

GOP Leaders Plan Meeting

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minority floor leader; and Senators Vandenberg, Michigan; Austin, Vermont; Taft, Ohio, and Hawkes, New Jersey.

House members include Martin of Massachusetts, minority leader; Andersen, Minnesota; Carter, California; Dirksen, Illinois; Hallock, Indiana; Hope, Kansas; Mrs. Rogers, Massachusetts; Woodruff, Michigan; Miller, Missouri; Reed, New York; Mrs. Bolton, Ohio, and Reece, Tennessee.

Former Senator Townsend of Delaware and Rep. Ditter of Pennsylvania, chairmen respectively of the senate and house campaign committees, are members, as well as these members of the national committee: Clarence Budington Kelland, Arizona; Henry Leonard, Colorado; Mrs. Bertha Bauer, Illinois; Mrs. Dudley C. Hay, Michigan; Dan Whetstone, Montana, and H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey.

Reds Tighten Pincers Trap

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Russian forces again were attacking the Germans in the northwestern Caucasus.

After standing firm against German attacks in the Belgorod area, the Russians resumed their offensive and captured a number of populated places, killing about 1000 Germans, the communique said.

Call for Help Heard From Willamette

Calls for help in a boy's voice and a cap floating on the river believed seen and heard by a watchman at the old Sand & Gravel company plant at the foot of Hood street early Friday night were still unexplained early this morning, although police, first aid squad and rivermen rushed to the site and checked the river and its banks.

The watchman, calling in the notification, explained that he could be positive about neither the calls nor the cap, but that he believed them worth investigating. Salem and West Salem police and Salem first aid men together with men in boats operating from Walter Hain's Salem Boat shop conducted the search which lasted from 6:30 for more than an hour.

No clothing, boat or indication of a fall from the West Salem bank of the river from which the sounds came were found, nor could river patrols discover a floating cap or hat.

Local Youth Reports on 'Almost' Fight

All has not been peaceful on the home front for Salem's "Wolves," Ralph Kenny, 420 South 29th street, member of the city's largest organization of motor boys, told city police early Friday as he related how an alleged member of an illegal Salem high school fraternity and an unnamed soldier had attempted to start a fight with him and three fellow WOHPs.

Lawrence Osborne and a soldier, Kenny said, met him and three of his friends as they left a night restaurant, forced their way into his car and threatened him. Kenny's face was scratched. Police advised him he could swear out a warrant.

Yank Troops on Rendova Isle



Radiophotograph from Honolulu to San Francisco. Trucks and jeeps bringing up supplies from transports fill a muddy road on Rendova island in the central Solomons the day after American troops invaded the island, June 30. In the drive on the Jap air base on New Georgia island.—IIN photo.

Fliers Bomb Ship With Gas, Fire With Guns

LOS ANGELES, July 23—(AP) Resourceful American Lockheed Lightning pilots, lacking bombs, nevertheless destroyed a Japanese freighter, two of the fliers revealed Friday, by drenching the vessel's decks with high-test gasoline and then igniting it with shells and bullets from their flame-spitting nose guns.

The story was told by Maj. John W. Mitchell, End, Miss., and Capt. Thomas C. Lanphier, Jr., born in Panama, C.Z. Both are home from the south Pacific for a tour of training bases to give student pilots the latest tips on fighting Japs.

The P-38 fliers found the Nipponese freighter lying under a camouflage net, Capt. Lanphier said.

"We raked the decks with guns but nothing much happened," he recalled. "So we dive-bombed the freighter, letting go our auxiliary gasoline tanks and spilling gasoline all over her.

"Then we made another pass and let loose with incendiary bullets. The gas caught fire and the last we saw of the ship it was burning from stem to stern."

The P-38 group also sank a Japanese destroyer without recourse to bombs, related the two fliers, each 27 years old.

