

# MILAN REDUCED TO BLAZING RUINS BY RAF RAIDERS

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### Terrific Battle at Kharkov Follows Capture of Karachev in Reds' Smash

#### Nazis Making Bloody Stand To Hold City

#### Karachev Seizure Brags Big Force of Germans, Nets War Equipment

MOSCOW, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Four red army divisions pushed ahead from the captured German bastion of Karachev on the 26-mile road to Bryansk today after severing the last main line of escape for nazis troops trapped in the Orel salient.

The Russian newspaper Pravda said that the soviet forces were cutting through defense forests, seeking to prevent the Germans from organizing adequate defense lines on the Desna river.

The occupation of Karachev closed the main line of escape for Germans remaining in the Orel salient following the Russian lightning drive westward. The size of the enemy force encircled could not be estimated immediately but earlier dispatches indicated that the Germans failed to retire a large number of men and war machines from Karachev was cut off.

Kharkov Battle Terrific. Tass reported the battle for Kharkov had reached a climax. The Germans were said to be throwing troops into the battle as soon as they could reach the front and resistance was increasing.

Soviet troops attacking Kharkov have advanced to within four miles of the great industrial city while other forces on the north were about one mile away from the city's outskirts.

Tass said the battle was developing with great violence and the red air force was throwing great formations of planes into the fight.

#### Japanese Effort To Hold Cemetery Memorial Upset

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A scheduled observance to honor Japanese dead in a Portland cemetery was cancelled here yesterday after intervention by police.

The Portland chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which held religious and anti-war meetings before Pearl Harbor, scheduled the observance of "Bon Matsuri," a Japanese holiday honoring the dead, as a good will gesture to former Portland Japanese-Americans now in relocation centers.

Their attempt to enter the Portland Japanese cemetery was blocked, however, by members of the American Legion. Deputy sheriffs were called out, and Sheriff Pratt ordered the crowd to disperse.

Pratt said he feared a riot and warned Fellowship members they would be arrested if they attempted to enter the cemetery, where nearly half of the 500 gravestones were tipped over recently.

Pratt said his order held good "now and forever," and invited Fellowship members to seek court action if they wanted to dispute his authority. Members indicated they would.

Howard Willis, Y. M. C. A. secretary and a Fellowship member, protested, "these are not the same Japanese, as we are fighting many of them were American citizens."

#### Accused in Gas Stamp Thievery



The arrest of 23-year-old Barbara Ross, above, of Oakland, Calif., charged with illegal possession of 2896 gasoline ration stamps, brought to light existence of a ring with at least 96,000 stolen "A" gasoline coupons in its possession. The girl pleaded not guilty to the charge.

#### Job, Not Family Status, to Govern New 18-38 Draft

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Occupation, not family status, becomes the principal yardstick for determining whether men of from 18 to 38 will be inducted into the army under a series of new regulations issued over the weekend by the War Manpower Commission.

Although draft boards are expected to continue giving due consideration to hardships that would be caused by the induction of men with dependents, after October 1 the main question will be whether the physically fit can serve their country better in the armed forces or in war production and in support of the war effort.

WMC Chairman McNutt said the program had three objectives: To hold essential workers on war-useful jobs, to assure transfer of workers to jobs aiding the war effort, and to supply men without cutting war production.

To that end, these steps were ordered: A list of 149 "critical occupations" was announced. Persons employed in them gain super-eligibility for deferment from induction.

Draft boards were instructed to give greater consideration than ever to occupational deferments. Twenty-three additional activities, 27 specific job-occupations, were added to the non-deferrable list. Registrants, even fathers, who remain in such occupations become subject to reclassification unless it can be shown their induction would cause extreme hardship to their dependents.

Fathers as a class become subject to induction after October 1, it previously had been announced.

New standards were established governing the transfer of civilian workers from job to job, with the aim of facilitating transfers from less essential to more essential war jobs.

#### Joe Louis to Spar in Tour of Army Camps

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow will begin a 100-day boxing exhibition tour at army camps Wednesday, the War department announced today, and after its completion will go overseas for a similar series of exhibitions at camps in combat zones.

