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# Rome Military Installations Blasted; Axis Resistance in Sicily Tottering

## Allies Spear Inland

### Montgomery's Troops Within 3 Miles of Catania Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 19 (AP)—Axis resistance in central Sicily tottered Monday night as American and Canadian troops raced down the 10-mile road leading to the vital communication hub of Enna after over-running Caltanissetta and Piazza Armerina.

The British Eighth army on the eastern coast was battering at Catania's doors.

(The Moroccan radio reported that "American and Canadian troops have reached Enna," and radio France at Algiers said aerial reconnaissance had noted the enemy's "general movement of retreat" toward Messina in north-eastern Sicily.

"By road and rail enemy forces are falling back on Messina with heavy and light equipment," radio France said.

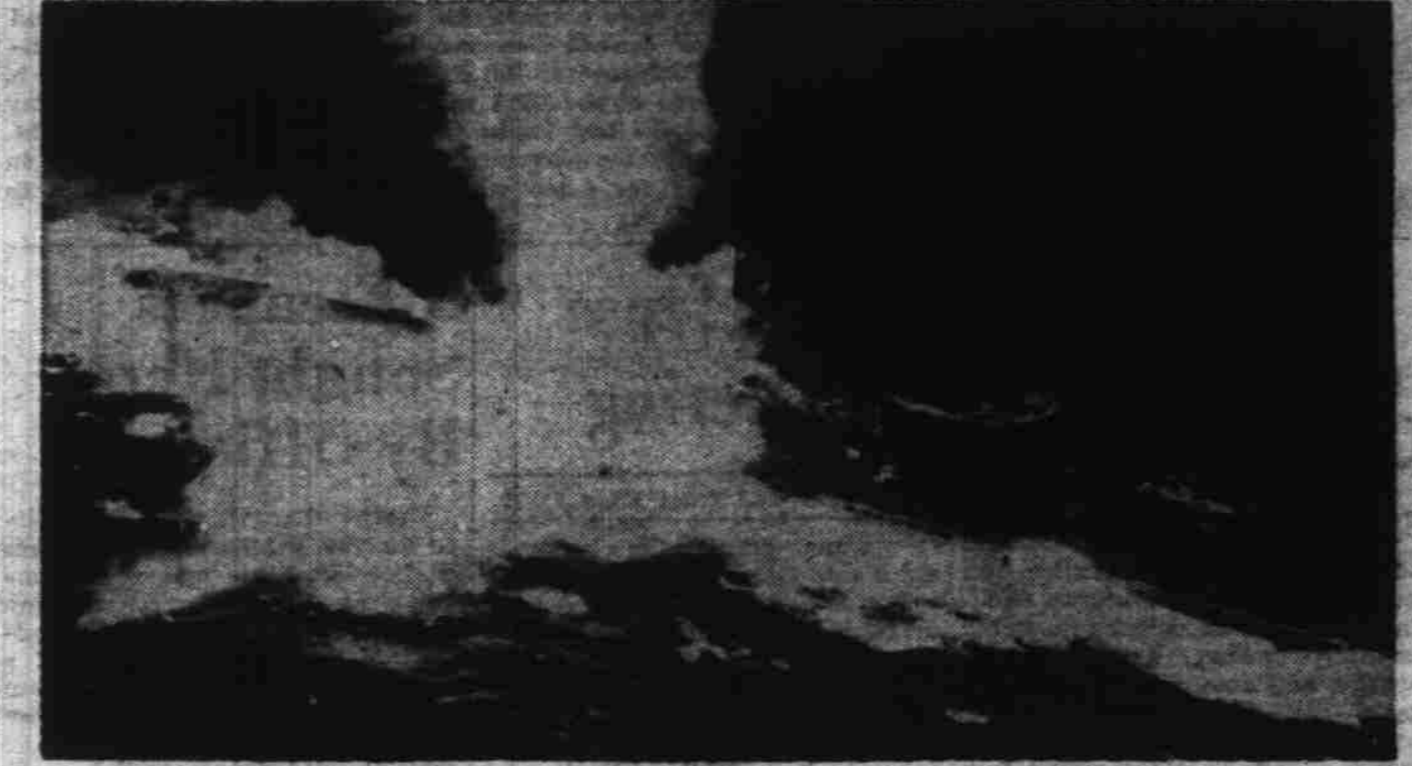
"All around this port reports speak of considerable defensive preparations. It appears everything is being done for a final, prolonged stand.")

The prisoners told had mounted to 35,000, of which 23,000 were in American hands.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British troops were within three miles of Catania, 40 miles to the east from the American and Canadian columns converging on Enna.

