

YANKS RAZE SCHWEINFURT PLANT, LOSE 60 BOMBERS

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NAZIS BLAST DNEPER DAM IN EFFORT TO DODGE TRAP; 5TH ARMY HURLS FOE BACK ON ENTIRE VOLTURNO LINE

Flood Loosed After Defeat At Zaporozhe

Reds Continue, However, To Increase Pressure on Enemy in Crimean Area

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The waters of the great Dnieper dam—the largest in Europe—were sent rolling over the Russian countryside once more by German troops, the Berlin radio reported today in acknowledging their flight from Zaporozhe, their long-held southern key base and guardian fortress of the Crimea. News that the \$110,000,000 dam had been blown up by the enemy, indicated that they had succeeded in repairing it after the Russians destroyed its usefulness themselves when falling back from the Dnieper in 1941 in what was called the greatest piece of self-sabotage of all time. The gigantic dam is situated at the lower end of the Dnieper rapids, a few miles north of Zaporozhe, and was considered one of the outstanding industrial achievements of the soviet regime. Its waters generated power for the whole industrial area of the Ukraine and it has been said that "whoever controls the dam controls the whole southwestern Russian industry."

By blowing up the great dam, five miles northwest of Zaporozhe, the Germans evidently hoped to stall the Russian advance westward and to prevent the en-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The week's biggest news is provided by the diplomats. Anti-submarine bases in the Azores Islands are granted by Portugal to her ally, Britain. Since Britain is OUR ally, these bases are opened to US at the same time.

GET out your globe (it's better than your map) and locate the Azores on it. You'll see at a glance the TREMENDOUS importance of bases there. Long-range bombers with a radius of well over 1000 miles, are our most effective weapons against submarines. The Azores are 1037 air miles west of Lisbon, 1643 air miles southwest of London and 1495 air miles southeast of the great allied air base in Newfoundland.

You can see for yourself what bases in these islands will do for us in the way of increasing the effectiveness of our land-based bombers against the submarines.

If you want an additional slant, remember that her submarines are about Germany's only remaining hope of standing us off until she can maybe get a better peace. (Germany has NO HOPE of winning the war.)

THE Russians have fought their way into the eastern suburbs of Gomel, which is only 25 miles from the upper Dnieper. At Gomel, they still have to fight their way across the sizable Sozh river, which flows into the Dnieper a few miles to the southwest. They've already forced bridgeheads over the Sozh at Gomel.

From Gomel, a railroad leads eastward across the Dnieper, following relatively high ground. South of this rail line and west of the Dnieper are the formidable Dnieper marshes.

MOSCOW says air battles over the Dnieper are incessant and fierce. The German air force

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Rommel's Appointment as German Chief in Yugoslavia Answered by Patriot Triumphs, Fresh Sabotage

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Yugoslav patriots have answered Adolf Hitler's reported appointment of Marshal Erwin Rommel as commander of operations in Yugoslavia with two important victories in widely separated sections of the country, a communique of the national army of liberation announced today.

Partisan columns, driven out of two Croatian coastal strongholds by German tank formations on Oct. 10, reformed and stormed the enemy's positions, and finally expelled them from both towns in hand-to-hand fighting, the communique reported. Both are now "firmly held" by the Yugoslavs, added the bulletin, broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio.

More than 150 miles to the east, units of the first Bosnian corps fighting under Gen. Tito, liberation leader, captured the town of Zivnica, near patriot-held Tuzla, and center of the Bosnian timber industry, the broadcast said.

Lumber Ceilings Upped to Offset Increased Wages

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The OPA today announced ceiling price increases for northern hardwood and softwood lumber. They are designed to compensate producers for higher costs resulting from wage boosts granted lumber workers last July by the War Labor Board.

The increases, effective today, may be passed on to ultimate consumers. The OPA order authorizes a 15 per cent increase in the ceiling prices of standard grades of all northern hardwood species, except timbers. It also permits increases of 50 cents and \$1 per 1,000 board feet in certain millworking charges, and an increase of \$1.50 per 1,000 board feet in kiln-drying charges.

