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ALLIES BATTLING 16 MILES FROM ROME

Three More Divisions Of Nazis Erased

Prisoner Take Mounts To 15,000; Huge Stores Of War Gear Captured

(By the Associated Press)

Rome reverberated to battle thunder 16 to 17 miles away today as the advancing allies captured the dead factories of Aprilia, drove through flame-seared poppy fields within a mile of Valmontone and Campoleone, and virtually destroyed three more German divisions of up to 45,000 men.

All along the Italian front approaching Rome, the allies of a dozen nations pressed forward, sometimes through desperate flame-thrower defense. Prisoners totaled more than 15,000. Coupled with the winning of enormous stores of war gear, the picture was one of steady destruction of the 18 German divisions originally comprising the German 10th and 14th armies below Rome.

Lt. Gen. Leese's Eighth army moved six miles west from the main front through the Liri and Sacco valleys, bridging both rivers. Arce was invested when the allies surrounded dominating Monte Aereo. Capranza was left six miles within allied lines.

The beachhead troops, paced by naval fire from a French cruiser, moved steadily across the creased gullies of the west coast below Rome toward the mouth of the Tiber. They cut the Anzio-Albano road, pressed upon the stronghold of Velletri and seemed to be outflanking the Alban hills, last natural obstacle before the Eternal City.

Nazis "Groggy, Reeling."

The Germans announced abandonment of Aprilia, which has changed hands five times since the beachhead was established.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ITALY holds the spotlight as this is written, to the exclusion of all other fighting fronts.

German PRESTIGE is at stake there.

If the two veteran German armies below Rome are smashed and demoralized, AS WAS Rommel's Afrika Korps, the ensuing psychological reactions will shake Hitler's Fortress of Europe to its foundations.

THERE are ALREADY signs from the Balkans. Moscow reports mutiny among Bulgarian troops.

A "well-placed" TURK tells the Associated Press that Turkey will enter the war IF REQUESTED and if furnished 300 more planes and 400 tanks.

TURKEY, if that is true, is getting more certain she has bet on the wrong horse and wants to switch her bet. The price thus unofficially named is (300 planes and 400 tanks) is pretty low.

Turkey, looking at the peace table and the Dardanelles, is worried.

OUR Americans take Cisterna, on the Apennine way, one of the two direct German retreat routes to Rome, and push on to within ten miles—easy artillery range—of Castilina way, the OTHER direct retreat route.

Their purpose is to GET BEHIND Kesselring's armies and trap them.

We're within 20 miles of Rome at the nearest point, but we're NOT BOTHERING NOW WITH ROME. Our immediate purpose

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Dewey Parries Queries on Presidency, but Says He's Not Discouraging Backers

(By the Associated Press)

To the long-standing fact that Governor Thomas E. Dewey has not come out for the republican presidential nomination was added today the news that he is willing to "express my views" on platform matters and is doing exactly "nothing" to discourage talk of his long pre-convention lead.

The new developments came in a press conference on the eve of the national conference of governors at Hershey, Pa., where the New Yorker told questioners that whether he would accept the nomination, if tendered, is "a hypothetical question."

The pre-convention delegate listings show that Dewey to date has at least 386 pledged and claimed delegate votes to 64 for Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, his nearest rival.

The New Yorker also was asked by a soldier at Indiantown Gap, Pa., whether he would run for president in 1944 or 1948. His reply was, "I guess I don't have any control over that."

Special political significance

Japanese Launch Major Drive On 4 Chinese Fronts

(By the Associated Press)

China's armies fought desperately on four fronts today to thwart the most ambitious Japanese offensives in seven years of warring against the Chinese.

Chungking authorities felt that China, beset in the north and east, may be entering its most critical period of the conflict.

Japanese troops pushed down the Hankow-Canton railroad to within 80 miles of Changsha, a city the Chinese have seen fit to defend with great effort on three previous occasions, all successfully. Four enemy columns pushed southward toward Changsha, apparently to gain full control of the rail line, which would help set up a great segment of China fronting on the Pacific.

Coupled with Japanese drives to win control of the Hankow-Peiping or northern section of the railway, the enemy objective could be to seal off all of eastern China—richest part of the country—against future allied use as a base to bomb Japan.

Maj. Gen. Chennault's 14th U. S. air force rushed into Changsha fighting, destroying trucks, troops, warehouses and barracks. Farther north his airmen attacked barracks at Sinyang on the Hankow-Peiping section.

Fighting in Honan to the north raged on, at last report, but Chungking reports gave no new word on the Chinese counter-offensive. The Japanese boasted in capturing Loyang, key rail city, they had dealt allied plans for a China-based air offensive a mortal blow.