Maharajah Loses Gas Ration Right

HOLLYWOOD, July 23—(AP) The office of price administration Friday suspended until December 1, 1944, the gasoline ration of the Maharajah of Indore, who maintains a residence here.

At a hearing before an OPA commissioner, government witnesses asserted he drove an automobile from here to Las Vegas, Nev. in his application for "C" coupons, he was limited to Los Angeles city driving on official business. Neither the Maharajah nor his attorney appeared.

The maharajah left Reno, Nev., by automobile after his marriage there July 6 to Mrs. Euphemia Watts Crane, former wife of Frank Arthur Crane, an American aviation employe in India. Earlier the same day he had obtained a divorce from his maharani of five years, the former Marguerite Lawler Branyan of Fargo, ND.

Lewis Agrees To Appear Before WLB

WASHINGTON, July 23—(AP) Ending, at least temporarily, a long and bitter feud, John L. Lewis formally recognized the War Labor board Friday and agreed to appear before it in support of a contract which, he hopes, will be a model for settlement of the entire mine labor controversy.

Lewis' written offer to come before the board, which the president of the United Mine Workers previously had scorned, apparently removed one of the major obstacles toward settlement of the mine dispute by getting both sides in the controversy to sit down with WLB and discuss the situation.

The labor leader's sudden change of mind about the board which he once charged was a "packed court" was caused, spokesmen for the UMW said, by the fact that the board now is a statutory body, whereas in the past it functioned under executive decree.

Allies Cracking Last of Sicily Defense Spots

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84 tanks, of which 14 were 80-ton Mark VI Tigers. This was a conservative count.

Repercussions of the lightning seizure came from all over Italy and the Balkans.

Madrid dispatches said Italians demonstrated in the streets of Rome, Venice, Milan, Turin, Florence and Trieste, shouting "peace."

Strikes and sabotage were reported sweeping the country and the Balkans was rumbling with reports of rebellion. Rome already was the scene of large-scale civilian evacuation movement.

The battle for Sicily appeared to be falling rapidly into the same pattern as the battle for Tunisia in its closing stages.

The capture of Palermo with its extensive shipping, naval and air facilities gave to the allies a dominating port on the Tyrrhenian sea approach to Rome, and reports at allied headquarters Friday night indicated that all allied armies were converging swiftly toward the one remaining active battle line in northeastern Sicily.

Axis resistance now was compressed in the northeastern tip, in an area but little larger than Cap Bon where Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's army met catastrophe in Tunisia.

Defending Catania, the southern gateway to the escape port of Messina on this tip, the German Hermann Goering division fought with unabated tenacity in a battle which had held Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth army veterans to a yard-by-yard progress for eight days.

But the Canadians, on Montgomery's west wing, were reported swinging around the German flank, meeting fierce resistance but driving the 18th German armored division before them.

And the main American force, despite the sweep of its units over most of western Sicily, was reported to be in the area northeast of Enna where it could bear directly upon the Nazi's western flank.

The capture of Palermo was the feat of an American division which exceeded the expectations of the American commander, the speed specialist, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., by romping a distance of more than 60 miles in 58 hours from Enna in central Sicily.

The Italians were so surprised that they had no time to carry out elaborate preparations to blow up docks and other military installations, and these fell into allied hands without damage except for that done by their own bombs.

This can be quickly repaired, it was said, and the allies will then have a most advantageous springboard for naval and air action over Sardinia and Italy and their sea approaches.

The city's population of more than 300,000 makes it the largest in Sicily.

Italian defenders complained that they had been given no assistance by their navy except for the sending of a fast speedboat to remove a number of high naval officers at the last moment.

However, allied headquarters announced Friday the capture of Admiral Priato Leonardi, former commandant of Augusta naval base.

Transfusions Aid Fight for Newsman's Life

CLEVELAND, July 23—(AP)—A third blood transfusion was administered Friday to John S. McCarran, 74-year-old general manager of the Cleveland Plain Dealer and a leading American publisher, in an effort to prevent his death from three bullet wounds inflicted by a gunman who then killed himself.

