

Three More Jap Vessels Sunk

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After losing three warships and probably a fourth.
Two Avengers and two Mitchells failed to return from the smashing attack.

Bombs Lash Opposing Ends of Jap Defense

By the Associated Press
Two of the longest bombing flights ever made have brought Japanese defense positions under pressure in the Kurile Islands of the North Pacific and at Celebes Island in the Dutch East Indies, nearly 4000 miles to the south.
The first American raid against the northern Japanese islands was announced Tuesday by the navy department along with a disclosure that it is planning for the war against Japan to last until 1949.
Big American Liberators struck at Paramushiro in the Kurile Islands on Monday, just a day after other Liberators bombed Celebes in a 2000-mile round-trip flight from Australia.

The North Pacific flight apparently started from Amchitka or some other American base in the western Aleutian Islands. Paramushiro is 861 nautical or 997 land miles from there. If the raid started from Amchitka it would have required a round trip flight of almost 2000 miles.

In long distance bombing attacks the two flights rank second only to the 2400-mile round trip bombing of Wake Island by craft based in Hawaii. Both distances are almost double the London to Berlin mileage.

Paramushiro is at the northern end of the Kurile chain about 1200 miles north of Tokyo. A navy spokesman said clear weather enabled the pilots to smash at their targets with precision. The island is usually fog-bound like the Aleutians. A number of fires were observed and near hits were scored on ships.

The northern tip of Paramushiro, where the military positions are reported to be, is separated by a strait from Shumushu Island, which is just a few miles south of the Russian Kamchatka peninsula. Paramushiro is the Japanese base that lies astride of the Russian supply route from the United States.

Correspondent Tells Lesson Of Sicily

By JOHN GUNTHER
Representative Combined American Press (Distributed by the Associated Press)

HEADQUARTERS OF 15TH ARMY GROUP—(Delayed)—Lieut. Gen. Andrew McNaughton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian army, visiting here today, told me the chief lesson of the Sicilian landings is the evidence they provide that the allies are now capable of striking with tremendous efficiency and force on any front.
(It was announced officially at allied headquarters in North Africa Tuesday night that Gen. McNaughton had been to the Sicilian front and had returned to North Africa. Gunther's dispatch carried no date.)

This correspondent, who is the only American newspaper man attached to this advance headquarters, got a sharp impression that the veteran Canadian general spoke with Japan in mind. In fact McNaughton said our invasion of Europe, begun so suspiciously by the Sicilian operation, is certain to damage the morale of the Japanese as well as the Germans and Italians, since the Japs now know we can marshal overwhelming pressure to bear on any place, at any time, from the four corners of the earth.

Early Oregon Resident Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—(AP) Mrs. Julia Hall Powell, 83, early resident of Oregon, died here Tuesday. She came to Oregon in 1879, settling at Silverton.
Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Jones Marquam, and Mrs. Roma Hunter, Salem, and four children. Funeral services will be held in Portland and Woodburn Thursday with burial at Woodburn.

Yanks Form Human Chain to Save Oil Drums



New Guinea depot aflame—Working against a spectacular background of smoke and flame, American soldiers form a human chain as they remove precious oil drums while others seek to quench the fierce blaze caused by Jap incendiary bombs.—IIP photo.

Astoria Fire Razes 1 Block

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blaze, and the coast guard blocked off the whole section, which was littered with 15,000 feet of hose.

Coast guardsmen forced residents of neighboring districts to evacuate their homes, held them from the danger zone at gunpoint, and then removed household equipment from the endangered buildings, piling the streets high with furniture, bathtubs and radios.

Homeowners in a four-block radius used hoses to put out roof fires started by flying embers. The buildings destroyed included the five-story Hannula hotel, a landmark of the Finnish district, the Lopakka rooming house, and several large buildings divided into flats.

The western end of the city is comprised largely of a long-established Finnish colony, many of whom have been engaged for years in off-shore fishing.
John Lopakka, owner of the Lopakka rooming house, saved \$10,000 in cash entrusted to his safe-keeping by tenants. He wrapped the bills in sheets, dashed from the doomed building, and left the money with a nearby merchant.

It was the worst Astoria fire since the December 8, 1922, conflagration that destroyed virtually the entire business district at a loss of more than \$11,000,000. The fire raged for blocks, sweeping under the pilings on which the district then was built.