German troops fought savagely to save Catania, a port prize half-way up the coast to Messina, the best possible point for the enemy (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Cameraman Catches 'Sure Kill'



Leader of a mast wolfpack is target of a plane from a United States escort carrier with a photographer aboard. The cameraman, riding with the bombers of the fourth torpedo bomber attack group, captured this remarkable close-up of the sea-air action. One bare-legged nest on the deck of the leader-type U-boat stands in awe of the towering spray while another ducks against the coming tower. A depth bomb (center) can be seen about to hit the water. (See page nine for further pictures of the action.)—EIN Photo.

## No Axis Planes Met

### Not One Liberator Reported Lost in Large Scale Raid

CAIRO, July 19—(AP)—American airmen, including those of the Catholic faith, from Libyan bases, bombed the Littorio freight yards in Rome for 75 minutes Monday without any fighter opposition, and up to a late hour Monday night not a single Liberator had been reported lost on the successful expedition.

A few planes had landed at other than their home bases, however, after dropping 350 tons of bombs on their target.

As many Catholics as possible were chosen for the raid on the military objective in Rome in order to counter any possible axis propaganda lies, it was disclosed here.

"Now remember," said an officer who gave his men a final briefing before they took off, "these

## Killed



KENNETH LLOYD HOUGHAM

### Prison Guard's Condition Is Said Better

Condition of Sol Worden, veteran guard captain at the state penitentiary who was stabbed Sunday forenoon by two convicts as they attempted to escape, was reported as "better" late Monday night at the Salem General hospital. Hospital attendants said he was "resting comfortably."

Kenneth Lloyd Hougham, 22, making his second attempt to escape from the prison, was shot and killed by Guard Bert Doolin. A coroner's jury Monday afternoon returned a verdict that the shooting was done "in performance of duty."

Legal action which may be taken against Albert Doolin, 32, the other convict participating in the attempted break, will depend upon the outcome of Worden's wounds, District Attorney Miller B. Hayden said Monday.

Doolin has served less than one year of a 25-year sentence imposed under a section of the habitual criminal act dealing with two and three-time offenders. Busy with the inquest Monday, the district attorney had not been able to check up on Doolin's status. If the attack upon the prison guard was his fourth offense, a life sentence would be possible even though Worden recovers.

Armed with knives, one of which had been stolen from the prison kitchen and the other possibly from a work shop, the two (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

## Airmen Heavily Briefed

### Romans Warned That Attack Coming; Destruction High

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 19 (AP)—Specially trained American precision airmen dropped hundreds of tons of bombs on rail and airfield installations at Rome Monday in the first attack of the war on the Eternal City.

The first "bombs away" call of flying fortress bombardiers came at 11:13 a. m. (2:13 a. m. PWT).

Leaflets first were dropped, advising the inhabitants why certain sections of the city were military objectives.

Tons of explosives then smashed the San Lorenzo railway yards four miles east of Vatican city. That was the target nearest to the

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday, July 20—(AP)—Fires were still burning in Rome early today following the American raid on military targets there, and all of the population of the Italian capital not essential to its utility has been urged to evacuate the city, Rome dispatches to the Swedish press said.

Vatican. The yards are those in which axis troop trains are made up for dispatch southward to Sicily and the southern mainland. The Littorio yards further east and the Campino airfield also were bombed heavily by airmen using the highly accurate American bombsight.

Fortresses, Mitchells and Maunders from the North African (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Council Mulls Bugs, Burner In Dry Session

By ISABEL CHILDS

Bicycles and their licensing problems were kept in the background while bedbug exterminators and the new sawdust burner in the city hall took the center of the stage at Monday night's Salem council session.

The bedbug exterminator, described by Alderman L. F. LeGarie as a "horse and buggy day" type of insect eradicator, consisting of drug and drum, which together with transportation, had cost \$91.04 was purchased without council action or call for bids.

In a similar manner the new sawdust burner was installed in the basement of the city hall, LeGarie, chairman of the committee on accounts and current expenses, said as he explained to the council why his committee had refused to approve the bills. On the other hand, he said, the city had received the merchandise and in both cases it was needed and it should pay the bills.

When the council, 10 persons strong, split evenly on the question of paying up immediately or conducting an investigation beyond the council chambers, Mayor I. M. Doughton cast the deciding vote in favor of immediate payment.

The sawdust burner and its installation, together with the cost of moving a water tank upstairs, was billed at \$321.30. Included was cost of re-installation after an error in operation had (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Russian Pincers Threaten To Engulf Germans at Orel

### Red Troops Push Wedge Deeper Into Enemy

LONDON, Tuesday, July 20 (AP)—Russian armies pounding on a semicircle around Orel captured 130 villages and populated places in advances from four to six miles Monday to the north, east and south of the great German base 200 miles south of Moscow, the soviet command announced today.

