

Italian Envoy Confers With Turkish Official; Die-Hard Fascists Battle Own Troops in Milan

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Stryker

IT SEEMS TO ME that Vice President Wallace in his speech in Detroit Sunday painted a picture in which lights and shadows were in too sharp a contrast. It was St. George and the dragon; or the battle of Virtue against Vice, just as clear and simple as that, with Mr. Roosevelt as St. George defending Virtue, and the wicked American "fascists" lined up on the other side. Intoning the phrases of ten years of new dealism, he declared:

"Sooner or later the machinations of these small but powerful groups which put money and power first and people last, will inevitably be exposed to the public eye."

The American political scene is not so simple as that. All the opponents of Roosevelt and Wallace are not Lucifer and the fallen angels seeking to mount the battlements of heaven. The new deal, as Mr. Wallace himself should know, from his recent experience in being purged, has passed on to power politics, with an entrenched palace guard, composed chiefly of southern politicians, seeking to retain its grip. The old shibboleths will be used, but they are echoes of past campaigns. Roosevelt seeks a new "rendezvous with destiny." He has tasted global power, and wants to climb a higher rung on the ladder of fame. The blown-in-the-bottle new dealers are already scratching Roosevelt off their list.

Mr. Wallace does occupy a role which is entirely worthy—that of the voice of conscience. A nation needs a monitor to stir it up lest it become crass and calloused. The secret of the American way of life has been the privilege of aspiration, of lifting oneself, of giving children a better chance in life. Wallace with a deep religious feeling, with a sincerity that no one questions, can

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Yanks Near Munda

Drive Through Stiff Defenses; Salamaua Hit by Bombers

By MURLIN SPENCER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Wednesday, July 28.—(AP) Green-clad American soldiers and marines, slugging steadily forward through the jungles of New Georgia, have scored new advances which have carried them to within less than a mile and one-fifth of the strategic Japanese air base at Munda.

The jungle veterans drove through strong Japanese defenses to the east of the airdrome yesterday in the second consecutive day of advance. A spokesman at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the new thrust took the Americans to within 2100 yards of the airdrome.

Driving forward in what spokesmen called "a considerable advance" all along the battle line, the Americans passed the coastal village of Terele (sometimes spelled Terere).

General MacArthur's communique said they "continued their pressure against the enemy centers of resistance." These centers probably are dugouts placed so that machinegun fire can cover advances against each post.

Allied bombers again attacked the Salamaua area in New Guinea, dropping 123 tons of high explosives. (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Rumor Mills Play With Duce's Story

By the Associated Press

European rumor factories playing with the greatest mystery since Rudolph Hess landed in Britain have been working at maximum "war production" on the whereabouts of Mussolini during the past 48 hours.

A Stockholm dispatch said Il Duce was trying to enter Switzerland. A dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, reported him in Madrid.

A story from Madrid said travelers from Italy reported Il Duce was in a villa outside Rome.

Rome, the one place where presumably there are authorities who know where Mussolini is, was silent.

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Secret Task



Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, chief of air staff in the United States army, has been given "an undisclosed assignment of extreme importance." It was revealed Tuesday when Maj. Gen. Barney M. Giles, previously assistant chief of staff for operations, was advanced to the post Stratemeyer has held.

Propogandists Rap Fascism

Not Benito's Poor Health, Say Nazis

By the Associated Press

Axis propogandists, still seeking to explain Italy's governmental upheaval to the satisfaction of their peoples and the fuhrer, decided Tuesday that the failure of fascism rather than falling health forced out Benito Mussolini.

They seized upon the new line—in itself hardly complimentary to related nazism—after 48 hours of fumbling.

Mussolini's regime failed "to bring about the concentration of forces necessary to fulfill war tasks," the German transoceanic news agency said, quoting Radio Rome.

"Therefore the former regime had to hand the fate of Italy to others, who are now collecting the forces needed to save Italy," it was stated.

Transocean declared that "So long as the enemy is at Italy's threshold, the Italian people have only one motto: 'The war will go on.'"

Suggestions that ill health caused Mussolini's resignation, which earlier had streamed from axis transmitters, were dropped.

Although riotous Italian groups have torn down fascist symbols and demonstrated against fascist offices, "no official decisions have so far been made" as to the future of the party," Transocean said. The demonstrations were described as "insignificant disturbances which have been completely suppressed."

"Competent Italian quarters" were quoted as saying "The change of government was neither a revolution nor a coup d'etat, but a constitutional crisis solved constitutionally."

This obviously appealed to the Nazi legal mind. Transocean devoted 300 words to the idea.

Fascist Head Of Senate Resigns Post

LONDON, July 27.—(AP)—Rome radio announced Tuesday night that King Vittorio Emanuele had accepted the resignation of the fascist president of the Italian senate, Count Giacomo Suardo, and had appointed Don Paolo De Velle in his place.

