

Yank Bombers Renew Blows Against Kiska

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—The North Pacific command, increasing its pressure on Japan's Kiska island outpost, threw heavy and medium bombers as well as warships into the most recently reported onslaughts against the enemy garrison there, the navy disclosed Saturday.

An American warship, probably a cruiser or destroyer, started the assault, which could be in the nature of softening up operations for a landing on Kiska, with an attack on Gertrude cove, southwest of Kiska harbor, on Thursday. Enemy guns failed to return the fire—possibly a bit of playing dead by the Japanese for the purpose of concealing their key defense positions.

The attack by naval guns was followed up, today's communique revealed, by a force of army Liberator heavy bombers, Mitchell medium bombers and Lightning fighters which made a total of four raids over the mountainous, fog blocked island.

"Several fires were observed in the vicinity of the enemy aircraft batteries," the navy said in the only line in the communique which gave a clue to the targets of our bombers.

The aerial forays were the first against Kiska since Monday when three attacks were made. They raised the total for the month to 16, whereas in April, the heaviest month of attack to date, 140 assaults were made. Navy men said that fog and poor operating conditions at this season forced the reduction in the frequency of air attacks from the American base at Amchitka island, only 63 nautical miles to the southeast of Kiska.

AMGOT Rules Areas Taken In Sicily

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—The AMGOT (Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories) would destroy the "influence of fascism," abolish the fascist party, and make "no negotiations with exiles or refugees." AMGOT, it added, "will attempt to govern the people of occupied provinces and cities through their own officials who are not active members of the fascist party."

Men have been trained secretly for the task for months. They were selected for special qualifications—doctors, lawyers, engineers, police and civil administrators—from the army or civilian ranks. They were given language lessons, listened to lectures by experts on the history, geography, psychology, customs, and government systems of Italy.

When they went ashore, the AMGOT officers knew Italy as well as they knew their own country, or perhaps better.

Layton Faces 2 Indictments

ROY HEWITT of Salem, and District Attorney Bruce Spaulding, were present. Layton had been scheduled to plead to the original indictment.

The girl disappeared June 8. Her body was found in the river June 13 and on July 7 Capt. Vayne Gurdane of the state police announced that Layton admitted having criminally attacked the girl and having subsequently struck her in the face just before she fell into the river.

Picnic Planned By USO Today For Servicemen

Cars leaving the Court street USO at 2 p.m. today will take junior hostesses and servicemen to Paradise Island for a picnic. Badminton, softball, swimming and horseshoe pitching are on the entertainment menu.

New equipment at the Court street club for servicemen includes not only a recording machine but "plenty" of records, Adj. Thomas, director, said Saturday, and servicemen are invited to make recordings to send home.

Catania Battle In Final Stage

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captured Catagirone, and farther west the Americans had penetrated 30 miles inland in the allied invasion only a week old.

While the Eighth army rolled up the axis coastal flank the Canadians pushed on through Catagirone to hit the enemy on the other side. Catagirone's fall denied to the axis a vital east-west road needed for mobilization of German-Italian strength around Catania.

Advices from the battle area said the British warriors were mopping up pockets of Italian resistance north of Lentini and Scordia.

Other Italian units had cracked and retreated, leaving the pockets at the base of the hills fringing the Catania plain, and it was apparent that the allied forces were within grasping distance of the next of enemy airfields of Gerbini as well as Catania. Gerbini is 13 miles southwest of Catania.

American and Canadian troops to Montgomery's left struck deep into the heart of the enemy's defenses in central Sicily, pulling their line up abreast of the Eighth army's.

The American Seventh army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was reported to have struck far north and west of Catagirone, reaching a distance of about 30 miles from the sea, and probably was emerging from the screen of hills fringing its beachheads.

(A penetration of 30 miles in this area would represent a dangerous spearhead aimed either at Caltanissetta or Enna, communication and concentration centers in the middle of Sicily. The comparative silence concerning the Seventh army's movements might be explained by the importance of these objectives. Caltanissetta is 28 miles from the coast and almost due north of Rieti, already in American hands.)