The district now has been rebuilt into a modern, fire-proof business section. The western end of town, however, is old and largely of wooden construction.
The homeless were finding shelter all over the city Tuesday night. A Finnish steam bath house proprietor opened the doors of his establishment for 25. The USO pavilion took in many, and others found lodging with private families.

British Boys To Mine Coal

LONDON, July 20.—(AP)—Ernest Bevin, minister of labor, told a meeting of the Blackpool Mine Workers federation Tuesday that 16 to 18-year-old boys must go into the mines to maintain war-essential coal production.

His announcement that Britain must call the youth to the pits just as though drafting them for the armed services appeared to be the newest phase of a government solution of the urgent war-time problem of lagging coal production and an increasing shortage of miners.

Navy Declines Offer

NEW YORK, July 20.—(AP)—The navy has declined the offer of James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, to make records free for sailors if it were considered necessary for morale, he disclosed Tuesday.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

He was only 17 years old and an almost perfect physical specimen, and when he was rejected for enlistment in the marines, there was genuine bitterness in his cup, says Sgt. Herman Doney, Salem marine recruiter, who relayed the story of this Willamette valley boy to us.

Reason for rejection was the fact that the hero of this column gave as his occupation "farming." The marines will not accept any man engaged in producing food for the war effort.

So the lad returned to his father's farm near Aumsville to continue to milk eight cows a day and to assist in raising 2000 chickens. He likes farming and before his rejection he had told Doney that he hoped to come through the war alive to return to the task he was leaving.

But today he carries a greater burden than the pails of milk, the bale of hay, the chickenfeed. For with him wherever he goes in his home community is the heavy echo of the word "patriotic" neighbors are calling him and that word is "sticker."

So, he has vowed as soon as he is 18 to run away from the farm to enter some other form of work and to try again to enlist in his nation's armed service.

He is young, and to face the neighbors whose own sons have risked their lives—or others drawing down good salaries in the shipyards—is to him more frightening than to walk through machine gun fire.

Perhaps one of the gifts he will receive on that 18th birthday, which is now only a few months distant, will be understanding. And he will know that to give one's life sometimes means living in unhappy surroundings just as surely as it means laying down one's body for a country or a set of ideals. As for the neighbors, they are, of course, representative of that great cross-section that does not know the meaning of the ideals for which their own sons fight nor stop to realize that for those who bear guns there must be those who feed the chickens and milk the cows.

Goyette Rites Slated Sunday

SILVERTON—Funeral services for Joe Goyette, 60, who died Sunday while at Bay Ocean digging claims, will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the E. K. n. chapel.

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Catholics Deplore Raid

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Press, called the news "grievous tidings indeed" and suggested that efforts be made to have Rome declared an open city.

Britain—Viscount Fitzalan, Catholic nobleman, asked in the house of lords whether the bombing had been necessary and whether damage had been to cultural or religious buildings. The leader of the house, Viscount Cranborne, replied only that "no detailed information was available."

United States—The most Rev. Edward Mooney, archbishop of Detroit and chairman of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare conference, expressed "surprise and regret" but said the Italian government could have made the bombing unnecessary.

But from bomb-pocked Malta came another type of comment. Under chalked signs of "bomb Rome" on the walls of buildings of this much bombed island appeared a postscript:
"Thanks."

Axis Speeds Reinforcement To Dodecanese

IZMIR, Turkey, July 20.—(AP)—A new German brigade was reported Tuesday moving down the Aegean sea in the direction of the Dodecanese islands.

The first units of the brigade, which was reported to include all battle elements, were said to have reached Rhodes on the Dodecanese. The reinforcement of the Italian Dodecanese islands in the eastern Mediterranean indicated that the axis might fear a new allied assault from large allied armies reported stationed in the Levant, or perhaps a revolt of the Italian garrisons there.

Draft Violator Is Sentenced

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—(AP) A federal court jury Tuesday convicted Howard M. Agan, 19, a religious sect member, of violating the selective service act.
He failed to report to a conscientious objector's camp as ordered by his Woodburn draft board.

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Americans Aim To Split Sicily

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Agripento, front dispatches said. Other units already about 30 miles inland bore a more dangerous threat, aiming at Sicily's central lifelines. From captured Caltanissetta, US troops with Canadian forces are throwing a pincer upon Enna, key of the island's inner defense astride main highway and railroads east and west. The Americans also may be thrusting northwest, toward Palermo only 60 airline miles distant on the northwest coast.

