

Heavy Planes Pound Central Germany Hard

LONDON, Saturday, July 8—(AP) British heavy bombers attacked military targets in enemy occupied territory last night while a force of Mosquitos again hit Berlin, it was announced officially today.

The new attacks followed quickly after assaults in daylight Friday by more than 1100 US heavy bombers which cast 3000 tons of bombs on 11 high-priority targets in central Germany—an operation that stung the Germans into putting up the biggest aerial battle in six weeks. A total of 114 enemy planes were shot down while the Americans lost 36 bombers and six fighters.

Another great battle in the clouds raged over German Silesia, where about 75 miles southeast of Breslau more than 500 heavyweights from Italy struck oil plants near Blech-Hammer and Odental, leaving them wreathed in fire and explosions. An undisclosed number of German interceptors was shot down.

The big task force from Britain went after an assembly plant at Mockau, synthetic oil plants at Lutzendorf, Bohlen and Merseberg, a bomber assembly plant at Bernburg, a bomber component plant at Aschersleben, engine works and ball-bearing plants at Leipzig, and an assembly and repair plant at Halle.

Some of these plants had been partly rebuilt since being hit previously.

The twin attacks were closely synchronized, the bombers from Italy striking at the targets near the Polish border only 15 minutes after the last bomber had left Leipzig for the return to Britain.

Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings led the attack which handed Hitler his biggest aerial setback since D-day. They knocked down 75 planes—a ratio of more than six to one, while the gunners of the bombers knocked off the other 39.

This was the greatest bag since a task force raiding Berlin May 19 knocked down 125.

Allied Drive Slower Than Hoped for

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 7—(AP)—It was freely admitted today this headquarters today that progress of the allied invasion of France has not been as fast as was hoped for when the western front was planned, because of fanatical resistance by the Germans on every foot of ground.

White officers made no secret of this, they hastened at the same time to say that after one month of fighting, the front could not be described as "unsatisfactory," and noted that it had engaged or tied up 50 enemy divisions, as the Russians had asked.

Headquarters has definite information that the Germans have been forced to use in France divisions which were earmarked for the Russian front.

"After all," one officer said, "we have landed and established a front, and a month ago we were not too sure whether we could do that."

Slowness of progress has been attributed to a number of causes by various officers, but the chief one that emerges is that the Germans have reacted violently and fought fanatically for every bit of ground in Russian style.

The worst June weather in 25 years has prevented the allies from using their air superiority to the fullest extent, and a channel gale caused considerable damage and delayed unloading of ships.

The weather has been important because it was at its worst during the early unloading stages, when more supplies and troops might have paid big dividends before the Germans could get set.

US Halts Jap Escape Try

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trated with previous attempts to land from barges at night behind the American lines. That trick also was futile.

Yanks Push Ahead The Americans had pushed against strong opposition to within two miles of Inaga point, at the northeast tip of Saipan.

Nimitz announced that a total of 8914 enemy dead had been buried. The original garrison was estimated at about 20,000.

Another heavy strike at Truk, about 750 miles to the southwest, was made Wednesday by heavy bombers of the 7th army air force. Thirty tons of bombs were dropped. Neutralizing raids continued the same day against bypassed enemy bases in the Marshall Islands.

The end of the fighting was in sight on Saipan, not only for the bewildered Japanese soldiers but also for civilians trapped with them. The Americans offered sanctuary to all civilians wanting to accept it.

Jap Women, Children Rounded Up on Saipan



Japanese women and children whose husbands and fathers are opposing American troops on Saipan in the Marianas are guarded after being rounded up for removal to a compound where they are now comfortably quartered. (AP Wirephoto from US army signal corps newsreel.)

Yank Troops Surge Ahead In Normandy

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Americans were doing to enemy defenses in that area.

Swift-moving infantry seized dominating high ground west of St. Jean and other doughboys moving down from the northeast late in the afternoon bridged the canal linking the Vire and Taute rivers which forms a natural barrier on the northern approaches to the town.

Engineers Help This pincer movement was made possible by engineers who threw a foot bridge across the canal in 20 minutes.

La Hays was in even sorer straits, and it appeared that the enemy soon must fall back to Lessay, four and one-half miles south, or let the Americans spring the trap which was a scant two miles from closing south of the city.

There the Americans were in possession of the wooded heights of Mont Castré, two miles east of La Hays, unhinging all German holdings in the sector and leaving the Americans in a position to strike for the dry soil of the plains below, toward Lessay, less than five miles away.

They had pushed to a point three miles southeast of La Hays, and across the only road south leading to Lessay they were in firm possession of La Surelliere, one mile south and slightly west of La Hays. From there they drove to within 200 yards of the highway.

