

British Take Vital Seaport Town, Catania

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still were smoldering from heavy allied air attacks delivered yesterday by US Flying Fortresses and Liberators.

Capture of the once flourishing ancient Greek city also would give the allies a third port through which to pour men and supplies into the drive toward Messina. Syracuse was the first harbor to fall, then Augusta's capture was announced today. An official bulletin said Augusta's dock installations apparently were undamaged.

Three thousand allied ships of all kinds—more than three times the 850 used in the North African landings last fall—were shuttling back and forth between Tunisia and Sicily to swell the powerful allied striking force.

Minesweepers already have cleared the minefields on the approaches to Syracuse and Augusta which Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's desert fighters seized with the aid of a strong bombardment from the sea.

Although the Canadians and British were said to be meeting some resistance "good progress is being made" up the eastern coast and inland, it was stated officially.

Palazzo is 20 miles west of Syracuse, and Ragusa is 12 miles southwest of Palazzo. Both are strategic prizes because these road junctions dominate high ground in the area and deprive the axis of much mobility.

The Americans appeared to be meeting the most stubborn opposition. They knocked out a considerable number of enemy tanks and took many prisoners in the capture of the one counterattack which broke through to the beaches, presumably in the Gela area.

Patton's troops reformed and sealed the gap.

Martinique Joins Allied Battle Line

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mitted. Thus it was made clear that no formal recognition of the Allies committee was to be implied.

"Mr. Hoppenot has assured the government of the United States that the facilities and resources of the French Antilles will be devoted to the fullest extent to the prosecution of the war against the axis, in accord with the action already taken by all French territory not under the domination of the enemy," the statement said.

"The military interests of the United States in the Caribbean zone are fully recognized. The use of all presently immobilized French naval and merchant ships will be made available in the prosecution of the war effort."

Tied up in Martinique harbor are the aircraft carrier Bearn, two light cruisers, a half dozen tankers and several other merchant ships.

Presumably added to the allied war chest, too, will be nearly \$300,000,000 in gold taken to Martinique upon the fall of France.

US to Return Captive Mines

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He did not reveal what steps the government would take if a new general walkout should start when the mines go back to private possession, but he did call attention to a provision of the anti-strike law requiring 30 days notice before any strike can be called in plants not in government possession. (Strikes are forbidden altogether in facilities under government operation).

Lewis, in ordering the miners back to work on June 22 after a general work stoppage, stipulated that the strike would last until October 31 if government operation of the mines continued, but would "automatically terminate" if the pits, now under the direction of the Secretary of Interior, should be returned to their owners.

There was no indication tonight of the exact date on which the government will relinquish control.

Youth Injured

Robert Craig, 15, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dolph Craig, 2457 South Cottage street, was taken to the Deaconess hospital at 9:45 last night with a dislocated neck suffered in a swimming accident at a local swimming pool. His condition was said to be good.

PASCO (AP)—Customers waited in vain for the state liquor store to open until it was announced the business would remain closed.

Reason: Mixers removed 70 cases of ancient and choice brands of liquor sometime between the 10 p. m. closing hours Saturday and 10:30 a. m. Sunday, W. F. Harlow, owner of the building, revealed.

Relic of the Oregon

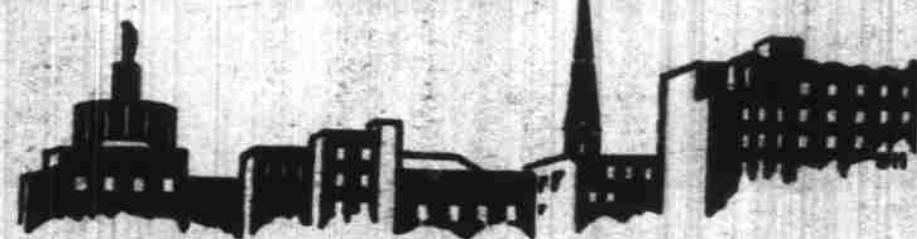


Near where the venerable Battleship Oregon was moored to spend her days as a museum (until the Second World War made it necessary that she be broken up for scrap) stands her monument. It has been set up as a monument, a stone's throw from the warship's old moorage on the Willamette river in Portland. The mast is 90 feet tall and weighs about 20 tons. (Associated Press photo.)