Central (Canadian) sector: Driving north of Piazza Armerina upon Enna, Canadian troops struck strong opposition from the German 15th armored division, but "continue to fight their way forward."

Eastern (British) sector: Outside the Ver gates to Catania, waves of separate German tank attacks were blasted on the rolling plains with heavy losses to the Nazi units, including the Goering grenadier regiment, parachute troops and infantry.

The famous British Eighth army is "gathering strength and armored patrols are probing the defenses," said headquarters, and observers here said Montgomery apparently was getting a firm grip on Catania plain as a springboard for a gigantic jump against Messina.

The communique's wording indicated that the methodical, thorough Montgomery was readying a typical crusher assault by tanks, artillery and infantry. His objective would be not only the battered seaport of Catania only three miles ahead of him, but a pell-mell rush 50 miles up the coast to Messina, some military quarters said.

The Germans were fighting as though with the realization that on this battle depended the fate of Sicily. Catania is the last great natural stronghold below Messina.

Italian War Prisoner Flees

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Shoshones Start Annual 'Sun Dance'

PORT HALL, Idaho, July 20 (AP)—Paint-streaked redmen of the Bannack and Shoshone Indian tribes responded to the thundering beat of the tom-toms to begin at sundown Tuesday night their annual sun dance.

Around skull-topped poles at Bannack creek and Buffalo Lodge on the Fort Hall reservation, the Indians began their three-day shuffling ordeal that they believe will assure them good health during the coming year.

Middle-aged men and a few squaws participated, replacing the usual youthful bucks who this year are in the military service of their country.

Conley Takes 6-Week Leave

Civil Defense Post To Be Vacated For 'Needed' Vacation
A six-week leave from his duties as Marion county civilian defense coordinator was voted early this week to Bryan H. Conley by the executive committee of the civilian defense council.

The action was taken, council representatives announced Tuesday, so that Conley might have more time to devote to his home and to be with his wife who is at Salem Deaconess hospital, where she was brought the past weekend following a harvest field accident. Helping with the hay in fields of friends near the coast, Mrs. Conley received severe cuts on the foot, but her condition was reported here Tuesday as good.

Conley, since July, 1941, with the exception of one brief vacation, has spent after-dinner hours at least five nights a week in civilian defense offices here, in addition to his work for the state industrial accident commission.

Those offices, now in the Ladd & Bush building, recently opened for regular daytime hours, will henceforth be open from 7 to 9:30 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, members of the CD staff announced yesterday.

Reds Breach Nazi Defenses

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was taken in an advance north of Orel which saw 2000 Germans killed and 30 enemy tanks disabled, the midnight communique said, and the hurried Germans were driven out of several strongly-fortified towns east of Orel after the Red army forces smashed across a stream to hammer at the Nazi positions.

The Russians said they destroyed about a regiment of enemy infantry, destroyed or disabled 37 German tanks and captured large quantities of war materials from the Germans, destroyed 13 tanks and 32 guns, and took a great number of prisoners in another sector.

"South of Orel, our troops, overcoming stubborn enemy resistance, continued to advance," the war bulletin declared, with the Germans losing more than 1000 officers and men killed and wounded in futile counterattacks.

Another 34 German tanks and 18 gun batteries were destroyed and more prisoners were taken in the fighting south of Orel, it was said.

Offering more detail on the Soviet thrust in the Belgorod area, Moscow said 400 Germans were killed and 17 tanks and three large guns were disabled.

Advances of from four to six miles were recorded in the north Orel sector; it was declared, bringing the Russian land gains to from 36 1/2 to 68 miles since the beginning of the Red army offensive.

Peruvian Ore Prices Set

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War Bond Bet 'Pay-Off' Is 'Clean Sweep'

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—(AP) Orval Yelton, Grant county war bond chairman, came to Portland Tuesday to sweep a street, David Eches, state bond chairman, was on hand to see he did a good job.

Yelton donned a white wing's uniform and, witnessed by a victory center crowd, gave a downtown block a good going-over.

It was the result of a wager that Grant county would not fulfill its June bond quota. If the quota had been filled, Eches would have gone to Canyon City to milk a cow.

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