Seizing Hill 121, three miles southeast of La Hays, American guns commanded the slope leading down to Lessay.

As doughboys fought back into the ruins of La Hays, the Germans threw reinforcements into battle in an attempt to salvage a rapidly deteriorating situation, counter-attacking all the way from around La Hays to the Carrentin marsh, but the Americans hurled them back.

Wilno in State Of Siege as Reds Push On

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frontier of this Baltic state, however, lies 15 miles on to the west of Wilno.

To the north, where Gen. Ivan Bagramian's First Baltic army was battling toward Latvia, soviet troops crossed the Drissa river and cut the highway between Dzisna and Idrizta.

Reds Drive Ahead

South of Wilno the red army plowed within four miles of the important railway junction of Baranowicz and in the area of the Pripyat marshes soviet forces captured the center of Stolin, only 38 miles from Pinsk, the broadcast Russian communique said.

Nearly 800 towns and villages were taken by the sweeping advance on all fronts and more of Germany's disorganized forces were killed or captured.

The liquidation of encircled enemy pockets in the Minsk area continued, and the communique said 4000 German officers and men had been slain during the day and 3000 captured east of the White Russian capital. One German general was taken prisoner in this roundup and another was

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Superforts Pound Jap Naval Base

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ishment of that "Pittsburgh of Japan."

(A Domei dispatch broadcast to North America said the big port of Nagasaki, south of Sasebo, also was struck and claimed that "reports available so far" indicated three planes were shot down.

(The broadcast said incendiary bombs were dropped, that "small fires" were extinguished "by the air raid defense corps" and declared there was "practically no damage." The broadcast was heard by the federal communications commission.

(An imperial headquarters communique made no mention of any planes shot down, but said that "more than 10 enemy planes" appearing over Japan were promptly repulsed by the Japanese air force which suffered "hardly any losses." It identified no targets and like the Domei account did not identify the planes as the new Super-Fortresses.)

Sasebo is one of the three great naval construction, repair and supply yards in Japan proper. It is on the island of Kyushu and lies west of Yawata, which is located on the same island.

Comparable to the United States naval bases at Bremerton, Washington, or Norfolk, Va., Sasebo, just north of the important port and industrial city of Nagasaki, contains an arsenal and a marine corps establishment as well as a naval air service base, in addition to the sprawling navy yard itself.

Gen. Arnold issued the communique in his role as commander of the 20th air force. Because of their great range and tremendous bomb load, the Super-Fortresses of the 20th air force—of which the China-based 20th bomber command is a part—operate directly under Arnold's command and the direction of the joint chiefs-of-staff in Washington.

Gen. De Gaulle Predicts Nazi End in France

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle, predicting that the last German will be chased from France before the end of 1944, opened today his talks with Pres. Roosevelt aimed at laying a foundation of friendly understanding.

Beforehand, Pres. Roosevelt told a news conference the talks would deal chiefly with the fight of the French underground, now approaching the scale of full-fledged battle with the Germans in southern France, and would touch in a general way on problems of civil administration.

Mr. Roosevelt declared that the question of recognition of the French national committee would not come up, as it had not come up in De Gaulle's recent talks with British Prime Minister Churchill.

With this prime obstacle out of the way, it appeared that the two leaders would be able to discuss military problems and the re-constitution of a free France on a basis that could lead to complete erasure of the strain which has characterized Franco-American relations during the past few months.

Before going to the White House for lunch with Pres. Roosevelt and the start of their talks, De Gaulle made two brief speeches, one before the French Civil Missions here and the other before the French military and naval missions. His theme was that France must rise from the war as a great, strong and free power.

Dr. D. D. Hill Praises New Flax Group

(Special to The Statesman) OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 7—Formation of a new flax group was commended today by Dr. D. D. Hill, chairman of the Oregon flax and linen board.

He termed the projected Oregon Flax Association "a tremendous step that can well become the most important single step in insuring a permanent flax industry for this state."

Dr. Hill said the industry had grown beyond the point wherein any few individuals or groups could properly watch their interests.

Paul Carpenter, extension marketing specialist who drew up the tentative organization plan, explained that the committee named to incorporate the new group could file whatever articles of incorporation had a general agreement, without binding future membership as to officers or by-laws.

Plans represented at the organization meeting included the Northwest, Hillsboro, Dayton, Silverton, Harriburg, Mt. Angel, Benton County, St. Paul and Molalla.

Some of the representatives from the nine plants were not ready to commit their plants to actual membership, Mr. Angel's representative particularly explaining that his group favored "a less elaborate organization and one composed only of cooperatives."

