

North Italian Cities Take Worst Bombing

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engine factories, the Italian royal arsenal and chemical and other plants, Turin is an important railway junction through which traffic with Germany must pass.

The attack on Berlin, the 68th of the war, was executed by swift wooden Mosquito bombers. The attack was minor compared with the smashes at Rome, Milan and Turin, but it served the purpose of awakening Berlin's populace, 4,500,000 before evacuations began, and further fraying Nazi nerves.

Berlin is undergoing partial evacuation since saturation attacks obliterated Hamburg. Many Hamburg refugees have fled to Berlin and told the story of their city's fate. Thus the Mosquito raid seemed aimed in part at German morale, since it was not in great force.

Night is lengthening, however. The moon over Berlin will be full on August 15, and the RAF has implied strongly that Berlin is due for the same pounding that was given to Hamburg.

Besides their main objectives, the British attacked airfields at Dijon and St. Dizier and blast furnaces at St. Omer. All are in France. Shipping off France and the low countries and railways were bombed. Intruder planes shot up 19 locomotives, a critically short article in Hitler's arsenal. A mine sweeper and motor torpedo boat were sunk in Dover straits.

The bomb deluge on Milan was crammed into 30 minutes, and when pilots were crossing the Alps enroute home they saw a huge pillar of smoke over the city. They said fires were well concentrated in the area, which includes the Caproni aircraft works, the Breda arms works and tire and aircraft engine factories—among other things. Milan was last damaged on Saturday night. Crews were quoted by the air ministry as saying last night's raid was "an outstanding success." Swiss reports said peace demonstrations broke out.

The Turin attack also was packed into a half-hour and this city's defenses were swiftly saturated. The most destructive raid on Turin previously was on July 12.

Watchers on the Swiss border 37 miles from Milan could hear the explosions and see the glow of fire. Swiss reports said the alarm sounded in Milan shortly after midnight and the all clear was sounded at 2 a.m.

Milan newspapers said one of the spires of the cathedral was hit and the famous Palazzo Marino on the Piazza Della Scala, seat of the city government, burned to the ground. The newspaper said that whole blocks of buildings were leveled and that the casualties were very great.

The RAF's heavy bomber force sent against Milan and Turin looked like a great aerial parade as the big bombers streamed across the English sky for hours after dusk on the way out.

Farmers Union Picnic Sunday

Farmers Union members in considerable numbers are planning to attend the annual state picnic which will be held Sunday at Champeong Park. All members and their friends are welcome to attend.

The day's events will include a sports program, basket luncheon and a program in the afternoon at which speakers will be Ervin L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture; Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor and ex-congressman, and others. There also will be group singing, solos by Louis Koenig, J. P. Smart and others, and selections by the juniors.

Glass Jar Supply Running Low

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—A survey today disclosed stocks of glass fruit jars running low in Portland.

The Independent Retail Merchants' association, representing 500 grocers, said all stores have been able to meet demand despite falling inventories.

But a dozen other major retailers said they had no pint jars on hand. Five of these stores said quart and half gallon jars also were getting scarce.

Most said they did not expect replacements soon.

J. Fred Bergesh, district war production board director, said, however, that none had reported difficulties in obtaining fruit jar supplies.

DANCE TONIGHT

Veterans Hall
Corner Hood & Church St.
Old Time Dancing
Music by The Oregonians

Downs Planes



Lieut. Joseph R. Sarnowski (above), of Richmond, Va., stuck to his gun in the nose of a Flying Fortress on a mapping mission over Bougainville island in the South Pacific, after he was mortally wounded in an attack by ten Jap fighters, and shot down two Jap planes.

Reds One Mile From Kharkov

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miles of the front and pushed through the great gap for an 11-mile advance.

The two arms of the offensive apparently were heading to a meeting on the rail line east of Smolensk. The twin columns already have captured 100 towns and villages.

The new storm center on the Russian front was 85 miles north of Bryansk, another menacing axis bastion. Smolensk, one of the first major Russian cities captured by the Germans in their initial invasion of Russia three years ago, is near the White Russian border and about 190 miles from the Latvian border.

The Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet monitor said that in the Bryansk drive Soviet troops rolled on through 60 towns and villages and advanced to within four miles of Karachev, 25 miles from Bryansk. Karachev, the last important railway station to the east, appeared ready to fall in Russian hands. Five large populated areas were taken in this drive. Other Russian forces above Karachev are 25 miles from Bryansk.

The Moscow bulletin said that 46 German tanks were wrecked on all fronts Thursday while 73 planes were brought down.

Jap Air Base In New Guinea Devastated

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all previous raids on that base in point of violence.

The 177 tons of bombs fell in a 45-minute period.

Among the targets was the Salamaua airbase, whose possession would put the allies within easy fighter plane range of New Britain island, site of numerous Japanese air bases.

Salamaua not only was a good airbase, one big enough even before the war for heavily loaded cargo planes to take off for nearby New Guinea gold fields, but also a deep, sheltered shipping anchorage.

Off New Guinea a Japanese cargo ship was bombed and damaged by an allied Catalina.

A mile advance against the entrenched and entrenched Japanese at Balakke harbor, last enemy foothold on New Georgia island, was reported today by General MacArthur.

On the other end of the two-pronged Pacific offensive, 177 tons of bombs were dropped on the ground-menaced Japanese air base of Salamaua, New Guinea, a new record for that much-bombed objective.

Salem Schools Open Sept. 27

Opening date of the Salem public schools has been set for Monday, September 27.

Children old enough to enter school this year and entering in the first grade are urged to take advantage of the opportunity for a pre-school physical examination. Such examination may be had on appointment by reporting to the Marion county department of health, Masonic building, High and State streets, on any of the following Wednesdays: August 18, August 23, September 6, September 13 or September 22. The hours are from 10 to 12 in the forenoon or 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Children who will be six years old on or before November 15 will be eligible to enter school for the coming year. All such children should have a physical examination prior to the opening of school, and this privilege is available without cost by appointment at the Marion county health department on dates and hours as indicated above.

Rome Bombed In Second Great Raid

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Fortresses crashed through the roofs and hangars of administration buildings.

The crew were unanimous in reports that no damage was done to Rome outside of the railroad yards and airbases which had been set as objectives.

"I did not see one bomb outside the target area," said Flying Officer Robert Butler, of "Staples, Minn., a Marauder pilot. "When our Marauders dropped their first bombs a big sheet of flame issued from a string of box cars. From then on the whole railroad yards were a mess of smoke and fire. Off to the right the Lorenzo yards were burning but the rest of the city was completely peaceful."

Although the total number of attacking planes in the raid was not disclosed, obviously fewer were involved than in the original raid. During the July attack, approximately 500 American bombers dropped over 1,100 tons of bombs on the Italian capital. The bomb load dropped today was something more than 500 tons.

The San Lorenzo marshalling yards, one of the objectives in today's attack, lies four miles from Vatican City.

The raid was executed by the strategic air force commanded by Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle. Except for specially careful briefing of the crews it differed in no way from allied bombings of any other Italian cities.

The navigators, many of whom participated in the July raid, again were given stringent instructions to avoid the proximity of churches, shrines and historic monuments. The bombardiers were absolutely certain they had their targets clear in their sights.

The hazards from anti-aircraft fire and fighters were increased by the enemy's almost certain knowledge that railroad yards and airfields would be the only objectives.

Today's huge bomber fleet was escorted by an unannounced number of Lightning fighters.

The first waves of Flying Fortresses went in high over the San Lorenzo target soon after 11 a.m. At approximately the same time, medium Mitchells and Marauders roared in at low levels to drop their bombs and spray the already flaming target area with tracers.

A special communique issued immediately after the raid said: "Strong forces of heavy and medium bombers of the northwest African air force today attacked marshalling yards at Rome."

The daylight attack today followed a night raid by Britain-based bombers which smashed at industrial and communications targets at Milan and Turin in northern Italy.

RAF Halifax and Liberator bombers from the Middle East dumped heavy loads of explosives on railway sidings at San Giovanni on the toe of Italy, just across the Messina straits from the axis bridgehead in Sicily.

Court Affirms Fining of 20 NW Brewers

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12 (AP)—The US circuit court of appeals Friday affirmed the fining of 20 west coast brewing concerns, four institutes and 32 individuals who had been charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust law in regard to price-fixing of beer.