Suardo was one of Mussolini's minor henchmen.

He sometimes deputized for Il Duce in public appearances. The last time was March 23, 1941, when he addressed the fascist youth's organization in front of Mussolini's residence during the Italian-Greek war.

The king met the new cabinet in audience Tuesday, Rome also announced.

Soviets Push In On Orel

Important Heights Captured, Numerous Towns Are Taken

By LYNN HEINZERLING

LONDON, Wednesday, July 28.—(AP)—Soviet troops stormed heights "of great tactical importance," pushed the Germans back with triphammer blows from position after position and brushed back repeated German counterattacks Tuesday as they moved from two and a half to four miles closer on Orel from three directions, taking more than 50 populated places.

The midnight soviet communique, recorded by the Associated Press, gave this picture of the relentless Russian sweep on the German bastion, key point of the whole Russian front:

North of Orel—The Russians moved in, capturing several populated places and a number of heights of tactical importance. On one of these, soviet artillery and infantry killed 400 Germans. Fourteen tanks and four armored cars were disabled or destroyed. In another sector, one strong point frequently changed hands but by the end of the day a flanking march by the Russians routed a battalion of German infantry and firmly dug in at the strong point.

East of Orel—The Germans flung down an artillery barrage and sent their men forward time and again with counterattacks to halt the soviets. But all were repulsed and in the fighting around two populated places 800 Germans were killed, 18 tanks wrecked and six self-propelled guns destroyed. A number of pop-

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FDR to Talk Tonight, 6:30

Italy's Status and War in General to Be Touched Upon

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP) President Roosevelt will make a radio address to the nation at 6:30 p. m. Pacific war time, tonight, and he indicated Tuesday he would talk about the whole sweep of the war effort, both at home and on the battlefronts.

The chief executive's first broadcast to the nation since Italy ousted Premier Mussolini will give Mr. Roosevelt a chance for any appraisal he cares to make of that development.

But the president made it clear at a news conference that he did not expect to confine himself to the Italian situation but would cover the war as a whole. He took pains to make it plain that he considered the home and overseas fronts to be interlinked inseparably and a part of the whole picture of trying to win through to victory.

While many people go in for slogans and try to simplify things too much, he said, you can't draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper and put the war abroad on one side and the home front on the other.

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Rent Inquiry Is Requested

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP) Senator Bone's office reported Tuesday that he had asked the office of price administration to investigate the rental situation in Skagit county.

The announcement said the senator took the action at the request of educators in the county on the basis of a report that high rentals were being charged in Mount Vernon and Anacortes because of the proximity of the navy base at Whidby Island created an abnormal demand for accommodations.

Conquered Sicilians Wave United States Flag



When American troops entered Palermo, capital of Sicily and the island's largest city which fell to the allies without a shot being fired by its defenders, the population greeted the Yanks so enthusiastically that one even carried the Stars and Stripes, as shown in the above picture. Others clamored for a chance to carry the flag; still others tossed fruit and flowers to American troops, shown in the picture.

Allies Hold Judgement As Foe Takes New Blow

RAF Shatters Nazi Attempt at Reinforcement

By RELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 27.—(AP)—Deadly RAF Spitfires have shattered another desperate German attempt to reinforce their troops in Sicily, knocking down 21 giant transports over Messina as the Nazis took to the airways to stave off the fall of Sicily a little longer.

Aground, US and Canadian troops hurled back Nazi counterattacks and then drove deeper into the bitterly-defended but slowly dwindling northeastern corner of the island, allied headquarters announced Tuesday.

The 21 Junkers-52 transports were blasted from the skies Sunday along with eight axis fighters, and RAF Beaufighters in another sector downed two great German 323-Merseburgs. The latter can carry more than 100 men apiece, but it was not reported.

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Bombar-Deer?

Lakona Inham, 735 Thompson street, typed in the offices of the secretary of state, pretty dourly entry in the competition for title of Miss Bombar-Deer, is introduced today to Statesman readers. To accommodate the increasing numbers of young women interested in the contest, Bishop's studio is welcoming them throughout the day instead of limiting to after noon hours only the time for photographing members of this group of charming subjects. L. Lillian Garriek, WAC, chairman of the board of arbors officer judges, announced Tuesday. (Details of contest on page 6)

American War Wounded Back

Attu Casualties in 'Home' Hospitals

By DANIEL MARSTON

SEATTLE, July 27.—(AP)—The first Attu casualties in the battle of Attu reached the comfort and care of Pacific coast hospitals even before final Japanese organized resistance on the island was overcome, the Seattle post-surgeon has disclosed.

Tuesday, Col. Louis Brechman, jr., said nearly all the wounded have been brought more than 3000 miles back to the states from the fog-ridden beaches of the Aleutian outpost.