Strong allied naval forces, patrolling the narrow waters off the east coast almost in the shadow of Mussolini's mainland air base and with complete disregard for his navy, were paving the way for Montgomery by throwing shells into axis defenses at will.

Again allied motor gunboats ventured into the two-mile wide Messina Strait in their war to cut the island's communications with the mainland and routed a formation of Italian motor torpedo boats, sinking one and damaging two others.

Police Still Adding Clues In Burglaries

Police of the area were putting two and two together Saturday but weren't ready to believe they had the correct answer in the problem created by a series of successful and attempted burglaries Friday night.

At Bishop's store on North Liberty street, where a heel was stomped through a pane of glass in one display window to gain entry, \$13.50 in merchandise was taken but the burglar left his own money belt, city police said.

No article was missing nor was there evidence that Ogden's Beauty shop, a block north of the clothing store, had been ransacked, but the glass was broken out of the front door.

The bolt was forced, but the padlock held and attempts to enter the Smoke shop, 363 State street, were unsuccessful, the janitor, who arrived at 4 a.m., declared.

Two attempts were made before access was gained to Habby's market, 1590 South Commercial, officers said. Glass near the lock of the front door was broken, but since a key would have been required, the burglar moved to the back of the store, forced a door and went in to eat a piece of hologna, drink a bottle of soda pop, pick up three cartons of cigarettes and 68 cents in pennies.

War Crime Arrests 147

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—Arrest and conviction of 147 persons for war crimes—espionage, sabotage, sedition and failure to register as foreign agents—during the 12 month period ending June 30 was reported Saturday by the department of justice.

Invader Chaplain



Lieut. George B. Wood (above), of Austin, Minn., an Episcopalian, was among four chaplains who parachuted to Sicily along with invading US paratroopers.

Reds Nearing Orel Defense

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down a hail of fire to cover the advancing Russians who, admittedly, were meeting desperate resistance but were not being stopped in their effort to unhinge the entire German line in South-central Russia.

Fighting also broke out in the Caucasus where Russian troops recaptured a "height of great strategic importance; northeast of Novorossiisk," the bulletin said. More than 600 Germans were killed, some prisoners were taken, and 35 mortar and machine guns were destroyed, it added.

Agriculture Executives Pitch Hay

Oregon's haying secretary of agriculture, L. Peterson, and two executives from the department head are in there—or out there—pitching today.

Peterson, who as a boy learned to pitch hay on his father's farm in southwestern Oregon and who continued to do the job as a man in vacation periods and when he later operated the farm himself, with Agriculture Department Cashier Glenn L. Hoar and State Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart, today will help get in the hay crop on the Matthis place across from Labish Center schoolhouse.

The trio answered the call of the emergency farm labor division of the county extension service.

US Prisoners Of Japs May Get Supplies

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—The state department announced Saturday it was working on a plan to send medicines and other relief supplies through Soviet Russia to American war prisoners and internees in the far east, subject to Japanese agreement.

The Soviet government has expressed its readiness to assist by facilitating shipment through Soviet territory to Japan if satisfactory arrangements are made by the United States with Japan, the announcement said, and the Japanese government has agreed to consider the proposal.

Nazis Bolster French Defense

BERN, Switzerland, July 17—(AP)—Nazi troops are pouring into the Lyon region of southern France and a dispatch to the Tribune de Geneve said they now number two complete armies.

Puzzled inhabitants of the region, the dispatch said, at first thought these were intended to relieve Italian contingents, many of which left for Italy. The Italians, however, were immediately replaced by other troops from Italy.

Willamette Bridge Eyed

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the coast, improvement of the Salem-Silverton highway, reconstruction of the Pacific highway south of Salem, and completion of the Wilsonville highway.

The Polk county court, concurring in advocacy of the Rickreall-Buell project, mentioned also improvement of the road from Lincoln to McCoy, relocation and reconstruction of the Salt Creek highway, improvement of the Buena Vista road, and reconstruction of part of the Pacific highway west.