All defendants had pleaded nolo contendere in federal district court in Seattle, were fined from \$250 to \$2,000 each, and then appealed on the ground that the repeal (21st) amendment took away from the federal government all rights in regard to commerce of intoxicants between states.

The case was that of the Washington Brewers' Institute and others.

The federal charge against them also alleged coercion of wholesale and retail dealers.

The defendants, from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and some from California, alleged that the first three states had monopolies on the beer business and that California had its own regulated—hence that all the states had assumed responsibility by legislation and that the laws of the federal government did not now apply to the brewery business.

The circuit court's opinion, written by Justice William Healy, said the 21st amendment empowered the states to enact legislation in regard to beer but "we think the amendment does not deprive the national government of all authority to legislate in respect to inter-state commerce in intoxicants."

"We regard it as significant that no state has appealed in this case as a friend of the court to protest enforcement of the Sherman act."

"The appellants are charged with combining to fix prices; by their pleas (nolo contendere) they admit the charge. We find nothing in state laws or regulations to sanction combinations of the sort."

The firms involved distribute in their areas and in Alaska.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The decorative motif above is, as the compositor has sometimes allowed you, gentle reader, to be reminded, a "standing head."

In printer's parlance, that means that it does not have to be reset night after night.

However, for the next two weeks it is to be just that—a standing head.

This is by way of warning. The boys and girls in the office who sometimes weary of the long sentences, the punctuation which doesn't agree with their own standards, have threatened to fill it. Be Warned! I am on vacation. . . . See you in the bean yards.

US Chiefs of Staff in Quebec

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their deliberations officially.

The strategy parleys have fallen into two distinct phases. The first began with Anglo-Canadian conferences, which still were going on today. The second will start tomorrow when the American and British staff chiefs meet.

The Anglo-American huddles are expected to center around military matters, primarily, and therefore to be a direct continuation of the Casablanca meeting last January and the Washington meeting last May.

That appeared to many observers to be the chief reason why Russia did not get a bid to the Quebec conference, assuming that a Moscow statement that no invitation had been received by the Soviet government is accurate.

The big job of the red armies obviously is to keep on shoving the enemy back toward German soil, and any decisions that could be made here would be unlikely to alter that task in the slightest. They might make it easier if the American and British talks result in the long-awaited invasion of continental Europe which Russia so frequently has urged.

Officials here offered no confirmation that Russia had not been asked to sit in on the Quebec parleys. But Canadian reporters showed a decided interest in a possibility that Canada had called the conference and had withheld the Russian invitation. And on that point, too, little enlightenment appeared.

An official of the Canadian war information board said Canada was the host, but "not in the sense of calling the conference." He left the impression that the United Kingdom and the United States were responsible for bringing the conference about.

Aside from the discussions between British and Canadian military experts, little significant activity was in evidence here today. Most of the Canadian cabinet ministers who had been here earlier had returned to their capital at Ottawa, but were coming back later.

Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King worked in the mosted citadel of the city with his staff in the morning, visited Cardinal J. M. Rodrigue, viceregal in the archbishop's palace in the afternoon, and played host in the evening at a reception for persons attending the war talks.

The British chiefs of staff with whom the Americans will consult are Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the imperial general staff; Admiral of the fleet Sir Dudley Pound, first sea lord; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, chief of the air staff; Lieut. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff to Churchill; and Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, chief of combined operations.

Upon their arrival in Quebec tonight, Gen. Marshall was received by Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the Canadian general staff; Admiral King by Vice-Admiral Percy W. Nelles, chief of Canadian naval staff; and Gen. Arnold by Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, chief of Canadian air staff.

Tonight's reception, given by MacKenzie King on behalf of the Canadian government was for all the officers taking part in the conference, including the Americans. Among the other guests were Sir Eugene Flisat, Quebec province lieutenant governor, and Lady Flisat; Province Premier Adolphe Godbout and Mrs. Godbout; and Mayor Lucien Borne, of Quebec City and Mrs. Borne.

Yank Conduct Overseas Praised

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—Americans can be proud of the conduct of their soldiers overseas, Walter N. Rothschild, a member of the USO board of directors, said Friday, reviewing his recent six-week tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and Iceland.

"In all my trip," he told a general press conference, "I did not see one drunken soldier."

"I had an opportunity to talk to Scotland Yard officials about this, and they said they were amazed at the excellent conduct of the American service men."