As he sat in his office Thursday McCarran was shot by Herbert L. Kobrak, 59, a native of Hungary, who had long been associated with foreign language newspaper enterprises here.

Kobrak committed suicide immediately by firing a bullet into his head.

Cooties Plan Picnic Here

There will be fishing, sports and refreshments at the Cooties' annual picnic to be held at the George Feller camp, on the north fork of the Santiam, Sunday, July 25, according to the card announcement sent out to the members by Hungry Nit (adjutant) Dave Furlough, and, notwithstanding the rationing restriction, sugar and coffee will be free. Members and the Cooties are urged to bring their lunches. Furlough, Arwin Strayer and Frank Miller, the committee on arrangements, announce all in readiness and a big attendance is predicted.

The caravan will assemble at and depart from the Salem Post Office at 9 o'clock Sunday morning and transportation will be provided those without that accommodation. Cooties will not appear in uniform. The Feller camp is situated one mile north of the Elkhorn school.

Eugene Firm Gets Contract

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23—(AP) The Portland district army engineers Friday announced award of a contract to the E. G. Hall company, Eugene, for channel improvements to the Long Tom river.

Lt. Col. Ralph A. Taylor, district engineer, said the contract, slightly less than \$150,000, calls for widening and straightening of 3 1/4 miles of the channel as a flood control project.

He said another contract would be awarded later for further sections of the channel.

Judge Fee Raps Youth

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP) America's freedom of speech received a stout defense Friday from Federal Judge James A. Fee as he sentenced Howard M. Agan, 19, to four years' imprisonment for violating the selective service act.

Agan read a statement in which he asserted that the "courts are controlled by Satan."

"The United States is the only place in the world where one is allowed to say that the courts are controlled by Satan and that judges are wicked," Fee commented.

Oregon Rail Line Opened

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—The Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad reopened its central Oregon line Friday after clearing the wreckage caused by the derailling of 15 cars of a freight train Wednesday 15 miles north of Maupin.

Superintendent R. C. Scofield said a broken rail was responsible. No one was injured.

ON the HOMEFRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

Who regrets: That she wrote of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Diamondstein's year-old progeny as a son. It's a girl!

That she confused the beautiful Scandinavian names of a pair of brothers and credited Miss Marjorie Bergvik to the wrong one. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leif Bergvik and she leaves this weekend for Hunter college and basic training for the WAVES. Her father is district manager for the Portland Gas & Coke company, her mother, executive secretary for the Marion County Public Health association.

Speaking of parents and children: Prize question asked of Marion county agent, Secretary Lois Scheidegger (Mrs. Fred O.) believes came in recently. County Agent W. G. Nibler was pretty well tied up in a conference when the nice-looking rural dweller asked to see him.

"What was your question? Perhaps I could help you," suggested Mrs. Scheidegger.

She won't tell me whether or not she sent the client in to see Mr. Nibler, but I'll wager one of them knew the answer.

The question: "Where and how can we adopt a baby?"

Local Woman Adopts British War Orphan

Mrs. Kate S. Booth, 1106 Chemeketa street, Salem, has "adopted" a 12-year-old British boy in England through the "foster parents" plan for war children. It was announced Friday by Mrs. Edna Blue, executive chairman for the "plan," from her American headquarters in New York City.

Mrs. Booth's foster son has a living mother, a trained nurse now suffering from nervous and physical breakdown following the death of her husband and the bombing of the area in which the family made its home. He also has a younger sister.

Both children are in the "colonies" maintained under the foster parents' plan by contributions of regular monthly support money from persons interested in their welfare.

A description of the lad she has "adopted" has come to Mrs. Booth, telling her that he is fair-haired and blue-eyed, rather small for his years and slight in stature, an active and alert child, willing and conscientious and amenable to discipline. He does better than average in his school work, is fond of games and sports and his "outside activities" in the colonies include gardening, care of poultry and small animals.