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13 (AP)—The 90-foot forecastle of the old Battleship Oregon, the last reminder of the Spanish-American war's most famous sea fighter, was erected beside the Willamette river Monday.

The ship, which dashed around Cape Horn to help bottle up the Spanish fleet off Cuba in 1898, is being wrecked for scrap metal.

Only the 20-ton mast was saved. It was hoisted into place beside the Willamette river to become a permanent monument in a city park.



ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

My goodness! I am in bad with one Salem youngster out. The lady (or at least some of them) whose cars carry white stripes are hurt to think that decoration has been mentioned in the same paragraph with zoot-suited pachucos.

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They have been so busy working in the shipyards, etc., say Salem WOHFs (Wolves on the Home Front) that they hadn't known the mark of distinction they thought up and painted on their 1934-38 model cars (they object also to my use of the word "jalopy") was used by youthful zoot suiters elsewhere. Fact is, they still don't believe me, although my information came from usually reliable sources.

This one correction I must make: One stripe means a wolf (not "going steady" as I had previously informed the public); two means going steady and three means that the car's operator is engaged. Ain't no such thing as a married man in the wolf pack, I'm told.

And if a member gets too ram-bunctious, they make him take off the stripes. Just how the wolves do that is a question in my mind, yet.

"We've not a zoot suit among us!" they declared to me, pulling the sleeves of their tweed jackets, exhibiting cards that show many of them to be engaged in defense industry. "We don't pick on soldiers, sailors or marines—we took a soldier on a picnic with us Sunday!" they added.

I thought them nice-looking boys, on the whole, and although they were, and probably still are, pretty mad at me, the worst threat they made was "We'll take the story to the Capital Journal!" This when I said I wouldn't rescind information handed out in a recent column. Nor am I now rescinding that information. I'm merely explaining that these boys apparently were ignorant of any gang connotation in the stripes their "wolf pack" painted on the cars.

And they probably wouldn't like the fact that some people around town apparently aren't so careful about motor manners as are the Wolves on the Home Front—and some of those people do things like driving several (one informant says four, but I think that's stretching facts a little even for Salem's wide streets), but anyhow several cars abreast up the street. And those cars reportedly were the wolf pack design!

In the group who came to see me were Chester Teeter, Bill South, Bert Iverson, Ed Southworth, Ralph Calkins, Max Robbins, Bob Van Cleave, Charles Bishop, Bob Erickson, and later came Ralph Keamy and said to list his, too.

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"Sure we drive around picking up girls and having a good time—we aren't driving 'nimbley,'" one of them declared, and with a grin he added "Most of the time, too, we're picking up our own girls."

Allies Tighten Munda Pincers

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erations. "Our surface craft and shore parties on the northeast coast took three enemy barges containing 150 troops," the communiqué said.

Upon Munda itself, the United States air force kept up its daily series of attacks. In the latest reported today, torpedo and dive bombers struck at anti-aircraft positions and enemy camps with 32 tons of heavy explosives.

The Japanese made an attempt to bomb our assault forces, but their 15 dive bombers, which had an escort of 10 Zeros, were forced to jettison their bombs over Longdale point. Four Zeros were shot down. One American plane was lost.

Above New Georgia, Japan's air force at Ballale in the Shortland island group was blasted with 24 tons of bombs and nearer Munda its supply depot at Vila on Kolombangara was raided anew.

In a far-ranging arc extending from the Kai Islands in the Banda sea to Vangunu island in the central Solomon, our air forces dropped a total bomb weight of more than 128 tons.

Beer Outlook Sad, Indeed—(Rationing)

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13 (AP)—Oregon brewers agreed Tuesday that it's going to be a dry summer.

They said many Oregonians are turning to beer now that liquor is rationed a pint a week, that out-of-state breweries are cutting exports and that Oregon's four breweries just can't meet the demand.