The heavyweight champion will be accompanied by his old sparring partner, First Sergeant George Nicholson, now a boxing instructor at Mitchel Field, New York, and by Corporal Walker Smith, welterweight known in the ring as "Sugar Ray Robinson," who is Nicholson's assistant at Mitchel Field.

#### 48 Japanese Planes Shot Down in Day

#### Allied Air Supremacy in Pacific Reflected in Sweep of Foe's Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Allied warplanes, displaying in the protection of their ground forces a vigilance equal to the zeal with which they carried the attack to the enemy, shot down 48 Japanese aircraft—23 of them bombers—over the Southwest Pacific battlefield yesterday.

This success, reported in today's communiqué from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, was achieved at a cost of only five allied planes and not more than three pilots. The ratio of nearly 10 to 1 bettered by far the all-over score of approximately 4 to 1 established in the six weeks since the start of the allies' new Pacific offensive.

The day's victory in skies over the Solomon Islands and North-eastern New Guinea supplies fresh evidence of increasing allied air might in a field of war where MacArthur, cognizant that advances by ground troops often must be measured in yards, has predicted that air power will be decisive.

Costly Blows Listed. In a weekend of almost ceaseless activity, the air forces under MacArthur's command also: Attacked without loss the great Japanese-held port of Balikpapan, on the east coast of Borneo, flying a record roundtrip of more than 2,500 miles to set huge fires among refineries, reservoirs and tank ships;

Dumped 99 tons of explosives yesterday on enemy positions around Komiatum, south of Lae, New Guinea, to extend the destruction wrought by 350 tons of bombs unloaded on Salamaua in the two preceding days;

Heavily machine-gunned the enemy's central airfield of Kahili on Bougainville in the northern Solomons, damaging many grounded aircraft;

Bombed Vila, Japan's last remaining airfield in the central Solomons;

Raided enemy-held villages and possible supply centers on New Britain and New Guinea;

Sank or damaged 18 more Japanese supply barges off the coasts of these islands.

#### Oregon Liquor Users Allowed Bonus of Rum

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Rationed Oregon liquor consumers today enjoyed a comparatively lush period when they could have one bonus bottle of rum.

Relenting briefly from the strict rationing that limited customers to a pint weekly, the state liquor commission put the ration-free rum on sale until Wednesday. The limit, however, will be one bottle, and rationing regulations will continue on whisky, gin and brandy.

#### Oregon Prison Fugitive Of 2 Weeks Captured

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Louis Lillie, state prison convict who escaped two weeks ago, was recaptured late Saturday by prison guards near Mill City. His wife was with him.

Lillie has five years left to serve of an 8-year sentence for horse theft in Deschutes county.

#### 3 Persons Die After Poisoned Mussels Feed

EUREKA, Calif., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Two men and a five-year old boy died in a hospital here last night from eating off-season mussels, coroner Lloyd Wallace reported. Three other persons were believed recovering from the poisoning.

#### Gasoline Ration Coupon Value Cut In Two Regions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Gasoline ration coupon values were cut to three gallons each in the middlewest and southwest today, scaling down toward the sharply restricted eastern rationing allotments, and a government spokesman let it be known that the west coast and Rock Mountain areas are not being overlooked.

Chester Bowles, general manager of the OPA told the nation in a broadcast last night that the question of extending reduced rations throughout the country is being studied by Interior Secretary Ickes.

"However, as matters stand today," Bowles added, "it looks as though our reserve stocks on the west coast, and in the Rockies are sufficient to carry us along at the present rate, at least for the time being."

Bowles, who held out the hope of a slight increase for eastern motorists in September, if they cooperate with the no-pleasure driving rule, said he was satisfied "that folks living in the remainder of the country would not want to see people living on the other side of the Rockies put to any inconvenience which is not absolutely necessary."

#### 4-Point Program For Roosevelt and Churchill Listed

QUEBEC, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill was back in Quebec today after a three day visit with President Roosevelt at Hyde Park and the American chief executive was expected here shortly for the opening of their war strategy conference.

Military chiefs of staff of both nations already are on hand. Developments during the early phases of the war talks last week, after the Prime Minister's arrival from England Tuesday, suggested a four-point agenda for the final stages.