Discussing the tour, which covered approximately 1200 miles and was marked by conferences with the courts of 13 counties, Chairman Banfield of the commission said:

"I am of the opinion that the courts of these counties are 100 per cent behind the post-war highway construction program which will be one of the most substantial ever conducted in this state."

He said the commission expects to have approximately \$19,000,000 available in each of the three years immediately following the war, of which \$15,000,000 will be federal funds. The two western Oregon projects receiving endorsement of virtually all county courts were the Pacific highway east and the Oregon Coast highway, proposed for reconstruction to standard.

Chairman Banfield explained that the tour's purpose was that of obtaining an over-all picture of the needs and desires of the various counties, and that the commission was making no definite commitments at this time.

"It is our desire to have a well balanced program," he declared, "and one that will benefit the entire state."

7 Nip Ships Sunk by Yanks

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ping, a heavy force of Liberators and Flying Fortresses attacked the nearby Kahili airbase, starting early in the evening of July 16. The series of attacks lasted nine hours, starting many fires and probably knocking out a number of grounded Japanese planes.

In two naval actions against the "Tokyo express" since the start of the current operations in the Solomon, at least 12 and probably 17 cruisers and destroyers have been sunk.

We lost six planes. Bula is on the southern tip of Bougainville island and Falai is a tiny island south of Bougainville.

'Big Inch' Celebration To Be Staged

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., July 17—(AP)—Big Inch is in the celebration stage.

At a ceremony at the pumping station near this eastern Pennsylvania town, high government officials and executives of War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., will gather Monday to signify completion of the 1341-mile line of 24-inch pipe linking Longview, Tex., and Linden, N.J. On the program are Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, and W. Alton Jones, president of the federally-financed pipeline corporation which built Big Inch at a cost of \$95,000,000.

Already 100,000 barrels of oil is being pumped into the line daily at Norris City, Ill., junction of the eastern and southern links. Today it is flowing at a steady three miles an hour beneath the farm-lands of mid-southern Illinois. It will not reach the Atlantic seaboard area for three weeks. But when it does, military and civilian users stand ready to blot up the entire normal flow of 300,000 barrels a day.

Oyster Growers Told of Bright Market Future

Oregon oysters have a great and coming market and those of Coos Bay are produced under ideal conditions of fresh water currents and ocean tides, Dr. Trevor Kincaid, internationally known oyster authority, told members of the Oregon Farmers' Cooperative association, growers of Coos Bay oysters, at their semi-annual meeting Saturday in Salem.

Kincaid spoke at the luncheon meeting of the association at VFW hall, where members were served oyster stew.

At the business session, presided over by Warren Gray, who replaces George W. Potts, sr., as president, the association was told that Coos Bay oysters have been allotted the highest ceiling prices given any bivalves by the OPA, that the wholesale ceiling on the canned product is almost five times that charged a year or two ago.

W. V. Cate, Lebanon, was introduced as the new director, replacing on the board Potts, who has gone to Montana with his wife because of her health.

Guard Axis Prisoners



McCormick Reveals New Gas Source

NEW YORK, July 17—(AP)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, said Saturday that engineers at the newspaper's pulp plants in Canada had developed a converter engine which could produce a gas capable of powering commercial vehicles and "helping solve the gasoline shortage" without using any critical materials.

The machine was so successful, he said in an interview, that the Canadian government had taken it over with a view to perfecting it.

The converter preferably burns charcoal from wood that normally has little commercial value, Col. McCormick explained, and gas is formed which passes through a filter and carburetor of special design.

Col. McCormick said that while the fuel is not feasible for use in private autos, it would function well in heavy cars and trucks. If manufactured in quantity, the production machines would cost \$400 apiece, he said.

WLB Ruling May Decide 'Closed Shop'

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—A case now before the war labor board may result in a court interpretation of what congress had in mind with respect to closed shops and union maintenance agreements when it enacted the Connally-Smith labor disputes law.

