

By Charles A. Spang

I was always skeptical when I read of the huzzas of the populace as the Nazi hordes rolled forward in its conquest of cities and villages of Europe. Why should the people applaud a tyrant like Hitler who came to enchain them? But when the correspondents of a free press write from Sicily that our soldiers have received a cordial welcome from Sicilians I accept their reports as true. Raymond Clapper, who admitted his previous skepticism on such matters, and who reached Palermo on the heels of the American vanguard, writes:

"I went on from Palermo east as far as our artillery was at that time, and everywhere our group was cheered and fruit was thrown to us. I was hit in the face with a bunch of grapes thrown as a friendly gesture—not as a missile. There was not an ugly incident of any kind all the time I was there, moving about the city and through the country and the villages. Obviously the people of Sicily cared about nothing except having the war over."

That is, they have a feeling of great relief that the war is over. They see the Americans not as conquerors but deliverers from the Nazi swastika and the fascist yoke.

To the peoples of Europe warfare is part of the pattern of living. For countless generations families have sent their men off to the wars. Sometimes it is in religious wars. They fought under the Maltese cross against the infidel, and under the Latin cross against the heretic. They fought under the barons in the feudal period, and under dukes and princelings for the power and the glory of the ruling house. They fought for kings, sometimes for royal whims, as did the French of whose dying Louis XV Carlyle queried: "Do the five hundred thousand souls who sank on so many battles from Quebec to Quebec that thy harlot might take revenge for an epigram, crowd round thee in this hour?" Sometimes they fought for empire, for the trade routes over which the wealth of the world would flow. They fought in the red shirts of Garibaldi for a unified Italy, in the black shirts of Mussolini and the brown shirts of Hitler for a "new order" which in their hearts they despised.

For centuries the families of Europe have paid the tax of youth for war as regularly as the salt tax or the chimney tax. So the people of Sicily, old and disillusioned, hail an end of the current fighting; an end of the ferocious bombing, which gave a destruction not equaled since the vengeance of the conquerors in the

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Tornado Kills Three in Indiana

JEFFERSON, Ind., July 29—(AP) A windstorm of tornado proportions wrought death and destruction tonight at the war-boom town of Charlestown, 12 miles north of here.

Police Chief W. C. Bates of New Albany reported at least three bodies were found amid the rubble, that at least 65 houses were damaged and 20 destroyed.

Identification of the bodies was not made immediately.

The storm struck into the business section of Charlestown and at Pleasant Ridge, a federal housing project of some 700 units, of which about 120 are occupied.

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Salem Area Reports Six Infantile Paralysis Cases

Infantile paralysis struck six times in the Salem district within the past week, leaving in its wake one death, which may be attributed to it or to some other cause when results of post mortem examinations have been fully studied, and one seriously ill young woman, member of a prominent Salem family.

No conclusions as to the cause of death of Ernest Tuckeh, pharmacist, had been drawn Thursday night, Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, said, but declared evidence strong that the swift-moving paralysis had been the chief factor. Tuckeh died as a hospital here Tuesday following a brief illness.

Miss Betty Galloway, daughter of State Tax Commission Chairman and Mrs. Charles Galloway, stricken Sunday at her home, is the most seriously ill of the five current cases. Stone said he understood she was reported slightly improved Thursday.

All of the ill have been isolated, but no source of the infection has been determined, the doctor said.

Three of the group are small children, one in West Salem, one who became ill in Brooks and was

Bargaining Tone Is Adopted by Italy

Americans Crack Core Of Messina Bridgehead

Yanks Closing In On Munda, Inch by Inch

Bombers Sink Second Jap Destroyer in War On Enemy Shipping

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, July 30—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur announced Friday that American troops have made further advances on the Japanese air base at Munda, New Georgia, and declared the campaign against that strategic position in the central Solomons was progressing satisfactorily and according to plan.

The enemy's supply has been cut to the very bone by ceaseless pounding from the air and sea, said the commanding general of all allied forces in the south and southwest Pacific.

A spokesman at General MacArthur's headquarters said the new advance had carried the Americans to within 1900 yards of the airdrome — a gain of 200 yards since Tuesday. It was a substantial advance, inasmuch as the Japanese are defending stubbornly every inch against the attacking soldiers and marines.