As a consequence the "No Beer" sign is becoming common in taverns on weekends.

Oregon's breweries, one each in Portland, Pendleton, Medford and Salem, produce only 30 per cent of the beer consumed in the state, they said. Washington and California breweries are continuing to send some beer into Oregon, but midwestern and eastern manufacturers, their production cut by a government order limiting malt use, are concentrating on the home market.

Commercial Gas Usage Cut Asked

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Narrowing of the list of "preferred" commercial users of gasoline in the northwestern shortage area has been asked by Director Joseph B. Eastman of the office of defense transportation, it was learned Tuesday night.

In a letter to Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, Eastman warned that the list would have to be trimmed or it might prove necessary to allot more gasoline for civilian consumption at the expense of military supplies.

ODT spokesmen said that "no imminent breakdown" of industrial transportation was expected, but that as the autumn progresses the increased movement of crops and the possible return in contract hauling of military supplies to port areas might create a critical situation.

Joint Agriculture Resource Mobilization Plan Hinted

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—The United States may propose to other united nations creation of a joint body to mobilize the agricultural resources of all to swell the amount of food available for increasing war and relief needs, and also develop production strategically so that a minimum of transportation will be required.

The idea, advanced by a food study group, is under consideration by the administration. It is based on the premise that the United Nations are not now holding their own food production, and that the United States cannot alone make up the prospective deficit even though it hopes for a record harvest next year.

The United States' 1944 food planting goal was set by Food Administrator Marvin Jones to-day at \$80,000,000 acres, an increase of 16,000,000 over that for 1943. He also asked that meat, dairy and egg production be maintained at high levels.

"Every crop acre and every farming facility in the nation should be mobilized for its most productive use," Jones said.

The suggested United Nations war food body would be separate from an international agency proposed by the recent Hot Springs, Va., food conference to map plans for post-war expansion of production, distribution and consumption of food.

The proposal came from a subcommittee of the government's food advisory commission, which is made up of representatives of the agriculture department, the war food administration, the military services, the war production board, the lend-lease administration and the office of price administration.

Henry Fonda Named in Suit For Medical Costs, Support Of Unwed Mother and Child

LOS ANGELES, July 13 (AP)—Alleging that Henry Fonda, now in the United States navy, is the father of her child, Miss Barbara Thompson Tuesday sued the screen actor for the baby's support.

Stating she and Fonda have never been married, Miss Thompson asked for \$5000 medical expenses, \$10,000 attorney fees, \$2500 court costs and \$200 monthly support for the girl she has named Sharon Fonda, born June 21.

Miss Thompson also sought a restraining order forbidding Fonda from disposing of any of his assets pending outcome of the litigation. A plea was made for appointment of a receiver for the actor's holdings, meanwhile.

Fonda, 37, is married to the former Mrs. Frances Brokaw, widow of George T. Brokaw, wealthy New York attorney-sportsman. He entered the navy as an apprentice seaman last August.

Commenting on the suit, Mrs. Fonda at her home told newsmen:

"Who is this Miss Thompson? I can tell you that Henry or I have never heard of Miss Thompson and that the charges made by this woman are false. I handle all my husband's affairs now that he is in the navy, and I am sure I would have been told of this matter if there was anything to it."

In her complaint, Miss Thompson estimated Fonda's income while he was in the movies at \$300,000 a year.

Fonda has two children of their own, Jayne, 6, and Peter, 3, and a child by Mrs. Fonda's former marriage to Brokaw, named Frances, 12.

Prior to his present marriage, Fonda was wed to Film Actress Margaret Sullivan. That marriage ended in divorce.

Miss Thompson was not identified in the suit, filed only a few minutes before superior court closed, and three Long Beach attorneys she listed as counsel were not immediately available for comment.

Allies Urge Bastille Day Observation

LONDON, July 13 (AP)—Allied broadcasts Tuesday night urged the French people to go quietly into the street at 7:45 p. m. on Bastille day Wednesday in a silent demonstration against the Nazi occupation.