Bomber's Crash on Kiska Revealed; Five Men Die

AN ALEUTIAN BASE, May 28. (Delayed)—(AP)—Disclosure that an army bomber, missing since February 16, crashed at the foot of Kiska volcano, was made by the 11th air force today in an announcement that wreckage and the bodies of the five crew members were found May 18.

The bomber was on a routine flight when it disappeared. The bodies were buried in Kiska cemetery. The dead and addresses of their next of kin: 2nd Lt. James Wilbur Hannabass, Jr., Richmond, Va.; 2nd Lt. Eston J. Barr, co-pilot, Orlando, Fla.; Sgt. Frank Gabler, mechanic, West Medford, Mass.; Cpl. James Henry Akins, armorer, Oklahoma City; and Cpl. Robert Freedman, mechanic, Brooklyn.

was given the governors' meeting by the speech-making appearances of potential nominees.

Bricker Demands Views

Governor Bricker, an avowed candidate, told a press conference yesterday that in times like these he thought candidates "should discuss all the issues vital to his country and pertaining to the office he seeks."

Bricker did not reply directly to a question as to whether he was talking about Dewey.

But if Dewey wants to take up the matter, he has another opportunity tonight when he is on the program at Hershey for a speech broadly entitled "Organizing the State for the Future."

Week-end developments included:

North Carolina democrats nominated former Governor Clyde R. Hoey for the senate seat held by Robert R. Reynolds, retiring, and chose R. Gregg Cherry, Gastonia lawyer, as their candidate for governor. The state usually is overwhelmingly democratic.

Connecticut democrats, with loud acclaim for President Roosevelt, added their 18 convention votes to the fourth term cause.

Utah's 10 democratic delegates likewise were instructed to vote for the president and to support Senator Elbert Thomas as a favorite son candidate for vice-president.

Third Day of Holiday Period Marks 118 Deaths

(By the Associated Press)

A weekend death toll from traffic accidents, drownings and other mishaps stood at 118 today as the nation began the third day of a four-day memorial holiday.

Only 31 of the deaths reported today in an Associated Press survey resulted from automobile accidents while 45 were from miscellaneous causes and 33 from drowning.

National safety council statistics show normal fatalities over any Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday period in May were 250 from motor vehicle accidents alone. By the third day of a four-day weekend the traffic toll normally was 190 deaths.

Eisenhower's Failure to Strike During Quiet Weather Keeps Nazis Guessing On D-Day; French Railroad Tie-up Feared

LONDON, May 29.—(AP)—German broadcasts reflected increased tension in Marshal von Rundstedt's entire invasion front facing troop-packed Britain today as temperatures over the glassy Strait of Dover reached an unofficial 100 degrees shortly before noon. It was 81 in the shade.

Nazi commentators asserted that Gen. Eisenhower had missed one favorable invasion date when tides and weather were perfect and cried out: "Germany would prefer for the invasion to come today rather than tomorrow."

That suggested that the enemy defenses at least once already had been brought to a nerve-racking peak of alertness, only to find that Hitler's command had guessed wrong.

"It is no longer a secret that the British have already missed one invasion date," the German transoceanic agency said, quoting a foreign office spokesman. DNB, the official enemy news agency, said "there can be no doubt that the original date fixed for invasion has passed but there are so many symptoms and speculations in connection with the next date that Germany cannot possibly be taken by surprise."

Railway Strike Feared.

The Swiss newspaper, Gazette de Lausanne, gave a new clue to

Biak Isle Japs Give Yankees Bitter Battle

Seizure Will Put Allied Fliers Within 880 Miles Of Tip of Philippines

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, May 29.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth army troops pressed forward on Biak island off the Dutch New Guinea north coast today against increasing Japanese efforts to trip up the Americans in their latest 200-mile stride toward the Philippines.

Gen. MacArthur said the Americans have consolidated their positions around Bosnek, captured shortly after the naval and air supported landings Saturday three miles east of the town. The Yanks were reaching for Mokmer airfield two and one-half miles away.

Mokmer airfield, four miles west of Bosnek, is one of three airstrips on Biak, largest island in the Schouten group. Capture of the fields will put allied bombers only 880 miles from the southern tip of the Philippines and 600 miles south of Palau, the enemy's South seas headquarters in the western Carolines.

The Japanese were bitterly defending the prize, their emissaries taking a rising toll, a headquarters spokesman said.

