

Germans Flee City After 24 Days of Siege

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"German lines have been said to have been taken back behind the remnants of the city of Orel. German units were in a position to disengage themselves from the enemy and took up previously prepared, more favorable positions."

"The evacuation took place according to plan. The flanks of the Orel arch have been shortened and strong Russian attacks smashed. All military and industrial important establishments have been evacuated."

"The enemy did not find out about the taking back of the German forces. Only several hours after the evacuation movements had taken place did they put out feelers against the new German positions."

The German account of an orderly withdrawal did not jibe with the Soviet command's announcement that the Red army was fighting the Germans in the streets of the city and that vast quantities of material were captured outside the city as the Soviet forces pursued "the retreating enemy."

On one sector alone more than 1000 Germans were killed in this pursuit, Moscow announced. The capture of Orel, as already acknowledged by the Germans, climaxes a Soviet power drive that began July 12 against this long-held Nazi bastion. The Soviet offensive itself had followed quickly upon failure of the German offensive launched July 5 all along the Kursk-Orel-Belgorod salient.

Capture of Orel would be the greatest prize of the summer campaign that saw the Nazis twice frustrated in offensive attempts and the Russians displaying new offensive and defensive power in their third summer of war.

Announcement of the successes indicated that the breakthrough came late last night, for the usual special Soviet bulletin was omitted for the first time since July 19 and the victorious drive announced in the regular midnight communiqué.

The breakthrough apparently came from the northeast, where Russian columns were reported only a few miles from the city yesterday.

The Soviet advance took a terrible toll of German lives and weapons. Northeast of the city, the communiqué said, "the Germans continually threw their troops into counterattacks supported by self-propelled guns, by tanks and planes."

Hull Defends State Policies

WASHINGTON, August 4—(P)—Secretary of State Hull defended the state department against published allegations of inefficiency and lack of a cohesive policy.

He told his press conference he was "prepared at any time to give the fullest accounting to any person or agency."

Hull's remarks were in reply to a request for comment on a Washington dispatch (in the New York Times) reporting that "administrative experts of the executive office of the president had found that conflicting personalities within the department and lack of a cohesive policy on vital questions were impairing efficiency and causing confusion in the handling of momentous problems arising out of the war."

Secretary Hull said he had no comment to offer "except I might say that, having been in the department for some ten years and more and charged with all the responsibilities of its administration, I think I know something about what is going on in the department."

Sir Oswald Mosley Asks Prison Release

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 5—(P)—Sir Oswald Mosley, who led the fascist party in Britain before the war and whose speeches often wound up in riots in England, is seeking his release from Holloway prison because of poor health, it was reported today.

Hotel Man Robbed

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(P)—A pair of armed robbers bound up the manager of the St. Andrews hotel here Wednesday with his own necktie and escaped with \$355 in checks, \$465 in cash.

WINONA, Minn.—(P)—The doors of the auto were locked, so he broke the window to get in and then discovered the car was not his.

It was an embarrassed motorist, Harvey Flatten of Winona, who told this story to police. He said he would pay the damages when the car owner reported the destruction.

IONIA, Mich.—(P)—For how long it takes to hatch a wren egg, Dr. Horace Winchell, Ionia dentist, will not wear his favorite blue jeans. Winchell hung the pants on an outdoor line to dry after a fishing trip. A mother wren protested loudly when he tried to bring them in. He looked closely. In one pocket was a nest. In the nest were eggs. The pants are still on the line.

Mob Demonstrates at Mussolini's Downfall



This picture, published in Gazzetta del Popolo of Turin, Italy, is described as a demonstration by youths in Rome when they learned of Mussolini's resignation as Italian dictator. Picture at right is described as that of King Vittorio Emanuele. (Associated Press photo from Rome to New York via radio)

Portland Clue Eyed, Kidnap

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plywood plant foreman and local labor union official, issued the statement through her brother, John R. Montgomery, Portland.

Grief-stricken, she still was near collapse in the hospital here from which the baby was abducted Tuesday morning. Her condition was reported slightly improved, however, by Dr. E. Lew Hurd. She was not permitted visitors.

State police continued to question Mrs. Theresa McQuaid and Mrs. Hazel Call, nurses on duty when the baby was taken from its crib in the nursery on the second floor. Mrs. McQuaid discovered the abduction. A blanket was rolled up in the crib to resemble Judith's form.

Sgt. Earl Huston said he was inclined to depart from the theory that the tot was taken down the vertical fire escape. He said he could not see how anyone could descend the ladder carrying a baby.

A major clue—footprints—disappeared. Depressions in the earth at the base of the fire escape proved to be a dog's footprints.

Police said they had the baby's footprints as a means of identification if the child were found.