Chinese End Japs' Siege Of Hengyang

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ly were these enemy lines bogged down, the high command said, that Japanese troops in the Hengyang area had to receive supplies and ammunition by plane in the same manner as Chinese troops previously had been supplied.

However, in this wartime capital of China, while the claims appeared to have heartened the populace, the more cautious preferred to wait and see how the situation developed before yielding to general jubilation.

Dr. G. W. Truett Dies Friday

DALLAS, July 7—(AP)—Dr. George W. Truett, 77, internationally known Baptist who was pastor of Dallas' First Baptist church for almost 47 years, died late tonight.

The silver-haired, massive-framed, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, kept from his pulpit by illness since July, 1943, tendered his resignation to his church June 4, but its members unanimously declined to accept it, and voted him an associate pastor. He had been critically ill several days.

Snatched by an enthusiastic congregation from a contemplated career as a criminal lawyer, Dr. Truett earned the title "Prince of Preachers" from the Southern Baptist church and became a great name in Baptistdom.

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In Technicolor "The Desperados" with Randolph Scott and Glenn Ford
"The Buccaneers" Blende and Darwood and Baby Dumpling and "Footlight Glamour"

Reds Make General Advance



Arrows locate major red army advances including the capture of Kowel in old Poland. Running northward along the front, other towns captured were Zhithovichi, Lyakhovichi, Iakhkoids, Ivenets, Mikhalinski and Adamovo. (AP Wirephoto.)

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The girls (and for that matter the boys, too) around our office are getting excited about the prospect of postwar jewels.

According to "Business Week" synthetic white sapphires, now used in war instruments, are being produced for about 2 1/2¢ a carat; rubies for about 5¢. "The synthetics," says the magazine, "are just as hard as natural gems and even more perfect except for microscopic gas bubbles, which cannot be seen under a jeweler's loupe."

We're wondering what sort of glass would reveal the bubbles, because we have a friend who will surely enough put out the money for one!

What is it the Bible says about good names and rubies? It is just possible that all of us may, in postwar years, have names good enough to be worth more than rubies at the market price.

Yanks, Nazis Battle Bitterly

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sions, reinforced by hundreds of new guns, mortars and other weapons, fought hard to give Nazi engineers and labor battalions time to complete this defense belt. Reconnaissance disclosed, for example, that the enemy is working feverishly on fortifications in the Futa pass area, 20 miles north of Florence, though allied troops still are 20 mountainous miles south of Florence.

Although the enemy was knocked off high ground at several points yesterday, the day's fighting left the front substantially unchanged all the way from the west coast to the Adriatic. The interruption of the allied march was regarded here as likely to be only temporary, but it was obvious that the drive into the gothic line would be slow and arduous.

Burns Hunters Bag 90 Coyotes From Plane

BURNS, July 7—(AP)—Two Burns aviators were back home today after a 10-day coyote hunt which netted them 90 coyotes. The civilians, hunting in a plane which plunged within 20 feet of the ground when a coyote was spotted, began curing the coyote skins for sale to furriers.

Circus Blaze Toll Hits 152; Arrests Made

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hysterical mass yesterday as flames tore through the big top. What equipment there was, said Alcorn, was manned by "inadequate personnel."

Tent Highly Inflammable "There is also in our possession," he asserted, "information that the tent itself had been in use only since the road show started this season and that it had been treated with paraffin which was diluted with gasoline, making the entire tent highly inflammable."

Saying that all agencies were determined not only "to ascertain the exact cause of the fire but also to fix responsibility, if any, for the tragic loss of life," Alcorn added:

"It is probable that after the adjourned hearing by the fire marshal and after the coroner's inquest, additional warrants will be issued."

Questions 40 Persons In his capacity as state fire marshal, Hickey questioned between 40 and 50 persons during the day. In the group were circus officials and workers and spectators who were at the circus grounds when the big top collapsed in a fiery heap soon after the discovery of a small flame.

Once during the inquiry, Hickey left the hearing room with six users who contended that the fire apparently was caused by a cigaret carelessly thrown by a man against a sidewall of the tent. Hickey and the users went to the circus grounds to examine the probable spot of the fire's origin.

Later, Hickey said the users' story had "stood up under oath." Even while officials sought an explanation for the disaster, approximately one-third of those who lost their lives with death in the terrifying scramble out of the tent remained unidentified.

State Bond Sales Well Beyond Quota

PORTLAND, July 7—(AP)—Oregon mounted to 115 per cent of its Fifth War Loan quota today, but sales of E bonds still inched along at only 54 per cent of the goal.

The state went into the last day of the drive with E bond sales of \$20,563,396. The goal is \$38,000,000. Total sales are \$144,587,507.

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