Artillery Captured. With the capture of Bosnek, the Americans also took two enemy six-inch guns, four five-inch and two three-inch pieces, MacArthur reported. These guns participated in the exchange of

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Alleged "Peeping Tom" Soldier Shot by Cop

MEDFORD, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—PFC. Emmett F. Mitchell, 20, was reported in critical condition by Camp White hospital attendants today from a bullet wound inflicted by State Police Sgt. Willard M. Ruch, who said he caught the soldier peeping through his bedroom window.

Ruch, in a statement, said he shot in Mitchell's direction after calling to him to halt but did not intend to hit him.

the defense problem of von Rundstedt, complicated by railroads tangled and snarled by profusions of allied bombs. The newspaper said there was increasing fear of a general D-day strike of French railroad workers and that the nazis were sending in more key transportation officials and workers for key posts.

Nazi propaganda broadcasts asserted the allied high command had passed up its most favorable invasion opportunity because it had found out its legions of men and stupendous array of equipment were not as ready for the great event as it had thought.

Berlin made a wild guess, also, that "Gen. Eisenhower is waiting for fresh troops from America" before giving the go-ahead for the western assault.

Amid much speculation in this invasion capital, allied authorities said they failed to see how a Berlin-announced meeting between Hitler and the Japanese ambassador to Berlin, Lt. Gen. Oshima, fitted into the picture. The meeting at Hitler's headquarters, with Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop present, was for consideration of "acute questions of German-Japanese collaboration," the German radio said.

It was hard to see how Japan, currently taking a military beating in the Pacific, could do much "collaborating."

Lawyer-Doctor At 95 Sets Mark In High Court



Believed to be the oldest man ever to be admitted to practice before the U. S. supreme court, Dr. Joseph H. Shull of Stroudsburg, Pa., 95-year-old lawyer and practicing physician, is pictured above, signing the court register. Looking on is his son, Samuel, 67, presiding judge of Monroe and Pike counties.

Ecuador Political Fight Creates Revolution

QUITO, Ecuador, May 29.—(AP)—A revolution broke out today among the military forces and civilians.

The movement was led by supporters of Velasco Ibarra, former president, who is in exile and has been living near the Ecuadorian border in Colombia.

Ecuador is amid a heated presidential campaign, with elections scheduled June 2-3. Some groups opposing the present regime desired Ibarra to return to the country as a candidate, but the government refused him a visa from Chile.

The liberal candidate in the elections is Miguel Albornoz, who is opposed by the Ibarra forces.

Street Sweeper Given O. K. for Roseburg Buy

George Frew, superintendent of streets, returned to his home in Roseburg Sunday from Mt. Vernon, Wash., where he inspected a street sweeping machine of a type which the Roseburg city council proposes to purchase. Mr. Frew stated that he will recommend the purchase of the machine, after seeing it in operation. Money has been set aside by the council in the street department budget to cover the cost of the sweeper.

Two Youngsters Drown In Sight of Companions

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 29.—(AP)—Within sight of several other youngsters, William De Bard, 11, and his brother, Donald, 9, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John De Bard of Ferndale, drowned yesterday afternoon. The tragedy occurred in Barrett lake, a mile and a half east of Ferndale, which is little more than a swamp but the brothers stepped in water over their heads. None of the youngsters at the lake could swim.

Federal Auto Tax Stamp Going On Sale June 10

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—The \$5.00 automobile use tax stamps for the coming year will go on sale June 10 in postoffices and internal revenue collectors' offices.

These will cover the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and must be displayed on windshields after that date.

Silver Star Won On New Guinea At Cost of Eye



Corporal Fred Hayes of Roseburg, now serving with the 119th medical battalion at Camp Phillips, Salina, Kansas, has been awarded the Silver Star, which he won as an infantryman in the New Guinea campaign, in which he served as a member of Company D, 162nd Infantry, the Roseburg national guard unit.

"Soft-spoken and unassuming," he comes from the land of the big trees around Roseburg, Oregon, an environment which may have influenced the fact that he is six feet of American fighting man," says the Prairie Schooner, published at Salina, reporting the award of the medal to Corporal Hayes by Major General James I. Muir.

Hayes won the award when, as a leader of a platoon ambushed by Japanese, he set out with a small group to flank the ambush. He ran into a Japanese patrol of 18 men, but attacked single-handed with a tommy gun, killing two and dispersing the balance of the patrol.

He was hit by a sniper bullet, however, before he could complete his mission, the bullet striking him in the forehead and emerging in front of his right ear, destroying the sight of his right eye.

"To those who wondered that he escaped death," the Kansas newspaper reports, "Corporal Hayes remarked, 'He almost made a 4-F out of me but I guess I was lucky—the sniper didn't get a five on that shot!'"