Yanks Smash Rearguard

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time one of the world's most concentrated aerial and artillery barrages supported the bolt-like thrust into the city, laying waste to every possible defense the Germans might use.

American skill and leadership never were exemplified better than in the fierce maneuvers which sent the Nazis reeling back from their strategically perfect entrenchments and machine gun nests commanding every mountainous approach to the beleaguered city.

Americans who won Bizerte added to their laurels with their slashing drive into the city, which many Nazis suicidally fought to defend. These Nazis apparently hoped the high command would use any time gained by a rear guard action to improve further the defenses of the European "fortress."

Meantime, with control of the Ra Dazzo junction of the road leading to Taormina and a side road angling into the mountains just behind Messina, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forces rushed their annihilating pursuit of the retreating Nazis.

As the German evacuation swelled, allied fliers dubbed the Messina strait "Flak Alley" in recognition of the strong anti-aircraft defenses emplaced along the shores.

Layton Case Panel Draws 50 New Names

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Falls City; H. A. Bowman, farmer, Falls City; J. E. Clayton, retired, Dallas; Gladys Dunn, housewife, Dallas; John Friesen, merchant, Dallas; William Fudge, Blackfoot; Sarah A. Hackett, housewife, route one, Salem; Bertha Boyer, housewife, Dallas; James Ingle, fruit grower, route one, Salem; Magdalen Mayhood, housewife, route four, Salem; Raleigh Middleton, clerk, Dallas; Lily Plummer, housewife, Dallas; Cecil L. Riggs, electrician, Dallas; Albert Smith, carpenter, Dallas; Hulda C. Smith, housewife, Dallas; C. B. Sundberg, retired, Dallas; Henry Voth, retired, Dallas; Walter Williams, retired, Dallas.

The special venire panel of 50 jurors drawn included: R. M. Ashcraft, laborer, West Salem; Pearl Barnhart, housewife, Falls City; D. J. Bartel, farmer, route one, Dallas; William H. Beard, laborer, Falls City; Nannie E. Bennett, housewife, route one, Dallas; Isabella Brown, housewife, Dallas; Walter E. Brown, farmer, route one, Independence; Earl C. Burk, park superintendent, West Salem.

W. H. Cockle, retired, Independence; George M. Combs, laborer, West Salem; Cora DeArmond, housewife, Monmouth; Jacob DeJong, farmer, Sheridan; Jennings B. Emerson, farmer, route one, Sheridan; Elmer Emmett, retired, route one, Salem.

Baylis G. Fleming, farmer, route one, Amity; La Verne Ferguson, housewife, Falls City; Bertha Finseth, housewife, Dallas; Vardeman Fishback, farmer, Monmouth; Porter Frizzell, farmer, route one, Rickreall; Carl Gerlinger, Jr., machine shop, Dallas; Lawrence Goode, laborer, Falls City.

Clarence A. Harlow, service station, Independence; Alvin Harritt, housewife, route one, Salem; Phil Hathaway, laborer, West Salem; Eugene Hayter, retired, Dallas; Enoch Herrill, laborer, route four, Salem; J. K. Hollingsworth, farmer, Dallas; Fred Holman, laborer, Dallas.

Ben Johnson, contractor, Independence; Frank Kersey, mayor, Dallas; Ira Mehrling, farmer, Falls City; Evelyn Morgan, housewife, Independence; Ira D. Mix, banker, Independence; L. H. McBea, farmer, route two, Dallas; R. C. McKnight, clerk, Dallas.

Del Plaster, laborer, Dallas; Ralph Severy, carpenter, route one, Dallas; Joel Shaw, retired, Dallas; Vernon Shepherd, laborer, Williams; Chester Sloper, hop grower, Independence; Vern Smith, retired, Dallas; R. L. Turner, retired, Dallas; J. L. Van Loan, retired, Monmouth; L. E. Viers, retired, Dallas; E. A. Wagner, meat dealer, Dallas; Ivan Warner, merchant, Dallas; George Werner, farmer, McCoy; Madeline Williams, housewife, Dallas; Pearl Withers, housewife, route four, Salem.

Oil in "Big Inch" Reaches Pennsylvania
PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Aug. 13 (AP)—Oil for the allies, travelling east through "big inch," giant of all pipelines, reached the line's eastern junction here.

