

Allied-Italy Peace Talks Are Hinted

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discussed must have been of the utmost secrecy.

Only a relatively few people learned of the meeting while it was still in progress and they immediately suggested that Mennocchia was being asked to act as an intermediary in peace talks between the Badoglio government and the allies.

Guariglia arrived in Turkey as ambassador about three months ago and at that time it was an open secret he was not the Italian first choice for the job. Rome apparently wished to send an ambassador who was known to be pro-allied but the Germans prevented it and Guariglia was sent instead.

The new Italian foreign minister is not known as pro-allied but his enthusiasm for the fascist party has cooled considerably. He was considered a compromise choice between the original nominee and a red hot party member.

There were rumors that Mussolini's son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, now envoy to the Vatican, would come to Turkey to succeed Guariglia as ambassador.

Swiss Report Little Civil War

BERN, July 27.-(AP)—Fighting between die-hard fascist elements and Italian troops was reported in Milan Tuesday night as Swiss telegraphic agency dispatches from the Italian frontier declared—without official confirmation—that the new Italian regime was "discussing the conditions of an armistice" with the allies in Rome.

Some reports described the outbreak of fighting in Milan as miniature civil war, although so far as could be learned the outbreak of fascist militia resistance there was merely an isolated instance.

The Swiss agency said that it was "generally believed" that Marshal Pietro Badoglio and his aides had established contact with the allies in Rome through the British and American representatives to the Vatican.

The Swiss agency report was the latest of a growing series of rumors and reports filtering across the border in the past 24 hours, and it lacked confirmation from any official sources.

Italian newspapers reaching Switzerland said 74 anti-fascist political prisoners had been released during rioting around the jail in Milan by anti-fascists.

In outbreaks Monday nine fascists, among them a militiaman, were shot or stabbed to death and 40 seriously wounded while more than 100 were injured to a lesser degree in Milan.

The newspaper Corriere Della Sera editorialized that: "Soon every Italian will be called on for the dangerous honor of deciding if he wants to be a free citizen of Free Italy."

Travelers from Italy said the Corriere Della Sera's morning edition had been seized three hours after its appearance and suppressed "because it contained an article considered inopportune."

Fascists equipped with rifles, machineguns and bombs barricaded themselves in buildings in Plinio street in Milan tonight and were continuing "sporadic and hopeless" resistance, the travelers told Swiss correspondents.

The Italian army had completely taken over in Milan and is in possession of almost all fascist headquarters throughout the city although some members had entrenched themselves and exchanged shots with the soldiers.

Similar short-lived insurrections occurred in Turin, Bologna, Genoa and other cities in northern Italy.

Mine Cave-in Is Believed Fatal to One

BURKE, Idaho, July 27.-(AP)—Trapped in a cave-in in the 3700-foot slope of the Star mine, George Yuskoski, 41, Wallace, was believed by mine officials to be dead late Tuesday.

A rescue crew hoped to reach him tonight.

Mine officials said one set of timbers gave way, causing the cave-in.

Martin Grubham, Gem, suffered minor cuts and bruises when brushed by falling rock, while Jack Kinsley, Wallace, narrowly escaped injury.

Russian Ambassador Gains New Post

LONDON, Wednesday, July 28.-(AP)—The Moscow radio said Tuesday that Ivan Maisky, Russian ambassador to London who is now in Moscow, had been appointed assistant people's commissar for foreign affairs.

Obituary

In this city, July 27, James Carl Sneath, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Sneath, Silverton. Graveside services Wednesday at 10 a. m. in Belcrest Memorial park, Rev. Dudley Strain officiating under the direction of the W. T. Higdon company.

Regional WLB Office Set In Seattle

WASHINGTON, July 27.-(AP)—The war production board disclosed Tuesday the creation of a new regional office with headquarters in Seattle, Wash., with George K. Comstock of Seattle as director.

The new region includes Oregon and Washington, and part of Idaho.

District offices at Spokane, Seattle and Portland, formerly supervised from San Francisco will come under Comstock's jurisdiction.

Comstock is president of Electrical Products Consolidated and executive vice president of Pacific Huts, Inc.

Soviets Push In Upon Orel, Three Sides

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ulated places were occupied here. The Soviet advance continued.

South of Orel—The Germans fought bitterly to hold on to intermediate lines but were forced to back down from one position after another. Over 1000 Germans were wiped out in two days' fighting here as 26 tanks were destroyed.