Earlier reports from Moscow had placed the red army within 12 miles of Orel and said the soviets were wheeling up artillery within range of the city. Berlin reported the whole Russian front ablaze with red army attacks all the way from Leningrad to the western Caucasus.

Among the towns captured was Malo-Archangelak, 25 miles south of Orel on the railway running to Russian-held Kurak.

Another 72 German tanks and 86 planes were destroyed, running the toll of attrition exacted from the Germans since their attack of July 5 was converted into a counter attack to 3516 tanks and 2094 planes. These German losses were suffered Sunday.

The midnight communique, recorded by the soviet monitor from the Moscow radio, said the Germans were fighting back determinedly, mounting a dozen counter attacks during Monday. All were declared repulsed with heavy losses.

Troops pounding down from the north achieved the greatest successes, scooping up 70 populated places, the communiques said. Those pressing up from the south toward a junction with the column atop and behind Orel were said to have captured 20 populated places. A junction of these columns would pinch off the Orel salient and trap large German forces in the base.

Other troops moving in frontally from the east were credited with seizing 20 places.

The 255-mile front from Belgorod to Sukhinichi is formed like an "S" with a German bulge in the Russian lines around Orel, and with a Russian bulge pointing out from Kurak. It was in the Kurak area where the battle was joined July 5.

## Munition Train Fire 'Shells' Ohio Village

MONROEVILLE, O., July 19—(AP)—Bursting shells fell on this village of 1200 for three hours Monday night following an explosion of two derailed munitions-laden freight cars which set fire to 12 oil tank cars and caused the death of one man and injured at least two others.

The explosion and fire occurred when a Wheeling and Lake Erie car left the rails and pulled 12 others with it, sheriff's deputies said. Firemen were hampered in fighting the blaze by exploding shells.

Villagers reported shells screaming overhead as flames spread through the two explosive-laden cars.

Conductor Ernest Gosser said the victim was a transient, one of three he had seen on the train shortly before the explosion. The victim was burned beyond recognition.

Alfred Workman of Cleveland, who said he was riding the train with another man "looking for work" was taken to Norwalk City hospital. Workman added he did not know what became of his companion.

Federal bureau of investigation agents from Cleveland and Toledo were at the accident scene. Cause of the wreck was not determined immediately.

## Newest OPA Officer Set

WASHINGTON, July 19—(AP)—Prime Administrator Prentiss Brown, Monday announced officially that Chester A. Bowles, Connecticut director of the office of price administration would take office in Washington on July 27 as senior deputy administrator of OPA with the powers of a general manager.

## Auto Industry Arms Work High

DETROIT, July 19—(AP)—The automotive council for war production reported Monday that arms output of the car industry during June reached a total of \$725,000,000 compared with \$705,000,000 in May and with \$382,800,000 in June a year ago.

The industry now is producing at an annual rate of \$6,700,000,000, according to George Romney, managing director of the council.

## City Postwar Plans Group Is Named

Salem's postwar planning committee, authorized at Monday night's council session and named during the meeting by Mayor I. M. Doughton, includes Aldermen Daniel J. Fry, David O'Hara and Tom Armstrong; City Residents Hilda Swart, C. E. McCullough, Carl Hogg and David Wright.

Swart, a former county engineer, is resident engineer here with the state highway department, a member of the city planning commission and other postwar planning boards. Dr. McCullough, assistant state highway engineer, is likewise on other planning commissions.

Chairman of Commerce President Carl Hogg and David Wright, divisional superintendent for the Portland General Electric company, represent other business and engineering interests.

The committee is charged with studying the city's needs which might be met with postwar construction, plans for obtaining funds for such construction and preparation of plan outlines for presentation to the council and other interested bodies.

## British Cost Of Living Up

LONDON, Tuesday, July 20—(AP) Britain's cost of living index Monday was officially reported as two points higher on July 1 than it was the previous month.

The chief reason was given as an increase in the average price of new potatoes.

## Liquor Store Hour System Is Changed

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19—(AP) State liquor stores will operate under shorter hours on a first-come, first-serve basis starting Tuesday, Administrator Ray Conway announced Monday.

The store will open at noon instead of 10 a. m., with a supply of all types of liquor available placed on sale at the opening hour and at 8 p. m. each week day.

The 8 p. m. closing hour will remain the same. Conway said the changes were made because of liquor and employ shortages.

## Black Market Candy Sold In Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19—(AP) Black market candy of inferior quality is being sold at exorbitant prices in Oregon and southern Washington, OPA investigators reported Monday.