The case is a controversy between the Atlantic Basin Iron Works of Brooklyn and the CIO International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers. In line with WLB practices, the board's shipbuilding commission has ordered a union security clause written into a contract between the company and the union.

This clause provides that union members who do not resign their membership within 15 days must remain members in good standing during the life of the contract as a condition of employment.

Kaiser Sets Three Ships

PORTLAND, July 17—(AP)—Henry Kaiser's shipyards, which already have broken about every cargo shipbuilding record, will turn on an extra spurt Tuesday for Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to this country.

It'll be a triple launching—a Liberty ship from the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, a tanker from the Swan Island yard and a vest-pocket aircraft carrier from the Vancouver yard.

Fish Fleet Boost Seen

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—A 300-vessel expansion of the nation's fishing fleet was advocated Saturday by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, as coordinator of fisheries, to boost the annual catch by one billion pounds.

Red Artillery Guns Found In Sicily

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH-SICILY, July 15—(Delayed AP)—Eight abandoned 240-millimeter Russian artillery field guns have been captured by advancing troops of the seventh army, which has taken more than 12,000 axis prisoners since invading Sicily Saturday.

The mammoth guns were apparently brought by Germans who had taken them during the Russian campaign. They were found on the battlefield by infantry pushing north of Gela. The artillerymen manning them had been forced to flee before they could do damage of any consequence. The Germans found that the huge guns, like their huge 52-ton tiger tanks, were of no use against the sweeping, rough-and-ready American tactics.

Franco Tells 'Monarchist' Policy Aims

MADRID, July 17—(AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco, in a long awaited statement on domestic policy, said Saturday that he did not oppose the possibility of a restoration of the Spanish monarchy but added that the monarchy should never serve as a tool for foreign propaganda.

The phalange party and its program, he said, was "the only just and true solution" of Spain's problems.

Franco also indicated that the question of restoration was being used by foreign propaganda in Spain, although he did not say how.

He made it clear that he conceived of the monarchy's return at the moment he decided it was propitious, and then it would be "adopted" by the phalange party movement which he heads.

He spoke to the national council of the phalange party.

3 Oregon Men Die in Prison

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—Names of nine northwest men were included Saturday in an additional war department list of US soldiers who have died of disease in Japanese prison camps since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. The names were obtained from the international Red Cross.

They included: Jones, Cpl. Stanley P.; mother Mrs. Naomi O. Ecker, route one, Monroe.

Kaspari, Pfc. Robert V.; mother Mrs. Ann Kaspari, 21 SE 10th St., Pendleton.

Ring, Pvt. Meivin E.; father, George Ring, Gold Hill.

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Timber Wolves See Firepower Demonstration

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etic targets represented enemy troops. Tracer bullets made the effectiveness of the fire visible to the spectators.

Present for the occasion were four division commanders: Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook of the Timber Wolf division; Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley of the 96th division; Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay of the 91st division and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist of the Trailblazer division. Brig. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, assistant division commander, and Brig. Gen. William C. Dunkel, artillery commander of the Timber Wolf division, also attended, and staff officers of the other division were present as guests of Maj. Gen. Cook.

'Very Few' Ersatz Tires For Civilians

AKRON, Ohio, July 17—(AP)—P. Seiberling, president of the Seiberling Rubber company, in a statement issued Saturday said there would be "very, very few" new all-synthetic tires for civilians this year.

The rubber manufacturer declared that his industry had "not yet licked" many problems of synthetic tire production, although the job of producing quantities of raw synthetic rubber has been virtually accomplished.

Young Ribbentrop Gets Decoration

The Berlin radio said today that Rudolf von Ribbentrop, 22-year-old son of the reich foreign minister, has been decorated with the knight's insignia of the Iron Cross north of Belgorod in Russia.