The Germans were fighting desperately for the strategic Orel-Bryansk railway, their one main supply line from the west, and Moscow dispatches tonight said the closest point the Russians had reached to that line remained Studenkov, five miles to the north.

Considerable improvement of Russian positions in the Belgorod area, south of Orel, was reported by the soviet communique which said the fighting continued to be of local importance.

In fighting north and east of Mga, which is 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, the Russians also reported improvement in their positions. It was the first Russian acknowledgment of renewed fighting in the north despite German reports that a Russian offensive was under way here.

Ninety German tanks were disabled or destroyed and 44 German planes brought down throughout the day on the long Russian front, the communique said.

German explanations, broadcast by Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press, were that the nazis aimed to "exhaust Russian strength by continual battle"—a new role for the exponents of lightning war—and were not interested in territorial gains but in safeguarding occupied territory to make it economically profitable.

Gen. Kurt Dittmar, German radio commentator, said soviet reserves appeared "almost inexhaustible" and said the Germans had inflicted such high losses on the Russians that "the battle can now be rightly called the battle of attrition."

Ditch Permits Hearing Held

If franchises are granted to the Willamette Valley Water company for master irrigation ditches along county road rights-of-way, the company will be required to clear the ditches, County Commissioner Roy Rice assured contestants at the public hearing into the franchise request Tuesday.

No assurance was given the company that its request for official right to use the ditches now utilized by it will be granted and the matter was simply taken under advisement, members of the court declared following the session.

County Judge Grant Murphy, who holds properties which would be affected by the agreement, did not sit as a member of the court at the hearing, for which Roy Rice served as chairman.

Appearing to protest the granting of a franchise were C. C. Tracy and C. E. Lewis, who maintained that water along public roads should be available to all property owners.

C. E. T. Darley, engineer for the applicant company, declared that with the franchises work to open the ditches could be done and that irrigation resulting therefrom could be used to greater advantage.

Sergeant Takes Jap Pill Box Alone

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Wednesday, July 28.-(AP)—The audacious exploit of a staff sergeant from Montana who crawled up to a Japanese pill box, emptied his rifle by firing through the slot and then attempted to pull an enemy machine gun out through the opening was revealed Tuesday.

The sergeant, Paul Ziegler of Jordan, Mont., was awarded the distinguished service cross for the feat by General Douglas MacArthur.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

A cannery floor lady, it always seemed to me in the years when I put in my summers stemming berries, pitting cherries and canning pears, is a blend of Simon Legree, Billy Sunday, Helen Keller and Florence Nightingale.

In their more Nightingaleish moments they soothe the worried worker, give advice to the lovelorn and try to understand the varied types of women whose work they oversee.

It must have been during such periods that the floor ladies joined their fellow laborers in asking Miss Phoebe McAdams, who for nine months out of the year teaches at Leslie junior high school, if she actually enjoyed the strange new cannery job.

But it was to the Simon Legree in them that she appealed when Phoebe came back with "It isn't whether I like the work that is whether I want to know if you like the work I am doing."

Those who know honest and charming Miss McAdams will not claim that the answers came back from either morale builders or blind women. The floor ladies simply said "You don't have to speak to your good pupils, do you?"

Yanks Nearing Munda Base; Defense Stiff

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plosives on enemy installations. It was the second consecutive day of concentrated bombing of that area. The day before 137 tons of bombs were dropped in the heaviest single day's assault on Salamaua.

Liberators and Mitchells in the largest number ever used against Salamaua made yesterday's attack, which lasted only about 35 minutes.

Groups of the bombers went in, one after another, and delivered a sustained pounding. Scarcely four minutes elapsed between the time one flight of bombers left until the next one was over the target.

Returning pilots reported great fires and heavy explosions all the way from Salamaua to Kela. Bombs were seen landing squarely on gun positions, barracks, and the Salamaua wireless station.

Medium bombers attacked enemy large concentrations and supply dumps at Lae, causing explosions and fires. Four enemy fighters were in the air over Lae but did not venture to intercept.

The Japanese also were busy in the air. A lone enemy plane dropped four bombs on Woodlark Island to the east of New Guinea in the first bombing of that little island since allied forces occupied it at the start of the new southwest Pacific offensive June 30.

Other Japanese bombers attacked American positions north of Salus lake in the Nassau bay area. The communique said the attacks were ineffective.