Chocolates ordinarily priced at 75 to 85 cents are being shipped in and sold at from \$1.30 to \$1.50 a pound, District OPA Director Richard G. Montgomery said.

He charged that approximately 100 retail stores in the Portland OPA district have taken advantage of the sweet tooth of this war-boom area and asserted they will have to sell the remaining candy at a loss.

## Owen, Olson Take Posts In Legion Election Here

B. E. "Kelly" Owen was elected vice-commander of Capital Post 9 for the coming year, defeating Stanley Krueger in the only active contest for a major office in the post's annual election, held Monday night. John Olson, first vice-commander this year, was unopposed for the commandship. He will succeed Ira Pilcher.

Likewise without opposition, L. N. Bacon was elected second vice-commander, Ralph Campbell, adjutant, Harry Caldwell, finance officer, and S. W. McSherry, historian. C. V. Rishadon, chaplain, E. M. Phillips, quartermaster, Frank Wilhelm, sergeant at arms, S. W. Starr to the building committee.

There was competition for places on the executive committee, which went to Ira Pilcher, E. J. Scellars, Fred Paulus, Art Johnson and Mem Pearce.

Delegates to the department convention at Baker elected Monday night were Ira McSherry, S. W. Starr, B. E. Owen, George Averett, I. N. Bacon, Ray Stumbo, Fred Paulus, Brainer Small, Al-

## Phillips Eyed For Water Post

The name of W. L. Phillips for water commissioner to succeed Chandler P. Brown, who has resigned to enter naval service, was presented to Salem city council Monday night as a suggestion by the water commission. The council voted to wait two weeks before naming anyone to the vacancy.

## US Plane in Portugal

LISBON, Portugal, July 19—(AP) An American bomber made a forced landing at the Lisbon airfield Portela Monday. It had a crew of six.

## Giant Output Of Synthetic Rubber Seen

LOS ANGELES, July 19—(AP) F. B. Davis, Jr., board chairman of the United States Rubber Co., predicted Monday that by the end of 1944 American production of synthetic automobile passenger tires will have reached the rate of one every second.

However, rationing still will be necessary, even if military needs remain static, he stated during an interview.

"In 1942," he stated, "22,000 tons of synthetic rubber was manufactured by the entire industry. The production this month alone—July—will equal that."

This year 275,000 tons of synthetic will be produced by the industry, and in 1944 an estimated 850,000 tons will be made—100,000 tons more than all the rubber used in the peak American production year, 1941.

## See the First 'Bombar-Deer' Photo Wednesday

She may be Miss Bombar-Deer, or the girl with the most zoom or even the mostst parant job in the Salem area, the pretty girl whose picture is to appear Wednesday in The Statesman. First of the contestants in the all-fun competition (with \$100 worth of prizes presented by Stevens & Son Jewellers), she is one of several who appeared Monday at Miss Deer's studio to have her picture entered.

The prize winners will be announced from the stage of the Grand theatre at the close of the run of Bombar-Deer August 16, according to WAC L. L. Han Gerrick, chairman of the board of judges, who shares judging honors with officers at the Salem arbore.

## Jungle Fighting Flares On Munda Battle Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Tuesday, July 20—(AP)—Sharp jungle fighting, some of which was grim hand-to-hand combat, cost the Japanese more than 200 dead Monday as allied forces pressed their attacks throughout the far-flung Southwest Pacific battle area.

Near Munda, New Guinea, Major immediate objective of the offensive launched June 30 by General Douglas MacArthur, American troops made a limited advance to enlarge their beachhead at Lilo. Today's communique said 170 enemy dead were counted in the straggling jungle after the Americans consolidated their gains.

"Our losses were light," the announcement said.

Australians continued their advance in New Guinea, engaging the Japanese in sharp encounters on the slopes of Mount Tumbo, about seven miles from the big Japanese airbase at Salamaua. Eighty two Japanese dead were left on the battleground there.

Bombers from both the north and southwest Pacific areas not only gave powerful support to allied ground forces but carried the fight to enemy bases far removed from the jungle battlegrounds.

A strong force of Liberators during the night between July 18 and 19 repeated their near-record flight for land-based bombers to bomb Macassar on Celebes island.

Huge fires were started, some of which were visible by pilots 80 miles away on the homeward lap of the 2000-mile round trip flight. The mission to Macassar ranks second in long-distance bombing flights only to the bombing of Wake island by Hawaii-based aircraft.

The attack, directed at the waterfront, the factory area, and airfield installations, apparently caught the Japanese by surprise because the town was well lighted when the first bombers went into action. The attack lasted five hours.

Reports from the Munda area were confined as to our actual positions. The communique said only that "our ground troops have made a limited advance for the purpose of enlarging the beachhead at Lilo."

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