The father, Police Chief Perry A. Stellmacher, District Attorney Harlow Weinrick and a member of the state police were scheduled to appeal to the kidnapper over the Mutual Broadcasting system's northwest network tomorrow evening, starting at 6:15. The abductor will be asked to return the baby and will be given instructions for its care.

Bombs Blast Nazi Shipyard

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No aircraft were lost on these missions.

Tuesday night, RAF intruder planes as usual went out over the continent, while Britain's heavy bombers rested after almost continuous action in the past two weeks against ill-fated Hamburg and other objectives in Germany.

The drone of large numbers of aircraft roaring out over the channel Tuesday night had suggested that the bombers were out again.

Italians Flee From Corsica

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 5—(P)—The Moscow radio reported today that grave disturbances were taking place in the island of Corsica and that Italian residents were fleeing in large numbers.

Thousands demonstrated in the capital at Ajaccio, shouting "down with the Italians" and "long live France," said the broadcast, which quoted a Tass dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland.

(The Italians occupied Corsica in November, 1942. The island has been under French rule since 1768.)

Museum Proposed for SS Oregon Items

PORTLAND, Ore., August 4—(P)—Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) announced Wednesday that he will seek to have Congress transfer ownership of Portland's Pioneer postoffice, built in 1875, to the state for conversion into a museum to house the 10,000 historical items from the scrapped battleship Oregon.

HOLLYWOOD
Last Times Tonight
"The Palm Beach Story"
Cast: COLBERT and MCCREA
MONTY WOODLEY
IDA LUPINO
Life Begins at Twenty

Goering Visits Rome; Topic Duce's Safety

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had no intention of handing over the Duce to a belligerent power which might conceivably use him against the king's own idea of what was best for Italy.

After Goering left Rome, Badoglio, at the king's orders, kept Mussolini moving under heavy guard from one royal property to another. Soldiers of the royal palace guard were assigned to guard the Duce and were personally responsible to the king.

There were many versions of the military results of Goering's visit, ranging from all out German-Italian collaboration stronger than ever before to agreement that Badoglio would only stall off surrender as long as possible to enable the Germans to dig in at the Po Valley.

Meanwhile Madrid suddenly began to take notice of unusual press dispatches from Germany which hinted that the military might have taken over or was taking over from the Nazis.

One dispatch in Arriba said "reporting events in Berlin... is a job which imposes silence at the very moment when events come under military jurisdiction which marks them with the seal of secrecy."

The question arose, did this mean that Berlin censorship is now under military jurisdiction? That Paul Joseph Goebbels, propaganda minister, no longer rules over the press?

The dispatch continued: "When tranquility in the rearward and immobilization or disappearance of fronts enables one to give a complete picture of events as they were we will write this article over again."

LONDON, Aug. 4—(P)—Italian declarations by press and radio indicated today that Marshal Pietro Badoglio's regime was binding Italy closer to the axis and stiffening the will to fight on.

While Italian newspapers carried articles rejecting the allied demand for "unconditional surrender," Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons that the allies had offered no other peace terms.

Badoglio called his cabinet to meet tomorrow, but there was no indication that it was to discuss peace terms.

A Rome broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said the meeting would be an important one.

Lebanon Crash Pilot Named

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(P)—The flier whose Alacobra crashed yesterday near Lebanon, Ore., was identified today by Portland air base as First Lieut. Charles W. Ryland of Lebanon, Pa.

Next of kin have been notified of his death. He had been stationed at Salem army airfield.

LEBANON, Aug. 4—Although army authorities have made no announcement as to the cause of the crash of an army fighter plane which resulted in the death here Tuesday of Lt. Charles W. Ryland, witnesses believed the young pilot might have been unconscious when the Alacobra nosed downward to drop through the clouds.

The drop was so direct and from such a height that they expected to see him parachute to safety, they are reported to have said.

On a level stretch of ground, two miles southwest of Lebanon, between Blackburn and Wheeler ranches, the plane fell, several explosions following the crash.

McNary Would Listen to Vets

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 4—(P)—Sen. Charles L. McNary told the chamber of commerce Wednesday that members of the armed forces should have a voice in national planning after the war.

"I believe the men now at the front should be consulted before the final decisions are made," he said. "I want to know what the soldiers and the people want and what is in the minds of leaders such as Churchill and Stalin before I commit myself to a post-war plan."

McMinnville Ex-Mayor Dies

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 4—(P)—James H. Teegarden, 68, a former member of the state legislature and ex-mayor of Yamhill, died today at his Yamhill farm home of a heart attack.

He came to Yamhill in 1911 from Ohio and in 1925 represented Yamhill county in the legislature. He was a member of the McMinnville war price and rationing board and the Knights of Pythias.