Flying Fortresses from the 13th airforce raided Kahili airdrome on Bougainville island before dawn yesterday, scoring direct hits on the runway area. One Fortress was lost to Japanese night fighters. It was the first such instance reported.

Other targets for US bombers include Kopeang, Timor; the Vitu Islands just north of New Britain; Gusmala, New Britain; and the Vila airdrome on Kolombangara Island.

Two small Japanese coastal ships, beached after earlier attacks by American bombers at Jaquinet bay, New Britain, were set afire by medium bombers and long-range fighters. The ships were believed a total loss.

The forward movement on New Georgia island was made with the support of the Avengers and Dauntless bombers which hurled 35 tons of explosive upon enemy positions. Last week nearly 600 tons of explosives were cascaded upon the Japanese in the airdrome area.

The ground advance apparently was made despite Japanese reinforcements. Reports from Admiral William F. Halsey's South Pacific headquarters said material air had reached the enemy from Kolombangara Island.

Such reinforcements must have been made under cover of darkness across the narrow Kula gulf. Attempts to aid Munda have resulted in the sinking of at least 17 Japanese warships.

While the ground fighters struggled forward the air service continued its softening up process by dropping 32 tons of bombs Monday on gun positions and troop targets around the large base.

Calais Radio Off

LONDON, Wednesday, July 28.-(AP)—The axis-controlled radio at Calais, French channel port, went off the air after midnight indicating that RAF raiders were out again Tuesday night.

'Moronic King' Phrase Is Hit

OWI Broadcast Draws FDR's Criticism as Ill-Advised Now

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

WASHINGTON, July 27.-(AP)—President Roosevelt today sharply criticized an office of war information broadcast in which "Vittorio Emanuele of Italy was characterized as 'the moronic little king'" and the Marshal Pietro Badoglio was called a fascist.

However, the chief executive reaffirmed by implication the allied policy of requiring unconditional surrender from Italy.

Mr. Roosevelt told his press-radio conference that the short-wave attack on the king and his new prime minister should never have been made. Neither he nor Secretary of State Cordell Hull had been consulted before the broadcast, he said.

The president added that Robert E. Sherwood, director of OWI's overseas service, was raising Cain about it. The broadcast quoted from a Sunday night radio speech by Samuel Grafton, New York Post columnist, who referred to "the moronic little king."

Milton S. Eisenhower, acting director of OWI, declined to comment on the president's remarks. He explained, however, that the broadcast was in English and was beamed to Great Britain and authorized this statement:

"Prior to Sunday we attacked fascism and all individuals connected with it. Since Sunday the line in OWI broadcasts is that any government which continues to be aligned with Hitler is an enemy of the United States and the United Nations."

The broadcast to Great Britain was described as a regular daily feature in which the opinions of American commentators are quoted to inform the British of the views of the American press and commentators.

President Roosevelt said he liked very much what he had read of Prime Minister Churchill's speech to the house of commons today. Secretary Hull previously had indicated that the United States and Britain are in complete accord on the treatment of Italy.

Asked for his reaction to the change in Italy which displaced the government of Benito Mussolini, the president said he was much too old to have reactions. Neither would he comment on a London report that Mussolini might eventually be delivered to the allies as a war criminal. He asked himself many such hypothetical questions, he said, and he was wise enough not to give himself an answer.

President Roosevelt said that when Rome was bombed last week he had no intimation that Mussolini would make his exit.

In a cursory reading of extracts from Churchill's speech, Hull said, he found no material difference between it and his own comments. Churchill had said that war "from every quarter" would be waged against Italy so long as she remains on the side of the Germans.

"We certainly do not seek to reduce Italian life to a condition of chaos and anarchy and find ourselves without any authorities with whom to deal," Churchill added.

Thus the Anglo-American policy does not preclude the acceptance of Italy's surrender from Badoglio, once it is evident that the fascist regime has been completely scrapped. Neither Badoglio nor any other Italian, however, will be allowed to negotiate terms for the surrender. The allied attitude means that there will be no dickering.

After the surrender, final governmental authority in Italy is not likely to rest with Badoglio, King Vittorio Emanuele, or any other Italian, for the duration of the war against Germany.

AMGOT (allied military government of occupied territories) would supplant the Italian government pending the peace when Italians would be allowed to decide.