Meanwhile, further details of an attack on Japanese shipping off Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Wednesday and Thursday, disclosed that a second enemy destroyer had been sunk by allied medium bombers. Another destroyer and a transport, which previously had been reported burning fiercely after being attacked by bombers, were beached.

Two of 11 enemy fighters endeavoring to protect the convoy were shot down, the communique said. "The following morning our bombers again attacked and demolished the grounded destroyer.

The other vessel was observed beached and still burning and has become a wreck.

"Escorting fighters shot down an enemy reconnaissance plane. The enemy's total loss amounted to two destroyers and one transport sunk or destroyed and three planes shot down."

Salmassa, the large Japanese (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Flames Shoot High But Do No Damage

Flames leaping up sufficiently to cause serious alarm, but resulting in no damage, on the Oregon Pulp & Paper company sawmill property were visible from the business district about 10:30 p.m. Thursday. The fire, in brush near the sawmill dock, was extinguished by the company's own fire fighters, though city firemen responded to an alarm.

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US Subs Sink Ten More Jap Cargo Vessels

WASHINGTON, July 29—(AP) American submarines have sunk ten more Japanese merchant ships and damaged four in their war of attrition against enemy sea power, the navy reported today.

The vessels destroyed included two large transports. The 14 successful attacks raised to 297 the number of Japanese war and merchant ships which have been reported successfully attacked since the war started. Included in the total are 210 ships sunk, 29 probably sunk, and 58 damaged.

While the navy communique, giving the latest reports on submarine activities in the Pacific and China sea areas, contained no details of the operations, it was regarded here as further evidence of the success of American strategy in reducing sharply Japan's ability to maintain her far-flung empire which is dependent on shipping for its existence.

Layton Seeks Venue Change

Polk People Held Prejudiced; Threat Of Violence Cited

DALLAS, July 29—Roy R. Hewitt, Salem attorney defending Richard Harry Layton against a charge of first degree murder in the rape slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, today moved for a change of venue based upon an affidavit filed by Layton's mother, Mrs. Mae S. Layton of Independence.

The affidavit claimed that inhabitants of Polk county were prejudiced against the defendant, that the local press had distorted the facts and magnified the crime, that crowds have assembled near the jail and threatened Layton and that prospective jurors have been intimidated and prejudiced.

Hewitt asked that the case be tried in Yamhill county.

Judge E. M. Page, Salem, presiding in the absence of Judge Arlie G. Walker, indicated that the change of venue hearing would be considered during the coming week, possibly on Monday.

Miss Hildebrand's body was found in the Willamette river above Independence early in June, identified some days later. Layton was linked up with the case through investigations made by state police involving a stolen automobile and disclosures by other Polk county girls that while serving as a policeman in Monmouth he had made a practice of taking girls to their homes.

Layton, interrogated in the Washington county jail where he was serving a sentence for an unsuccessful attempt at criminal assault, signed a statement admitting that he had caused the Hildebrand girl's death by hitting her in the face with the result that she fell into the river.

AAA Committeemen Free Again to Use Press and Radio

WASHINGTON, July 29—(AP) Acting on protests from congressmen, the agricultural adjustment agency today withdrew regulations issued last week prohibiting its 200,000 state and local farmer committeemen from distributing AAA information to the press and radio.

The regulations were based upon a provision of the recently enacted agriculture department supply bill prohibiting the use of federal funds to pay salaries and expenses of regional, state and local press agents.

The department solicitor, in a memorandum interpreting the congressional provision, had advised the AAA to instruct its committeemen and field workers to refrain from distributing information and from making speeches in behalf of the AAA or its crop programs.

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Allied Gains Threaten Two Axis Flanks

Nazis Cut Off From Reinforcing Central Area in Sicily Battle

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 29—(AP) American and Canadian troops have cracked the mountainous core of the Messina bridgehead to raise hopes tonight of a quick conquest of northeastern Sicily.

In a swift 12-mile overnight advance the Americans captured the inland road junction of Nicosia at the base of the axis triangle, and the Canadians overran the village of Agira, seven miles to the southeast, in a race for the western side of Mount Etna.