Legion Voting Eyes Vice-Commander Post

With the election of John Olson as commander a foregone conclusion, principal interest in the annual election of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, scheduled for Monday night, centers in the office of first vice-commander, B. E. "Kelly" Owen and Stanley Krueger are the nominees. Contests for most of the other offices are in prospect. The meeting will be held in the Eagle hall.

Labor Leader Urges Political Unity

PHILADELPHIA, July 17—(AP)—Labor does not plan to form a new political party, but a move for "complete political unity in the coming campaign" is under way, Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO political committee, told a meeting here Saturday. He said that unified support of the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods will be sought.

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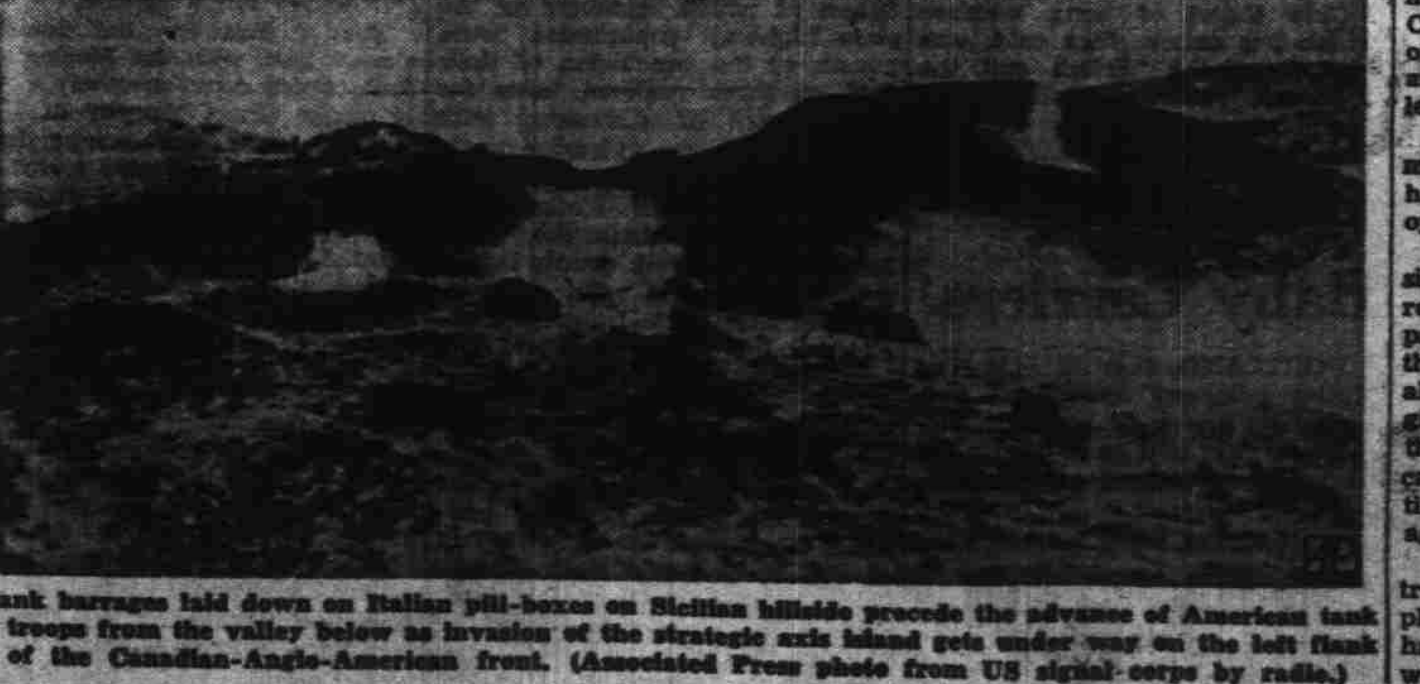
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Blast Pill-Boxes on Sicily Hillside



Tank barrages laid down on Italian pill-boxes on Sicilian hillside precede the advance of American tank troops from the valley below as invasion of the strategic axis island gets under way on the left flank of the Canadian-Anglo-American front. (Associated Press photo from US signal corps by radio.)