Accompanying the description came an snapshot of a small boy. Mrs. Booth is awaiting a letter from Keith, telling of his schooling, his family and his experiences in the colonies.

Expert Will Probe Death Of Workman

TOLEDO, Ore., July 23—(AP) Sheriff George Robinson said Friday night he would call in a state crime laboratory expert to investigate the death of Lawrence Drips, 42, Milwaukee, whose body was recovered from the depot slough here Friday.

An autopsy failed to establish definitely that Drips died from drowning, Robinson said.

The sheriff said he was holding Walter Weaver, Portland, as a material witness. Weaver accompanied Drips to a houseboat party on the slough last night, and told him he heard Drips splash into the water about 9:30 p.m., Robinson said, adding that Weaver did not report the incident until 12 hours later.

Both Drips and Weaver had been working on a construction gang near here.

Armstrong-Joyce Go At It Tonight

HOLLYWOOD, July 23—(AP) Encouraged by prospects of a gate that might run to \$50,000 or more, bull-headed Henry Armstrong and light-footed Willie Joyce eased through final light workouts Friday and pronounced themselves in top shape to have at each other for 10 rounds or fewer at Gilmore stadium Saturday night.

The bettors have installed the dusky Armstrong a 3 to 1 favorite over the Gary, Ind. negro, and some of the gamblers were willing to wager 1 to 2 1/2 that Joyce is knocked out.

Little Joe.. the Wrangler

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Racketeer Re-sentenced to Death

Louis (Lopke) Buchalter (center), former New York City racket leader, is escorted into the court of appeals building at Albany, N.Y., for re-sentencing to death for a 1936 murder.—Associated Press Telegram.

Opera Star Fires Bombast At OPA 'Chaos'

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Bowles, head of the Connecticut OPA, plans to move into his Washington office early next week.

Her five suggestions follow:

- 1.—Could we reduce the bulk of printed matter?
- 2.—Could we re-phrase the bulletin phraseology and diminish the verbiage to the point of clarity in English language?
- 3.—Could we consider the merchant as an honest individual who needs to make a fair profit on his sales and cease harrasing him by continually urging to pry into his affairs by personal contact?
- 4.—Could we ease the mind of the consumer in fewer exhortations in the dubious struggle to make points and prices marry?
- 5.—And last but not least could you out the paragraph dictators and their bourgeois indifference to the attitude of the general public who now are beginning to murmur more than loudly in their resentment and suspicion?

Cockroaches Give 'Bronx' To the Bronx

NEW YORK, July 23—(AP)—The Bronx, northernmost province of New York City and home town of a famous American cheer, is experiencing a nightly aerial invasion by an odd species of cockroach.

The critters are about two inches long, with fuzzy legs, and have, Borough President James T. Lyons said, "too strong a facial resemblance to Hirohito."

They frighten housewives, upset children, and saloonkeepers report they have a horrible effect on the late bar trade. Eventually they solicited the help of the Rev. Joseph Assmuth, professor of zoology and entomology at Fordham university, who, upon examining a specimen, exclaimed:

"Boy, they're good!"

The professor said they were cockroaches of the species Blattia which would eat anything, but especially thrilled over a nice meal of paper. He said they flew only at night, and probably had been marshalling their forces in the 600 miles of sewers that run beneath Bronx streets.

Lyons and Borough Chemist Walter G. Doherty spent the rest of the afternoon in reconnaissance at various sewer openings.