The seizure of the two towns at Stefano Di Camastro on the Tyrrhenian sea, and the eastern anchor at Catania on the Ionian sea.

(In Washington, Undersecretary of War Patterson said the final conquest of Sicily was "a matter of days.")

The two seizures were described as the most important strategical development of the past week for they cut direct communications between the two axis flanks and threatened to cause a general German withdrawal from the Catania area where the British Eighth army long has been tied down in trench warfare.

Fifty miles ahead of the Americans under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., in Taromina, eastern coast city midway between Catania and Messina. The Seventh army column is beyond Nicosia tonight, striking for the intermediate points of Troina and Randazzo above Mount Etna.

It is estimated that 40,000 Germans are spread between Catania and the north coast along the Mount Etna foothills. The capture of Nicosia and Agira, however, deprived them of means to rush reinforcements into the central area except for circuitous coastal roads running through Messina at the northeastern tip of their bridgehead.

The break-through came just when reinforced German divisions had been digging in for a siege, utilizing the natural mountainous defenses.

But General Patton and his corps commander, Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, are old hands at mountain fighting since they walloped (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Congressmen Rap Domestic Policy of FR

PORTLAND, July 29—(AP)—Four members of Oregon's all-republican congressional delegation slapped at the administration's home front policies Thursday.

Meeting with the Oregon republican club's Multnomah chapter, Sen. Rufus Holman and Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Lowell Stockman and Homer Angell agreed that the handling of the war fronts is excellent but were united in charges of mismanagement at home.

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Ellsworth said "I have yet to hear any criticism of the handling of the war, and I have yet to hear anything but criticism in regard to operations on the home front. There is nothing wrong in the whole United States that we can't correct by a good election next year."

Stockman said he was certain President Roosevelt would seek a fourth term.

All four praised each other's work in congress and also that of Sen. Charles L. McNary and Rep. James W. Mott, who did not attend the meeting.

Reds Gain Six Miles Near Orel

Nazis Bringing Aid From France, Lose 3000 in One Day

LONDON, Friday, July 30—(AP) German units from as far as France and Germany rushed into the threatened Orel sector of the Russian front today as the formidable Red artillery pounded the drenched countryside and Russian cavalry charged through the mud to batter the weary German defenders, who were pushed back six miles and perished from 40 villages.

The Soviet midnight communique giving these new details said the Germans were snatching reinforcements from every available front in their determination to prevent a major debacle at Orel, a keystone in the entire German defenses.

The communique described them as "march battalions," a German expression meaning troops hurriedly organized and sent to the front before completing their full training.

More than 3000 Germans were killed in the Orel fighting yesterday as the battle burned brightly despite the rain and muck that sent troops floundering and splashing in attack and counter-attack.

One Red army cavalry unit smashed through weary German defenders at three strongly fortified places north of Orel. The Germans ran, leaving behind them 200 of their dead comrades and large quantities of arms, the communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, said.

In another sector a regiment of German infantry, supported by thirty tanks, made two attempts to counterattack. They were met by a hail of Soviet fire and gave up their attempt after ten German tanks were disabled or burnt out and a battalion of men lay dead.

South of Orel the Russians took to the offensive again and in one sector 1500 Germans were killed as the Red troops moved on. In another sector the Germans took cover behind a water barrier and (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Bombers Meet, Kill 20 Men

EL PASO, Tex., July 29—(AP)—Two four-engined bombers from Biggs field crashed within a few hours Wednesday killing twenty of the 21 men aboard, the public relations office announced today.

Nine army crewmen died in the crash of a bomber, 15 miles east of Belen, N.M., and 11 men were killed when their ship fell ten miles north of Biggs field. One crewman, Sgt. John Tachama, Forest City, Pa., escaped with severe burns.