HOLLYWOOD TODAY AND THURSDAY A CAVALCADE OF MODERN TIMES

ARMY SURGEON

Plus - News - Cartoon

Famed Army Musicians To Play Here

Five soldiers who have played with "fame" bands and now join to form a "hot" music organization of their own will carry half the rhythm tonight at the dance he sponsors at the armory, Tom Hill has announced.

Russ Raphael, piano player who in civilian life was with Al Donahue; Bob Shoop, trumpeter who played with Benny Berger; Al Rickenbach, one-time drummer with Teddy Fowd; Jimmy Mauro, clarinetist who was with Larry Thompson; and Fritz Chesser, bass player with Eddie Howard's band, will share tonight's time with the Top Hatters.

Germany Gets Fourth Night Of RAF Bombs

LONDON, Wednesday, July 28.-(AP)—The RAF struck at Germany for the fourth successive night last night to maintain the terrific tempo of a clock-around allied aerial offensive that has spread destruction in the great seaport of Hamburg, the industrial center of Essen and other target areas.

As usual, the preliminary British announcement did not specify the objective of the overnight raid, which followed heavy daylight assaults on industrial centers and airfields in northern France, Holland and Belgium.

American bombers and fighters played a leading role in the daylight assaults.

side if they wished to retain the monarchy or substitute a republic.

In making their attitude known to the Italians, the Americans and British are likely to make no commitments on the future peace settlement, other than the promise, voiced last November by Adolph Berle, assistant secretary of state, that Italy shall retain a full statehood in the postwar Europe.

In New York, Samuel Grafton, New York Post columnist who was quoted on the OWI broadcast, issued a statement after reading the president's comment on the broadcast, saying:

"The phrase 'Moronic Little King' seems to me a rather temperate reference to the head of a state which has declared war on my country, but in view of the ominous indications that England and America may accept the Badoglio government, I can only say that perhaps the moronic little king is smarter than I thought."

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Warns Italy To Decide

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"We do not know what is going to happen in Italy now Mussolini is gone and once the fascist power is certainly and irretrievably broken we should be foolish to deprive ourselves of any means of coming to general conclusions with the Italian people."

Declaring that the United States and Britain were in closest consultation and acting in concert, he said that if the Italian people and government continued in the war on behalf of Germany there was no choice for the allies but to make war upon Italy "from every quarter north and south, and from the sea and from the air, and by amphibious descents."

Orders to this effect, he added, already had gone out to allied commanders.

The consequence of such a decision by the Italians, he continued "will be that in the next few months Italy will be seared and scarred and blackened from one end to the other."

Churchill said he did not doubt but that the main wish of the Italian people was to be "quit of their German taskmasters" and to restore their democratic and parliamentary institutions.

If they so elected, he said, the

Death Fast In 43rd Day

SAUGATUCK, Mich., July 27.-(AP)—The Rev. Charles H. Horswell, Saugatuck minister who says he hopes to fast until death, was reported "unchanged" in health at the end of his 43rd day without solid food Saturday.

Eighty-five years old, the retired pastor went to bed June 15, two days after the death of his wife, and said he did not want to live without her. Since then he has taken only liquids.

CONTINUOUS DAILY

CAPITOL

STARTS TODAY

QUEEN OF HEARTS TO EVERY GAMBLER ON THE BARBARY COAST!

WASHINGTON, July 27.-(AP)—The federal reserve board reported Tuesday that department store sales for June were 24 per cent above those of the corresponding month a year ago while sales for the first six months of this year were 15 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last year.

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FDR to Talk Tonight, 6:30

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on the other because it all ties in together.

An expedition to Sicily, the chief executive declared, actually starts on the farms and in the mines of this country and goes through processing steps for food and raw materials, training of men, transportation at home and on the seas and then putting into effect abroad the training received here.

Thus the president left the way open for a discussion of many of the problems arising at home out of the war—prices, wages, and inflation, in all their ramifications, and feuds that have broken out within the government itself.

Italians Wisecrack, 'Benito E Finito'

NEW YORK, July 27.-(AP)—The latest Italian wisecrack, scrawled under pictures of Mussolini and painted on fascist walls, said "Benito E Finito," recorded by NBC.

allied armies could bring to them "relief from war, freedom from servitude, and after an interval, a respectable peace in a new and re-created Europe."

"The choice is in their hands," he added.

At such a juncture, he advised, the best course was to let the Italians "stew in their own juice for a bit" and to "hot upon the fire" until the allies obtained from Italy the indispensable requirements for carrying on the war against the capital foe, Germany.

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