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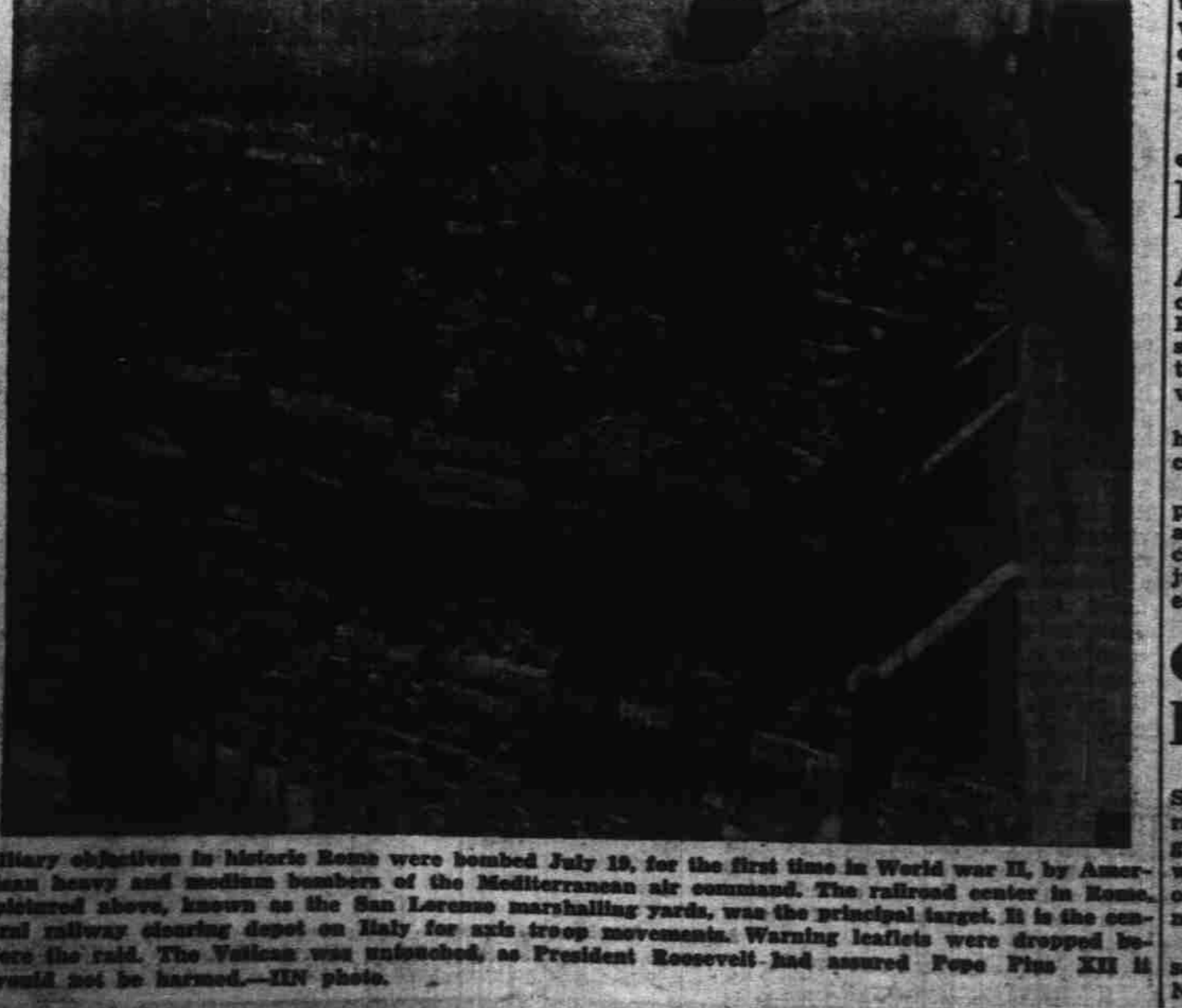
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Yanks Bomb Rome, Blast Troop Rail Centers



Military objectives in historic Rome were bombed July 19, for the first time in World war II, by American heavy and medium bombers of the Mediterranean air command. The railroad center in Rome, pictured above, known as the San Lorenzo marshalling yards, was the principal target. It is the central railway clearing depot on Italy for axis troop movements. Warning leaflets were dropped before the raid. The Yanks were unopposed, as President Roosevelt had assured Pope Pius XII it would not be harmed.—IIN photo.