Cent Milk Ceiling

THE DALLES, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Dalles dairymen were operating today under a 90-cent ceiling price on milk, a 5-cent increase from the former ceiling per-pound butterfat. Mayor Geo. P. Stadelman said the increase was granted when the decreasing supply threatened to leave half the city's customers without milk.

### Unrest Grows In Italian and Balkan Cities

Agitation for Nationwide Strikes Plagues The Badoglio Regime

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Mimitos Trifunovic has handed the blanket resignation of the entire Yugoslav cabinet to King Peter II, it was announced tonight.

Demands of Croat members of the cabinet that an agreement be reached about the future constitutional structure of Yugoslavia precipitated the government crisis, it was said.

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Agitation to bring about a nation-wide general strike in Italy and force the Badoglio government to make peace with the allies continued today as troops patrolled strike-ridden industrial areas in the north.

Use of troops was reported by the Swiss telegraphic agency in dispatches from the Swiss border town of Chiasso, which said the strikes intensified in volume following heavy RAF raids on Genoa, Turin and Milan Saturday night.

Military intervention succeeded in halting the walkouts in Genoa, the dispatches said, and schedules resumed on "regular workdays." German troops stationed in the area helped extinguish fires which followed the raid, the Gazzetta Del Popolo was quoted as saying.

The renewed air raids, however, spurred strike activities as well as underground political opposition to the government, whose failure to respond to peace demands has raised public resentment to new heights, reports stated.

Italy to Stay in War

MADRID, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Dispatches of Spanish correspondents in Berlin to Madrid's morning newspapers today mirrored

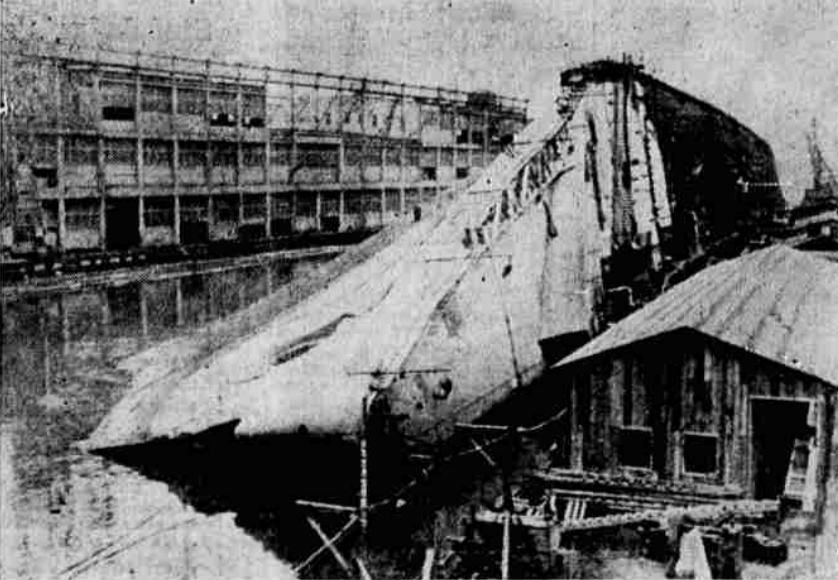
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### Wage Rate for Lumber Workers to Be Fixed

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A 24-man committee to recommend a minimum hourly wage rate for the logging, lumber and timber and related products industries was named yesterday by L. Mead Wallace, administrator of the wage and hour public contracts division of the U. S. department of labor.

The group will be headed by George E. Osborne of Stanford University and will include George Metzger, Eugene, Ore., for the employers, and J. E. Fading, Portland, Ore., for the employees.

### Navy Announces U. S. S. Lafayette Partially Righted



Photographed within the last few days, the U. S. S. Lafayette is shown as she lay in New York harbor after the Navy had announced that the vessel had been righted eight degrees in salvaging operations, which eventually will place the ship right side up again. The Lafayette, formerly the Normandie, burned and rolled over at her pier on Feb. 10, 1942.

### Reds Capture 100 Villages In New Gains

Advanced Soviet Armies Threaten Entrapment of Germans at Kharkov

MOSCOW, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The fast rolling soviet offensive mounted speed today as Russian troops surpassed the westernmost point reached during last winter's campaign and hammered forward along a wide front reaching to within 12 miles of Kharkov.