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Troops Break Through Jap Defense Line

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run a long, strong trench east of Munda.

Below Munda on American-occupied Rendova island, 13 enemy Zeros were downed in air battles, adding to the more than 300 planes lost by the Japanese in the Solomons since the offensive opened June 30.

In the northern Solomons, American Corsairs destroyed seven enemy float planes, three barges and a small cargo boat in a fighter sweep over Shortland island.

In northeastern New Guinea, where American and Australian jungle fighters are moving on Salamaua, there was sharp fighting reported south of that enemy air base.

The fighting "between forward ground elements occurred in the area near old Vickers," the communiqué said. That point is near Bobdubi, five miles below Salamaua.

The communiqué also told of the bombing of Japanese positions, supply dumps and supply barges in the Salamaua sector.

The destruction caused in the northern Solomons by the Corsairs also included the blasting of anti-aircraft positions on Shortland island and the firing of docks and supply points on Poporang island.

The air fight over Rendova resulted when 18 enemy fighters attempted to make a morning attack on positions but were dispersed and defeated.

As against enemy losses of 13 planes, we lost two.

Lumber Stocks Critically Low

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—(P)—Preliminary returns from a lumber stock survey conducted by the war production board indicated a critical reduction in inventories during the past six months. Many yards reported little or no stock on hand and some said they were forced to close because they could not get needed grades and sizes of lumber.

Flier Credited With 15 Planes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, August 5—(P)—An official compilation by the fifth airforce of flying aces in the southwest Pacific area credits First Lieut. Richard T. Bong, Popular, Wis., with 15 victories over enemy planes.

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BOB WELLS
and his Texas playboys
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Miles-Deep Advance Made

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through a blinding anti-aircraft defense to continue by night the allied air offensive against the mainland.

American heavy cruisers, disclosed in heavy action off Sicily for the first time, thundered in unison with destroyers at the north central road and defense positions dug into the hills west of Cape Orlando, itself 18 miles east of the known position of American troops.

British naval forces poured a raking fire on the east coastal road at Cape Molini, just north of Catania, and at Taormina, farther north, after fighting two, sharp engagements with enemy motor boats in which one of the latter was put out of action.

These were the highlights of the actions described in allied headquarters announcements today.

The capture of Cateanuova, 22 miles west of Catania and about three miles southwest of Centuripe, already in allied hands, was clinched by the British army after a stiff battle.

The Canadians finally cemented their hold on Agira, nine miles to the northwest of Cateanuova, after that place had changed hands several times, the communiqué announced. The town previously had been reported captured.

The British and Canadians broke the back of a German counter-attack in this sector, knocking out a Nazi 90-ton tiger tank and two others, and swept on for several miles on ground that was littered with German dead.

The lack of anything but patrol action directly south of Catania, pointed to the probability that the main attack on that eastern anchor of the Mt. Etna line was swinging in a loop from the west.

(The German radio said that three to four divisions were being hurled into this thrust and that Americans were engaged in it as well.)

After taking Centuripe, 20 miles northwest of Catania, the allied wedge had been shoved to within five miles of Adrano on the vital supply road skirting the western end of Mt. Etna.

A breakthrough to Adrano would squeeze all axis traffic to Catania onto the vulnerable east coast road already hammered by British naval guns.

Run-Off Vote For Mississippi

Critics of FDR Home Policy to Fight Out Governorship Contest

JACKSON, Miss., August 4—(P)—Out of Mississippi's first wartime democratic primary election Wednesday came promise of a spectacular battle in a gubernatorial runoff election late this month between two stalwarts with similar appeal: Martin Sennett Conner, a former governor, and Thomas L. Bailey, twelve years speaker of the Mississippi house of representatives.

Political leaders considered them both of conservative color. Both had promised "business administrations." Each had decried "bureaucracy and crackpots in government." They were similarly aligned with Roosevelt on foreign policy but critical of some domestic policies.

Lieut. Gov. Dennis Murphree had still a theoretical chance of gaining enough strength from unreported precincts to nose Bailey out.

With Murphree in the runoff, the Bailey vote might have been expected to go largely to Conner, some observers said; but with Bailey there instead no one would guess where the Murphree supporters would go or those of Senator Bilbo's candidate, Lester Franklin, former chairman of the state tax commission.

Murphree was considered a strict party man, an old line democrat and an organization leader. Franklin with the endorsement of the senator who had already become an open advocate of a fourth Roosevelt term, also drew pro-New Deal and party machine support, the dopesters said.

The vote in 1321 of the state's 1695 precincts gave Conner 77,358; Bailey 49,717; Murphree 44,700, and Franklin 25,263.

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