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—On the eve of Bastille day, President Roosevelt made an indirect plea Tuesday night for French unity, declaring that France "transcends all parties, personalities and groups."

It advised them to act individually and not in groups so as not to direct attention to any leaders of the underground movement.

The BBC arranged a day-long program of broadcasts to the French on their national holiday with President Roosevelt's speech, making an indirect plea for French unity, as the highlight. Anthony Eden, foreign secretary, was a speaker later in the day.

Father Aleuin Raps Attitude Toward War

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with whom he had visited that morning. He told of the instruction and inspiration gained from that "tireless worker and deep-thinking guardian of the state."

He gave the following reasons for his permanent departure for Mexico: first, to act as a missionary; second, to help the Mexicans in the poorer districts to learn to raise themselves to a better standard of living; and third, a patriotic reason—that of bringing about a better understanding between Mexico and the United States.

"The Mexicans know us only by our faults and abuses recorded in history of the past and which have bred distrust," he said. "And we Americans, not understanding the Latin culture and religion display a superiority complex that will never make for good neighborliness."

As a priest, he hopes to win the confidence of the people, who are 90 per cent Catholic, and thus bring about a better feeling between the two countries. "I feel as if I were only going to another sector of the fighting front," he continued, "and it is only for these reasons that I am willing to say good-bye to something so hard to leave—Mt. Angel."

He urged the Catholics and non-Catholics of Mt. Angel to continue their friendly cooperation of the past, and told them "The most unreligious thing in religion is prejudice." Of the people of St. Mary's parish he asked a promise to retain their willingness to sacrifice for the common good.

Father Aleuin will leave for his "Mexican adventure" the early part of next week. His many friends in and about Mt. Angel are invited to a reception in his honor at the Legion hall next Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m., arranged by a committee headed by Mayor Berchtold.

The club's election of officers was postponed to the next meeting.

Commander



Gen. Alfredo Guzman (above) commander Italian forces in Sicily, and London military sources said that he apparently was leading the defense of the island against the allied invasion, with two German field marshals sharing in the general command from Italy. — Associated Press Teletext.

Independence Bridge Plan For Post-War

Plans for presentation of the Independence bridge over the Willamette as a suggested post-war highway project along with completion of the Kings Valley road were discussed Tuesday in Dallas, when Polk and Marion county courts met.

Attending the session were representatives of the Kings Valley highway association, who are urging addition of the proposed bridge to list of construction projects to receive immediate post-war attention.

Game Commission Sets Up Bird Migratory

EUGENE, July 13 (AP)—The state game commission has taken options on 1500 acres in the Camas swale region near Creswell for a migratory bird reserve, the only one of its kind in the Willamette valley.

The commission said half of the land would be used as a shooting grounds.

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A MISSOURI OUTLAW

ing to give more time for the talk. Sgt. Raymond Pomeroy, home on furlough from Mississippi, and Pvt. Joseph Hettwer, who has been in the South Pacific, were introduced by their fathers, Fred Pomeroy and Frank Hettwer. Both answered questions pertaining to their experiences and life in Australia and the danger of tropical diseases.

Berlin Says Americans on New Jap Isle

NEW YORK, July 13 (AP)—A Berlin broadcast quoting a Japanese communiqué said Tuesday night that American forces have occupied the island of Bonina and were bombed by Japanese planes.

The broadcast, recorded by NBC said the island gave the Americans footing on two sides of the Kula Gulf.

The occupation of the island has not been confirmed by allied headquarters. A Japanese communiqué on July 9 also said the allies were attacking on Bonina, a densely wooded island off the New Georgia coast, a short distance from Munda point.

100 Loggers Out on Strike

NORTH BEND, July 13 (AP)—One hundred CIO loggers of the Coos Bay Logging company were on strike here Tuesday.

Union officials said they were protesting lack of a union agreement and refusal of two men to join the union. A previous contract expired April 1.

Company officials said the sawmill would be able to continue operations temporarily on a backlog of timber.

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