Allied military strategy for Europe presumably occupies the top spot among all matters the allied leaders must examine.

The other three points apparently slated for consideration are linked with the first. They are: 1.—The conduct of the war in the Pacific.

2.—The immediate political problems which will spring from expanded combat action in Europe—and there is little room left for such action except on the continent proper.

3.—The long-range political issues which will arise upon the attainment of total victory and the means of achieving effective collaboration on them among all the United Nations, including Russia.

#### New Brain Teaser for American Taxpayers

Form 1040-ES Declaration of Estimated Income and Victory Tax by Individuals FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1943

This is the form about one-third of the nation's taxpayers will fill out and file by Sept. 15 along with payments to put them "square" with the government by the end of 1943. Current weekly withholdings do not represent "paid in full" receipts for many taxpayers. If the taxpayer is single and his income is less than \$2700, or married and his income is less than \$3500, he probably is all square through the withholding tax. But some 15,000,000 taxpayers who earn above these figures, or who have additional income above \$100 (i. e. rent, investments, etc., on which there is no withholding tax), must file this declaration and pay half of the amount due to make them current. Other half will be due Dec. 15. Government provides handy work sheets so that taxpayers can figure whether or not they must file this Form 1040-ES.

#### Rescue Crooner



Pasadena police officers and a workman as they were forced to restrain hordes of young admirers of Crooner Frank Sinatra, center, who arrived in Southern California to star in an RKO-Radio movie and appear in Hollywood Bowl. "Gosh," said Sinatra dazedly, after running the gauntlet of young women who met him at the train.

#### Ex-Convict at Coos Bay Admits Iowa Slaying

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—District Attorney, Flaxel said Saturday an 11-year-old Iowa slaying had been solved by the confession of an ex-Iowa convict who surrendered to police here.

Flaxel said the man, identifying himself as Russell B. Garris, walked into the police station with the announcement he had waylaid a man named "Jessen" in Murray, Ia., robbed him of \$250 and left his body lying, where it fell, across railroad tracks. A train passed before the body was discovered.

Garris said he had served a term in Iowa for automobile theft, then went to Medford, where he lived until June, when he came to Marshfield as a baker, Flaxel added.

Iowa authorities reported the slaying was that of Chris Jessen in 1932, Flaxel said.

#### Auto Upset Fatal to Camp Adair Soldier

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Private John Bonner, Camp Adair, whose home is Alvord, Texas, was killed Saturday night when an automobile in which he was riding overturned on the Salem-Silverton road nine miles east of Salem.

#### Advertising Roundup Will Appear Tuesday

Due to difficulties encountered today in the News-Review mechanical department, the weekly feature, "Advertising Roundup," by Delbert Addison, usually appearing each Monday, is omitted from today's issue, but will appear Tuesday.

#### Routed Nazis Attempting To Quit Sicily

#### Debacle's Finale Taking Place in Vicinity of Messina Ferry Route

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 16.—(AP)—United States troops were overrunning the axis rear guard today in the vicinity of Milazzo, 14 miles west of Messina, and it was officially stated that the end of the Sicilian campaign "is now at hand."

The Germans were in flight. All indications are that the nazis have pulled out even their delaying parties and left Italian units to face the climactic British and American push.

The U. S. Seventh army and the British Eighth army raced forward as rapidly as space permitted and diminishing resistance roads.

(Admitting that axis forces are quitting Sicily, the Berlin radio declared nevertheless that the Messina strait was heavily guarded and firmly in German hands. "Anglo-American attempts to stop the ferrying service (to the Italian mainland) will be futile," it said.)

Escape Route Detected. In the usual sense, the Sicilian "front" no longer exists. However a ring of strongpoints has been formed about the outskirts of Messina, aerial reconnaissance showed.

Official dispatches said numbers of Germans donned civilian clothing and attempted to infiltrate American lines to reach the rear area. Many were captured.

Military booty now in American hands includes 293 75-millimeter guns as well as some larger artillery pieces and 18 tanks. The number of prisoners was not announced, mainly because they are being rounded up too fast for counting. More than 130,000 were held last week.

In addition to the ring of strong points about Messina, allied units are coming within range of 15-inch batteries on the Italian shore which can throw shells weighing more than a ton about 20 miles.