"I should say that close to 85 per cent of them are down here now," Colonel Brechman said, in an interview. "Few may remain in well equipped garrison hospitals in the Aleutians, but most have been brought south, either on transports or flown down."

Colonel Brechman, veteran of many years in the service, and his staff, meet all transports bringing wounded. A hospital train was at the dock when one arrived this month and stretcher cases and the "walking wounded" immediately were placed aboard to be taken to a northwest hospital.

(The war department announced at Washington on June 4 a total of 1535 Attu casualties; 342 dead, 1135 wounded and 58 missing.)

(Contrasting with the care given American wounded, Associated Press Staffer William L. Worden told in a Corles Lake, Attu, dispatch on May 30 how a Japanese prisoner said seriously wounded Japanese were shot by their own officers, before the last final desperate counter attack.)

Anti-Berry Wine Order Severe Blow

SEATTLE, July 27.—(AP)—Two spokesmen for the state's wine industry expressed belief Tuesday night that the war food administration's ban against using fruits and berries, except grapes, for alcoholic products would be a severe blow to Washington's wine industry.

Describing the order as "coming out of a clear sky," J. S. Sams, president of the Washington Wine council, said: "Offhand, I should say that it will mean the immediate closing of all wineries except those handling grapes."

Churchill Warns Italian People To Decide

By LEWIS HAWKINS

LONDON, July 27.—(AP)—Withholding judgment on the new Italian regime of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Prime Minister Churchill warned the Italian people Tuesday that they must yet decide whether the terrible war power of the allies bring them "relief from war and freedom from servitude" or a holocaust in which their peninsula will be "scared and scarred and blackened" from end to end.

In a restrained speech of gloating over the "shame and ruin" of Benito Mussolini who often had been a target of his choicest barbs, the prime minister told a crowded house of commons that so far there had been no peace approaches from the new Italian government and he clearly implied that allied terms are still the unconditional surrender of all Italy.

Apparently knocking down any suggestion that Badoglio may have been the allies' choice as head of an Italian surrender regime, Churchill declared: "I know little or nothing of the new government. I express no opinion on it."

But he clearly expressed a hope for Italian surrender.

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Grand Jury Set to Hear Evidence on Six Cases

Two soldiers charged with high-way holdups perpetrated the past week in the Willamette valley countryside, with three and possibly four convicts involved in recent penitentiary breaks, go before the Marion county grand jury in the session called for 9:30 Thursday morning, District Attorney Miller B. Hayden revealed Tuesday.

Kermit Barkhurst and Carl Bates, soldiers who returned to their home community allegedly without leave from a parachute base in North Carolina, are charged with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. They have been virtually exonerated from any implication in a shooting in a Milwaukee tavern last Thursday, according to state police.

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Peace Talks Hinted

Milan Struggle Said Small Civil War

ISTANBUL, July 27.—(AP)—Italy's new foreign minister, Raffaele Guariglia, conferred with Turkish Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu Tuesday in what was believed to be an attempt to lay the basis for Turkish mediation between the allies and Italy.

The two foreign ministers met on the Italian embassy launch in the sea of Marmora. Guariglia, who was the Italian ambassador to Turkey until his appointment as foreign minister following Mussolini's downfall, was expected to leave for Italy at once.

Menemencioğlu returned to Istanbul after the talk.

The meeting may be one of the

By the Associated Press

LONDON, July 27.—In a Bern dispatch Tuesday night Italian Premier Pietro Badoglio was reported discussing armistice conditions with allied representatives while the Rome radio told the world that the Italian people had rejected fascism.

Without confirmation from allied quarters or from Rome, the Swiss telegraphic agency said information from Rome stated that Benito Mussolini's successor was talking terms and that it was "generally believed" the contact was made through the Vatican.

most significant developments in the European war since the resignation of Mussolini.

The fact that the meeting took place at all is a demonstration of its extreme urgency, since the meticulous Turkish foreign minister usually refuses to see foreign representatives except at his ministry in Ankara. The fact that it was held aboard a launch at sea with only one unidentified witness aboard proves that matters

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Scotts Mills High to Close

Approximately 20 high school students in the Scotts Mills district will be looking for a new alma mater this fall, Agnes C. Booth, county school superintendent, announced Tuesday when she revealed that voters in the Scotts Mills district had decided against continuing a high school there at a special election last week. The nearest high school now will be Silverton.

Scotts Mills high school has been operating at a cost of 90c per day per student, comparatively high as others operate for 50c to 75c, Mrs. Booth pointed out. The unusually high pupil cost and small number of students were factors in the voters' decision, Mrs. Booth explained.

Voters made no provision for transportation for the students, who will be classified as non-high school district students and may enter any high school in the county. A bus may be provided this fall.