While one column was within 12 miles of Kharkov on the north another was 30 miles west of the city, a third was 20 miles away and a fourth was driving south after crossing the western bank of the northern Donets and was within 25 miles of the big Ukrainian center.

(The Berlin radio reported heavy fighting in the Kharkov area and also said the Russians had launched an offensive to the north in the direction of Smolensk.)

The soviet forces also were stepping up their assaults in the drive on the big German base at Bryansk, 250 miles to the north of Kharkov. The spearhead of the Red army there had covered one-third of the 75-mile distance between Orel, the German base which fell last week, and Bryansk.

Germans Abandon Supplies.

The Kharkov assault resulted in the capture of more than 100 villages, the Russian communique said. Indications that the German forces were retreating in some disorder were seen in the Russian report of the capture of 212 tanks, 139 guns of various calibers, 68 mortars, 323 machine-guns, 616 motor trucks, 30 radio transmitters, 11 supply and mu-

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### Three Boys Wounded By Irate Junk Dealer

SPOKANE, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Joe Lyons and Eugene Pardon, 11, lay critically wounded today, victims of the gunfire that climaxed an argument yesterday and brought death to Edward (Junkey) Peterson, 67, in "Peaceful valley."

A third boy, Jay Merle Weidman, 11, was hit in the side by a bullet but was released from the hospital a few hours after the shooting.

Coroner Dr. W. E. Abrams said Peterson, a junk dealer, shot the boys after they argued that he had killed young Lyons' dog last year. Then, said the coroner, Peterson went to his room and ended his own life with the 32 calibre pistol he had fired at the boys.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CATANIA falls to the British. Orel falls to the Russians. There's NEWS. It's good news for our side; bad news for the Germans.

TWO main roads lead north from Catania—one around the west base of Mount Etna, the other along a narrow coastal shelf east of the mountain. The west road has already been blocked by advancing British and Canadians. The eastern one is open to the fire of warships, as well as bombing by planes. The Germans who were driven out of Catania will have a tough time getting back to Messina.

General Patton's Americans are driving toward Messina along the northern coast of the island, and MAY GET THERE FIRST. Allied weapons are reported in complete command of the Messina strait, which they seem to have cleared of mines.

The end of German resistance in Sicily is near.

IN the German high command's plans Sicily has probably been only a detour from the main line of the first. They're preparing to make their Italian stand in the Po valley—where, Stockholm reports today, they now have at least 270,000 troops.

FOR us, Sicily will be a stepping stone. We'll convert it into a base, from which to GO ELSEWHERE. The plain of Catania, with its existing airfields and its possibilities for more, will be the heart of the base.

WHERE we'll go from Sicily will depend on what happens in Italy.

Remember that we're moving toward COMPLETE control of the Mediterranean. Crete still stands in our way.

Watch Crete.

OREL lies at the point of a deep wedge driven by the Germans in 1941 to within 200 miles of Moscow. Orel fell to them in October of that year. They've hung onto it ever since.

It is well supplied with railroads and highways and is a natural jumping-off point for an attack on Moscow—which has been the German objective in Russia from the beginning.

With Orel gone, the German dream of taking Moscow is gone also.

SPECULATION centers now on WHERE the RUSSIANS will strike next. Always in the past.

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### Wreckage Pacific Airliner Sighted

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Wreckage of a Canadian Pacific airliner has been sighted from the air eight months after it disappeared. C. P. A. officials have announced and a ground crew was making its way toward it today.

The ground crew is not expected back until Friday. The plane was last heard from only 15 minutes from Vancouver, its terminal point on a flight from Prince George, last December 20. The final message made no mention of trouble.

In the crew were Pilot Ernest Kubicek, Edmonton, Alta., Co-Pilot W. J. Howard, Hamilton, Ont., and Stewardess Edna Young of Edmonton.

Passengers were Hugh Stuart, W. M. Scharfe and Reg Battye, all of Vancouver; A. L. Smith, Surrey, B. C.; Mrs. Braden Herron, Fort St. John, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Stouse, Pinchi Lake, B. C.; Rudolph A. Schroeder, Milwaukee; James J. Coyle, Butte, Mont.; and Capt. W. R. Kent, Auburn, Wash.