For northern softwood lumber, increases allowed included \$5 per 1,000 board feet for standard grades of all species, except timber, and additions of \$1 and \$1.50 in certain millworking charges. The new maximums supplant the temporary 10 per cent price increases allowed for both types of lumber granted pending issuance of today's order.

In another order, OPA established "interim ceilings" for retail sales of lumber from softwood distribution yards in Wisconsin, the upper peninsula, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. These maximums, effective October 21, provide specific area mark-ups for use until dollars-and-cents ceilings are established to meet individual requirements of various regions.

E. G. Dunn Heads Mounted Posse of Reedsport Area

REEDSPORT, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Reedsport horsemen were organizing a mounted posse to day under the leadership of E. G. Dunn, Reedsport businessman and former mayor, as sergeant. Members of the Roseburg Sheriff's posse, including Sheriff Bud Carter and Judge Carl Wimberly, came here for an organizational meeting recently.

Adeline Fields Succeeds L. Riley on School Staff

Adeline Fields, daughter of Mrs. George E. Houck of this city, has been employed as an instructor at Roseburg senior high school to succeed Leonard Riley, who has resigned to take a position at the Judd Furniture store. Mrs. Fields will begin teaching Monday.

Jap Air Force Heavily Cut in Latest Raids

210 Planes Wiped Out at South Pacific Bases; Allies Lose Only Eight

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Oct. 15.—(AP)—American and Australian planes have run up a score of 210 to 8 against the Japanese since Sunday over two enemy strongholds where Nippon's airpower is reputed to be great—New Britain and Bougainville.

The bulk of this score, 177 to 5, was registered Tuesday at Rabaul, New Britain, by the largest force of bombers and fighters ever amassed for a single day's operations in the Southwest Pacific.

But today's communique disclosed that for the second time in as many days, more than 100 bombers and fighters swarmed over Bougainville in the northern Solomons the day prior to Rabaul's blitz. While blowing up gun positions and spreading fires around the big Kahili airdrome and sinking two large enemy cargo ships in Buka passage, these raiders downed 12 out of 25 Japanese interceptors without the loss of a plane.

On Sunday, it was reported previously, 21 Japanese planes were shot down in the same sector, with the American losses totaling three. Jap Gunners Flee As more reports trickled in on the big Rabaul raid, it became increasingly evident how amazingly complete was the surprise. Anti-aircraft defenses there have been so stout in the past that Rabaul has become known as the "Japanese Malta." But Tuesday the 1,000 raiding fliers encountered only spotty ack ack. Many Japanese gunners fled their positions. Others had their guns turned toward the sea—but the

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Argentina's Ban On Jewish Papers Rapped by F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt sharply rebuked Argentina today for suspending publication of Jewish newspapers, terming this action in line with characteristics of Nazi doctrines. It was the second time within recent weeks that this government has reproved the only American nation still maintaining diplomatic relations with the axis.

Independence Schools Closed by Paralysis

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Schools were closed and children were banned from the streets here today by the infantile paralysis danger. One five-year-old boy, Bez E. Johnson died of the disease in a Portland hospital, and three of his brothers were ill here. Thirty-three new cases appeared in Oregon in the past week, the highest number of the year.

Turkey Raisers Asked To Submit Cost Data

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—The OPA sought today to determine the cost of raising turkeys in western Oregon and southwestern Washington. OPA officials asked growers to submit figures. They said, however, that no immediate dollar-and-cents ceiling was contemplated.

CIO Leader Fires Volley At Sales Tax

Levy Would Equal War Defeat, Draw Pay Boost Demands, Murray Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO blasted away today at proposals for a national retail sales tax, bluntly warning that if such a levy became law labor would demand wage increases "to make up for this unjustified wage cut."

"The proposed sales tax levy would be the equivalent of a military defeat," he told the house ways and means committee considering new tax legislation. Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson previously told the tax-framing body a 10 per cent sales tax would cause an 8 per cent rise in the cost of living and that subsequent demands for wage and price increases would break the "hold the line" wartime economic policy, opening the way for wild inflation.