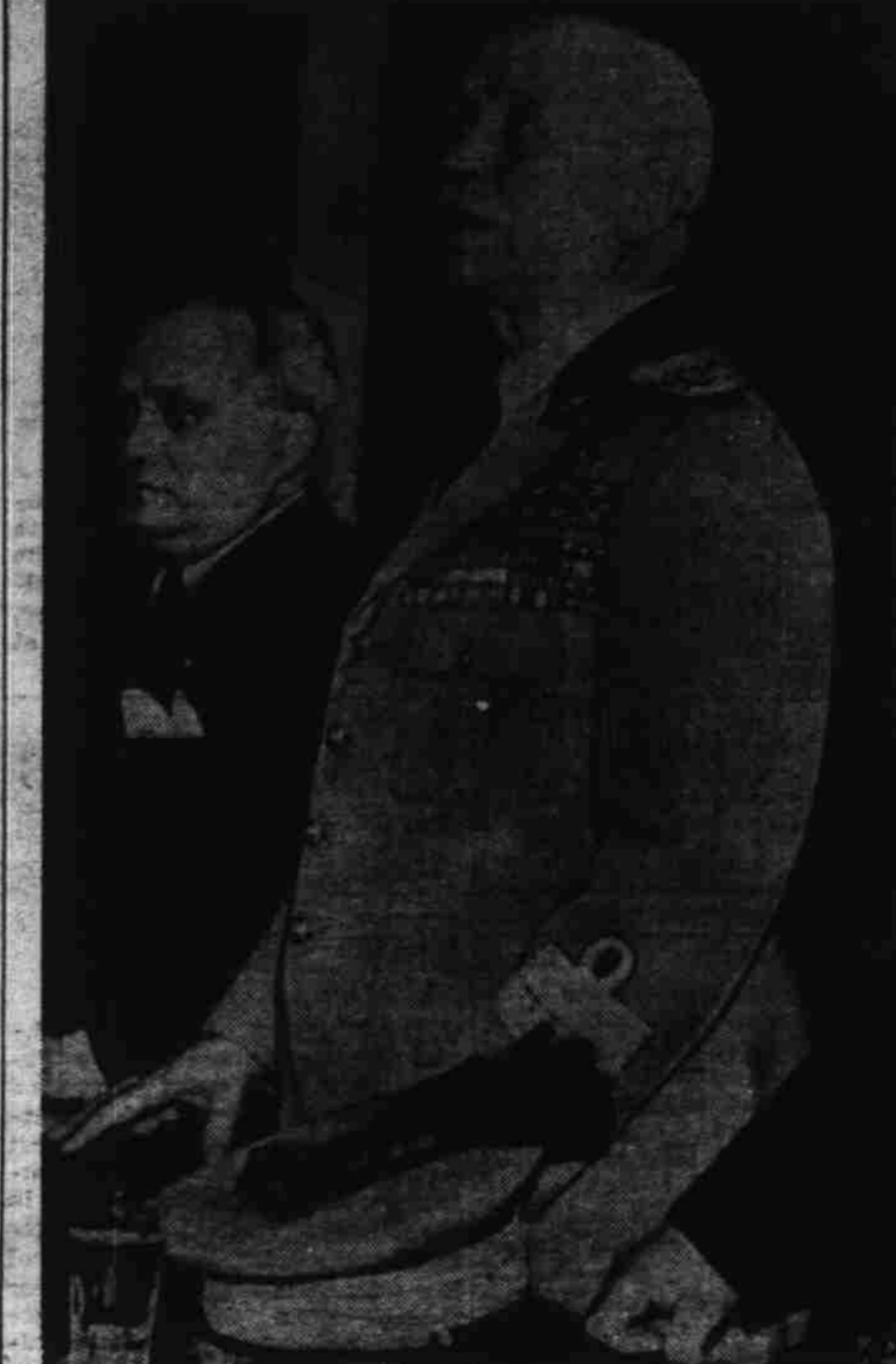
Among the dead from the northwest were (Saff Sgt. Charles L. Randall, Cleelum, Wash.; Staff Sgt. John F. Lynes, Great Falls, Mont.; and Lieut. Clarence W. Digh, Walla Walla.

Bombar-Deer?