#### Ferry Route Blasted

German troops are expected to man the miniature hedgehog fortifications about Messina, on a radius some five miles from the heart of the city, if the allied pursuit endangers them before the main nazil force have had time to escape.

The Germans crossing to the mainland generally use power launches and the gun-bearing ferries, which make the two-mile

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### Stricken Italian Populace Demands Peace; Berlin Hit, Nazis Blast at Portsmouth

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Milan, Italy's greatest industrial city, was hit for the third time in four nights by RAF bombers last night and accounts from neutral sources indicated it was an area of desolation and panic.

As the bombers took the long trail over the Alps, RAF Mosquito bombers again raided Berlin.

Dispatches from Switzerland said thousands of Milan's citizens paraded this morning, five hours after the RAF bombers left, in a demonstration for peace. With debris 15 to 30 feet high in the streets, Milan has virtually ceased to exist as a city, the dispatches said.

Carrying forward the attack, a strong force of bombers today flew over the coast of Britain in two-hour long formation accompanied by a procession of fighters. They returned shortly before noon and smaller bombers took up the attack.

#### Ninety U-Boats Of Axis Sunk in Last 3 Months

#### Official Report Also Says Six American War Craft Lost in Sixty-Day Period

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Axis U-boats have been destroyed at the rate of about one a day for the past three months in allied sea offensives which, an official announcement says, have resulted in the loss of six American warships during the past 60 days.

More than 90 enemy submarines were sent to the bottom during May, June and July while United States undersea boats continued to exact a heavy toll of Japanese shipping.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, in a joint statement issued over the weekend called for an intensified offensive against the U-boats, warning that the enemy still has great reserves of submarines. The battle must be continued relentlessly both at sea and in the shipyards, they said.

Shortly after the Roosevelt-Churchill statement was issued, the navy reported the sinking of seven more Japanese vessels, and the damaging of five others by American submarines. The report raised to 217 the number of Japanese vessels sunk since the start of the war in the Pacific. Twenty-nine ships have been listed as probably sunk and 63 as damaged.

A navy communique yesterday reported the loss of six American warships. The submarines Pickrel and the destroyer Maddox topped the list, which also included the gunboat Plymouth, the submarine chaser PC496, the mine sweeper Hunter and the submarine rescue vessel Redwing.

The sinkings raised to 110 the number of American warships reported sunk, overdue and presumed lost, or destroyed to prevent capture by the enemy, since the war started.

#### Ryckman, Oregon Fish Hatcheries Head, Dies

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Matt L. Ryckman, 74, superintendent of state fish hatcheries, died at his home in Clackamas county today after an illness of several days.

An employee of the hatchery since 1902, he had been hatchery superintendent since 1920. The present system of hatcheries was established under his guidance. His widow, a son and a daughter survive.

#### Ellsworth Invited to Speak at San Francisco

Congressman Harris Ellsworth has been invited to address a meeting of the Republican Post-war Policy Association in San Francisco, Aug. 30. Due to previous commitments, however, he will not be able to attend. The association is preparing its program for the San Francisco meeting and invited Ellsworth to be one of the principal speakers.

#### Salem Residents Urged To Help in Canneries

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 16.—(AP)—The U. S. employment service pleaded today for hundreds of Salem residents to work in canneries to help in the bean pack. Housewives were asked to work full shifts, and business men were asked to work half shifts at night. Many bean pickers are needed.

#### Open City Declaration Seen as Badoglio Trick

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Belief that the Italian declaration of Rome as an "open city" was merely a trick by Premier Badoglio to spare it from further bombardment appeared to be growing in Great Britain today and Lord Beaverbrook's London Daily Express bluntly demanded that Allied war attacks be continued until Italy quits the war.

There has been no official comment in London on the Italian declaration and none was anticipated in the absence of Prime Minister Churchill in Canada. Security from bombs only after the Italian declaration is officially accepted by the Allies.

British suspicion that Badoglio's declaration was nothing but a ruse was founded upon the fact

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Now that Goering has succeeded Hitler as No. 1 hatcher of the Reich, there should be great change in Nazi policy—as great as the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee.

#### Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Robinson