Supporters of the tax contend it would deter inflation. Murray, who said he represented 5,000,000 working men and women stated: "We are absolutely opposed to the imposition of any sales tax. The sales tax is directed at the low income group. It is the worker and his family that spend practically all of their money just to keep themselves alive. They are to have their full income in effect taxes under this most vicious type of tax legislation. High income groups that spend only a portion of their in-

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Youth Confesses Slaying of Girl Near Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—A slight ninth-grade student was held in jail here today after confessing, said Sheriff R. E. Goad, to killing 16-year-old June Reiman in a rape attempt October 2. The youth was Ronald Elder, 14, a neighbor of the girl's for years. Goad said he admitted being "overcome with an overwhelming desire to kill" when he met Miss Reiman in the brush five miles southwest of Pendleton.

He held a rifle a foot from her head and fired, the sheriff said Elder told him. Then he began ripping the clothes from her body, but a noise in the brush frightened him and he ran off, tossing the rifle into a thicket, the confession continued.

Stolen Cars Lead To Youths' Arrest

Two youths were in custody here today and others were being sought by state police, who have recovered two stolen automobiles, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported. A car reported stolen from Creswell and a sedan belonging to Glen Van Horn of Roseburg are in state police possession. A state policeman leaving the local headquarters late last night was walking to his home when he saw two cars, one without lights, travelling along the highway and exchanging signals, Morgan said. The officer leaped to the running board of the unlighted car and arrested the two youths, who reportedly were driving the automobile later found to have been stolen from Van Horn. Occupants of the other vehicle sped away, but are believed to be in a net spread in the Myrtle Creek area, and their capture was expected. Names were withheld pending further investigation.

Navy Aids in Routing Nazis From Coast

Germans Still Battling Stubbornly; Allied Air Force Hits Heavy Blows

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Algiers, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The main forces of the allied Fifth army poured across the Voltorno river into newly won bridgeheads today, and dispatches from Lt. Gen. Clark's battle headquarters said the British and Americans were throwing the enemy back along the entire front from the west coast to the mountain backbone of Italy.

The message telling of decisive gains all along the front in the course of furious and bloody fighting was received after an allied headquarters communique had disclosed that British infantry and tanks had landed from British vessels on the north side of the Voltorno's mouth early Wednesday simultaneously with a frontal assault across the stream by American and British infantry and engineers.

Rolling up the enemy's coastal anchor, this amphibious force quickly dug in positions along a canal, while British naval guns belched steel into the strong German defensive positions behind the coast railroad line on high ground four miles north of the river.

Bloody Battle Rages While the British destroyers, Laforey and Lookout, and the Netherlands gunboat Flores hurled tons of explosives into the hills, a terrific fight raged along the coast. The Germans obviously had been uneasy over the possibility of such a landing—the first amphibious operation undertaken by the Fifth army since its original arrival at Salerno beaches—and had concentrated huge artillery groups in the dominating heights and in the lower ground.

Meanwhile American troops stormed the heights northeast of Capua in the face of deadly German resistance and consolidated their hold on the high ground screening the all-important Capua bridgeheads where the major body of the Fifth army was streaming into the offensive.

(A German broadcast said today the allies had "superior infantry and tank forces on both sides of Capua.") At almost all points north of the river, reports from Clark's headquarters said, the Germans were counterattacking sharply and bitterly, time after time, employing tanks in desperate efforts to retard or dislodge the

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Grant of Azores Bases Protested By Germans, Japs

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Germany and Japan protested to Portugal today over the granting of bases in the Azores to the British, and the nazis angrily served notice that they reserved the right to take retaliatory action.

Germany left unstated, however, whether she would go so far as to declare war on the Portuguese. In announcing the protest, the Berlin radio called Portugal's act a "severe violation of neutrality."

Berlin then reiterated its contention that the Lisbon government had been forced into concession under pressure—a theme the Germans have harped upon since the Anglo-Portuguese agreement was first announced.

Just what retaliation the nazis would take remained to be seen, but it was considered doubtful that they would plunge Portugal into war because by so doing they would lose one of their most valuable listening posts and spy centers in Europe.

A Tokyo broadcast announcing Japan's protest quoted a Japanese spokesman as saying that allied acquisition of Azores bases was "one more example of Anglo-American violation of international law as in the case of the seizure of Madagascar and of strong unjustified pressure exercised on a weaker power."