Do you know her? Look well. This is Eunice Erens, 625 North Church street, who may be Miss Bombar-Deer, winner of prize and honors in the competition which daily draws happy, vivacious young women to Bishop's studio, where official entries are made. (Details of contest on page 7)

Badoglio Admits Peace Aim



Prime Minister Pietro Badoglio, right, successor to Benito Mussolini as head of the Italian government, according to an Italian frontier dispatch, has been forced to yield a point by announcing that the new government's aim was peace. "But it must be a peace which allows Italy to remain unoccupied," the dispatch said, intimating that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's announced terms were too harsh. Previously Badoglio had declared Italy would continue fighting.—AP Telegram.

Fascist Legislature Is Dissolved by Badoglio

Italian and German Troops in Istria to Quell Revolt; Peace Clamor Nears Revolution Stage in Several Cities

LONDON, July 29—(AP)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio dissolved the fascist-packed Italian legislature today and sought by force of arms to still domestic tumult preparatory to climactic battles or a suit for peace.

Both German and Italian troops were dispatched to Fiume and Trieste to combat separatist demonstrations among the 600,000 Croats and Slovenes of Istria, Swiss dispatches said.

The fall of the chamber of Fasci and Corporations—the legislative instrument set up by Benito Mussolini after the old chamber of deputies was dissolved Dec. 14, 1938—was announced by the Rome radio, which said King Vittorio Emanuele III approved.

"A new chamber of deputies will be elected within four months (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Additional War Industry In Prospect for Salem

By RALPH C. CURTIS

It's not too late for Salem to acquire substantial war industries in addition to those already here.

On the contrary, right now a highly desirable war industry employing several hundreds of workers would move in—if a suitable building could be acquired. The request is for 30,000 square feet of floor space, but the industry might settle for less. And since there are other "live" prospects for new war industries, anyone who has available a building suitable for industrial purposes is advised to communicate that fact to Clay Cochran, business extension manager of the Salem chamber of commerce.

Though expansion of war plant seems to be slowing down, the "decentralization" advocated from the start is now proceeding and it is this trend which makes modest-sized plants installation possible now in cities situated somewhat as Salem is. For example the Boeing company was reported Thursday to have nearly completed negotiations for installing a branch plant in Chesham, Wash., where it had asked registration of 1300 prospective employees.

To what extent Salem might under the current labor "freeze" supply workers for industries transferred here, is a difficult and also a pertinent question. Workers now commuting to other war industry centers naturally would prefer jobs in their home city, but obtaining releases might be another matter.

The request of Dallas city officials for the state post-war readjustment and development commission's aid in obtaining authorization for construction of 100 additional houses, reported Thursday by the commission's executive secretary, is a reminder of a similar difficulty here. Housing in Salem is at least as scarce just now as it has been at any time. However, if the need were shown Salem would be in as good position as other valley cities to obtain authority for new construction, since it would entail less difficulty in providing necessary subsidiary services.

Offer Is Said too Harsh

Eisenhower Proposal Is 'Carthaginian' Says Rome Radio

The Rome radio, in an English language broadcast apparently directed at the allies, took the line Friday that the allies were demanding too drastic terms for peace — perhaps a bargaining attempt to soften allied demands.

The broadcast complained that Great Britain wants a "Carthaginian peace"—that is, a peace which would completely wipe out the defeated — and said "Great Britain is fighting against Italy with the aim of not only eliminating but also of destroying Italy as a vital, progressive and history making nation."

"Great Britain wants to pen us up with limited frontiers, pen up more than 46,000,000 Italians with the intent of strangling them politically and economically."

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, continued:

"After such a peace, as Mr. Churchill says, Italy will be allowed to resume her place among the European states. Perhaps the British prime minister meant a place in a prison cell."

"Again we note that fascism was a sham target of British policy. The truth is that the real target is the Italian nation."

The broadcast made the first reference heard from Rome radio to Benito Mussolini since his (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

North Italy Is Bomber Target

Kiel U-Boat Base, Aircraft Factory at Warnemuende Hit

LONDON, Friday, July 30—(AP) British-based bombers swept eastward across the English channel late last night and Reuters reported that alerts had sounded later in the Lagoon area in Switzerland, suggesting that targets in northern Italy were under attack.

Heavy German troop movements have recently been reported in northern Italy.

Strong formations of flying fortresses hacking their way through Nazi fighter packs deep inside Germany earlier Thursday, rained explosives on the Kiel (Turn to Page 2—Story F)