General Holiday Set in Roseburg During Memorial

Tuesday, Memorial day, will be observed as a general holiday in Roseburg. D. E. Carr, chairman of the retail merchants committee of the chamber of commerce, announced that business houses will be closed throughout the entire day. Banks and public offices also will be closed. Holiday rules will be observed at the post office. Postmaster L. L. Wimberly reports. Locked boxes will be served and mail will be collected and dispatched, but there will be no city delivery of mail and no deliveries on rural routes. Mail will be carried on star routes.

The Memorial day observance will be limited to ceremonies at the veterans cemetery and at the bridge on the Veterans administration reservation, where exercises will be conducted for the dead at sea and at the grave of the unknown soldier.

A public program will be held at 11 a. m. at the Indian theater, under auspices of the combined veterans organizations. The address will be given by Attorney H. A. Canaday.

Speedster Denied Gas Coupons Until War's End

DALLAS, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—Don Webster, 22, Dallas, who recently was accused by Camp Adair military police of speeding 85 miles an hour, will get no more gasoline coupons until the end of the war, said Maurice Dalton, chairman of the Dallas ration board. It was the third speeding charge brought against Webster.

Aircraft, Oil Plants Given Hammering

Targets of Tactical Importance in France, Belgium Also Raided

LONDON, May 29.—(AP)—A thousand American bombers and 1,200 fighters spanned the length of Germany today, bombing two aircraft factories in Poland and four in central and eastern Germany while other fleets struck up from the south at the Vienna and Wiener Neustadt areas.

As the stunning day of bombardment drew to dusk, it appeared that the allies might have sent out another fleet as large as the record number of 8,000 warplanes which flew Sunday from British and Italian bases.

The predominantly American fleets of warplanes scoured the face of Europe, bombed the invasion coasts of France and Belgium, strafed the front lines in Italy and reached deep inside Germany. Poland and Austria to fear up hideaway plants of the German aircraft industry.

The Polish factories were at Poznan and Kresling. Those in Germany were at Leipzig, Tutow, Gottbus and Sorau. The flight to Poznan entailed a roundtrip of at least 1,450 miles.

Simultaneously, hundreds of lesser American bombers struck heavily and repeatedly at the French invasion coast, bombing bridges, railroads and airdromes.

Austria Plants Blasted

Between 500 and 750 Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed an aircraft plant at Atzgersdorf, near Vienna; the Wiener Neustadt plant No. 1 and the nearby Nord and Wollersdorf airdromes.

Both the Wiener Neustadt airdromes normally are crowded with aircraft fresh from the assembly lines of the nearby Messerschmitt plants.

Other Liberators from Italy bombed two German troop concentrations in Yugoslavia in support of Marshal Tito's peasant army.

It was reported officially in Naples that considerable numbers of enemy fighters were encountered over Austria, precipitating great sky battles. Convoys of German fighters tangled with the bulk of the German interceptors.

Lightnings which escorted the bombers to Yugoslavia strafed motor transports, trains and an airdrome in northwest Yugoslavia.

One Liberator formation attacking Wiener Neustadt was assigned the task of destroying anything still intact in the main Messerschmitt factory which has been damaged in six previous assaults.

Sky Battles Reported

The attacking Fortresses and Liberators split into several spearheads in efforts to confound the enemy defenses. The German radio reported the fleets engaged in a number of sky battles.

Enemy broadcast said another allied fleet was striking in the "lower Danube basin" from Italy. The operations on this hot, summery day were in force comparable to yesterday's great outpouring when 6,000 bombers and fighters flew from British bases and 2,000 more struck from Italy, chiefly at the Italian battle area.

Kresling is five miles southeast of Poznan where the bombers have battered aircraft factories before. Tutow also has been bombed before. Leipzig, Gottbus and Sorau all are in the very heart of Central Germany between 100 and 130 miles south of Berlin. Poznan is 50 miles inside.

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Meat Production Due for Heavy Decrease in 1945

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—The War Food administration, faced with drastically depleted reserves of livestock feed, is planning big reductions in 1945 production quotas.

WFA officials say goals for production of hogs, poultry, eggs, turkeys and cattle will be sharply curtailed next year. Tentative plans call for continued high production of field crops.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rasmussen

"Lord Haw Haw," whose exultant broadcasts came frequently from Berlin during the zenith of the blitzkrieg, now indicates by his long silence that with the reverse of Nazi war fortunes, he has also reversed his monicker, to the words signifying a wail, "wah, wah."