Apparently the Japanese failed to remember that they moved in to the Portuguese island of Timor before the British occupied Madagascar.

Super-Bomber on Way to Hit Nazis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP) A super-bomber—dwarfing the Liberators and the Flying Forts with its giant bomb load and destructive might—is on its way to enemy lands. Some have been delivered to the army although full production is not expected until next year. But belief was expressed by officials today that when the new planes fly into battle, the prediction of World War Ace Eddie Rickenbacker will be borne out—that "no nation could survive the pounding a fleet of these planes can deliver."

Suicide of Italian Informer Changed Invasion Plans

BERN, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The Swiss newspaper Dovere said today that Marshall Ugo Cavallero, former chief of Italian armed forces, killed himself after informing the Germans of the Italian capitulation, thereby forcing the allies to change their invasion plans. Cavallero's suicide had been reported previously by Stefani, German-controlled Italian news agency.

Army to Grant Leaves For Harvesting Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Army service forces establishments have been authorized to grant vacation leave to civilian personnel to assist in harvesting of fruits and other fall crops, the War department said yesterday.

Greatest of Air Battles Also Sees 104 Nazi Planes Downed; Ball-Bearing Factory Erased

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Photographs revealed today that the giant Nazi ball-bearing factory at Schweinfurt was obliterated by the terrific American bomber assault that cost the Eighth airforce 60 bombers and precipitated perhaps the greatest battle in aerial warfare.

At least 104 German fighters were downed by the fortress sharpshooters and their Thunderbolt escorts in the attack yesterday. Two U. S. fighters failed also to return from the two-hour battle that raged all the way from Europe's coast to the target and back again.

The reconnaissance photographs revealed that Schweinfurt's plants, where probably 50 per cent of the Nazi's war-vital roller bearings are produced, were wiped out by the precision-pattern crews who were told in advance that a successful blasting of the target might shorten the war by six months.

The fact that the Germans threw up "everything in the book" in defense of that vital industrial center indicated that they, too, considered the factories of the highest importance to the war effort.

"Without the slightest hesitation, I would say our boys encountered the stiffest and fiercest fighter opposition in the history of aerial warfare," an Eighth air force spokesman said. "What we did to the Germans yesterday will be felt severely—and soon."

Exile or Prison Choice Given to Evader of Draft



Facing either exile or a prison term, Stanley Mocarasky, 24, is pictured with his 5-month-old son, Carl Stanley, at his home in Hartford, Conn. Mocarasky, a native-born American, is charged with draft evasion and Federal Judge Hincks has given him 30 days in which to leave the U. S. or go to prison. Mocarasky told the court he would not fight for his country because it had never done anything for him and that he had been forced to stand in breadlines.

Foe Uses Rocket Devices

The second highest number of enemy fighters destroyed, 142, was claimed in the American raid on Bremen and Vegesack a

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenzweig

Roseburg biggest incentive to postwar planning is the splendid war record being made by its national guard company in the South Pacific. Good-paying jobs should be waiting for the boys when they return home. Cheers sound good but they're not livelhood.

Number of Fortresses that Participated in the raid was not disclosed, but it was described officially as "large."

Despite the opposition, the American bombers splattered their bombs over all of the 72 acres of factory buildings housing one of Germany's most important centers for producing bearings—an essential for virtually every piece of mechanized war equipment.

"There ought to be ball bearings rolling all over Germany," said one crewman who watched hundreds of bombs pour into the target area.

The 60 heavy bombers announced officially as missing constituted the greatest loss ever inflicted upon the allied air forces by the nazis in a single raid.

It exceeded by one the 59 lost by the Americans Aug. 17 in the two-pronged raid on Schweinfurt and Regensburg when formations hitting the latter target made their celebrated shuttle trip to Africa. The RAF lost its greatest number, 58, in a night attack on Berlin Aug. 23.

The minimum of 104 Nazi fighters knocked down yesterday fell far short of previous American achievements. The record of 307 destroyed on the Schweinfurt-Regensburg attack Aug. 17 still stands.

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