HOLLYWOOD Last Time Today
WILLIAM BOYD **UNDERCOVER MAN**
ALAN JONES **RHYTHM OF THE ISLANDS**

Gunner's Mate



Mary Ellis (above) of Deadwood, S.D., is the first SPAR in the 11th naval district coast guard women's reserve to win a rating of gunner's mate. (AP photo from coast guard.)

Air Medals Go To Oregonians

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Awards to Oregonians on the Eighth bomber command in England were announced by the war department Friday. The list includes:

(Bronze oak leaf cluster to air medal, for five combat bomber missions.)

Theodore E. Smalley, staff sergeant, 2184 S. Winter St., Salem. (Air medal, for destruction of one enemy aircraft.)

Charles M. Roberts, staff sergeant, 213 A St., Forest Grove. Air medals, for five combat bomber missions.)

Orlando C. Asper, second lieutenant, 904 Blaine St. Woodburn. Lewis E. Feldstein, second lieutenant, 3237 NE Dunekley St., Portland.

Jesse A. C. Niemala, second lieutenant, 2417 NE 11th Ave., Portland.

John W. Buckley, technical sergeant, 823 Commercial St., Salem. William D. Davis, technical sergeant, 331 Mae St., Medford.

V. E. Johnson, technical sergeant, 3426 NE 28th Ave., Portland.

Russel Matheson, technical sergeant, 514 Walnut St., Klamath Falls.

Charles M. Sprague, technical sergeant, Redmond.

(Bronze oak leaf cluster to air medal, for destruction of one enemy aircraft.)

August F. Warden, staff sergeant, route 2, box 780, Benton. (Air medal, for five combat bomber missions.)

Clifford B. Hamilton, captain, 3003 E. 30th St., Spokane.

Cornell E. Ackley, second lieutenant, 2110 E. Eighth Terrace, Vancouver.

Wheat Sowing Goal Boosted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—The war food administration announced Friday that state wheat planting goals under the 1944 farm program call for a national acreage of 68,000,000 acres.

This compares with 54,149,000 planted for harvest this year. The largest acreage ever planted to wheat was 80,814,000 acres in 1937.

Most of the increased acreage is sought in the great plains states from Montana and North Dakota to Texas. Smaller increases are wanted in the Pacific northwest, and in the soft red winter wheat area of the corn belt.

The state goals will be divided among counties and then distributed among individual farmers. Farmers will be free, however, to plant whatever acreage they desire, inasmuch as AAA allotments and marketing quotas have been eliminated.

State goals compared with this year's acreage included: Montana, 4,100,000 and 3,973,000; Idaho, 1,000,000 and 897,000; Washington, 2,300,000 and 2,438,000; Oregon, 950,000 and 882,000.

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Schools May Fail to Open

Rex Putnam, Oregon superintendent of public instruction, predicted Friday that many parts of the state would be left without school facilities this fall because of the teacher shortage.

He said that in addition to the 58 schools that closed last year, 197 may be unable to open at the end of summer vacation.

Most of the closures will be in rural areas, and Putnam said the distances will be too great for many of the students to transfer to other schools.

Hardest hit will be Union county in eastern Oregon, where 18 are expected to close.

Putnam said in a report that the state would need 515 teachers—of which 270 are wanted for rural grade schools; 42 for rural high schools, 93 for city grade schools and 108 for city high schools.

The report said this was the probable situation by counties

Firemen Called On Two Car Fires

City firemen had been back in the station 10 minutes after dealing with one car fire Friday afternoon when they were called to their second, which was believed to be the sixth for the entire year. Wiring of an automobile parked on North High street near court burned out in one of the blazes. The other was in a car being worked at the used car lot at the corner of Church and Chemeketa streets.

At 4:15 Friday afternoon, firemen made a run to West Salem, where a motor fire was reported at the Salem Box factory.

(teacher vacancies listed first, possible school closures following): Baker, 17 needed, 3 to close; Benton 18, 5 to close; Clackamas 36, 6 to close; Lincoln 6, no closures; Linn 30, no closures; Marion 26, 6 to close; Polk 5, no closures; Umatilla 11, 5 to close; Yamhill 32, 5 to close.

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