

Yank Heavies Smash at Nazi Oil Refinery

LONDON, July 29—(AP)—In a new assault on Germany's dwindling oil resources, more than 1100 American heavies smashed at the Leuna synthetic refinery at Merseburg today for the second consecutive day in a follow-up to a 1000-plane RAF raid on Stuttgart and Hamburg last night in which the British lost 62 planes to heavy Nazi opposition.

German oil targets have been a top priority in daylight strategic bombing the past three months and in a grinding, methodical attack the American heavies based in Britain and Italy have plastered more than 64 different Nazi oil plants.

Fortress and Liberators today smashed at the largest synthetic oil plant still producing in Germany. Leuna also is a source of synthetic ammonia nitrates used in explosives. The big planes waded through mixed weather and some bombing was done visually, some by instruments which Berlin admitted were accurate.

Other US planes bombed the German port of Bremen.

British Mosquitos last night blasted Frankfurt with 4000-pounders. Meanwhile the Russians heavily bombed suburbs of Warsaw, Insterburg in East Prussia and Krustpils in Latvia in advance of the storming red armies.

Today's activity also included strafing of ground targets in Germany and France by American fighters in support of the Normandy forces.

US Bomber Lands in Sea, Crew Saved

SEVENTH AAF HEADQUARTERS, Central Pacific, July 29—(AP) Shot down over Japanese-held Nauru, a 7th army air force Mitchell bomber fell 7000 feet and was glided by the pilot into a shark-infested sea. But all six of the crew were saved by an alect "Dumbo," Catalina flying boat.

It was all over in 30 minutes but in the interim one injured man splashed water to divert the sharks' attention from a more seriously hurt crew member until he could be hauled aboard their life raft.

Tech. Sgt. George M. Dormuth, Philadelphia, Pa., cut and bled, one ankle and a rib broken, feared the sharks might go after Gerald D. Quarles, Lynwood, Calif., who had a broken leg, a severed artery, hip and back injuries. So he did his best to attract their attention. The sharks never attacked.

The pilot, Lt. Marvin B. Watts, Richmond, Calif., had a fight of it battling for control of the wounded bomber as it dived at a rate of 3500 feet a minute. He finally brought it out of the dive and into a glide which took it 20 miles from Nauru. Anti-aircraft had knocked out both engines while it was on its 40th bombing mission.

The co-pilot, Lt. Clayton E. Klassy, Chehalis, Wash., and Staff Sgt. James L. Jones, Taft, Tenn., helped other crewmen into a raft and administered first aid.

Yanks Smash Counterblows, Push Forward

(Continued from Page 1) and concluded emphatically: "We're going good." Near Percy In the southernmost penetration of the fifth day of the offensive, the Americans sent an armored spearhead across the Tessey-Brehal road to within about a mile of the big town of Percy, midway between the Vire river and the sea. This column was well beyond La Tilandiere, and patrols were reported still farther forward.

Farther west another tank column sped down that road through St. Denis Le Gast, Lengronne and Hambye to points less than four miles from Brehal, through which German troops were trying to escape southward.

The banana plant produces its fruit within 15 months after the root-stock is planted.

Yanks Advance Through Marigny in New Drive



Yanks hurry through the streets of Marigny in search of snipers as they drive Germans from French town within the area cleared during new offensive. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto.)

Gee Eyeful!



Revealing jitterbug routine was performed by screen actress Carol Landis for the benefit of assembled GI's "somewhere in New Guinea." The Hollywood star toured army camps in the South Pacific with the Jack Benny troupe, which naturally included the Waukegan fiddler as well as songstress Martha Tilson and Larry Adler, the famous harmonica player. (International.)

Wins Divorce



Martha Devine Dodge, former Vanities beauty, left the Reno, Nev., courthouse smiling after obtaining a divorce and nearly \$1,000,000 from Horace Elgin Dodge, New York City, wealthy sportsman. (Associated Press photo.)

This Mouse Knew How To Protect Itself

BIG SANDY, Mont., (AP)—A. H. Olson brought a rattlesnake to town and said a mouse killed it. The snake, he explained, swallowed the mouse. Then the mouse scratched a hole in the snake's throat.

Young Bolivia Road Engineer Joins Highway Department

Raul Valle Rodas, who finds the western United States much like his Bolivian homeland, Saturday entered the employ of the state highway commission becoming the first man accepted by the department in trainee status under the Inter-American Training administration.

Senor Valle (Rodas, his mother's maiden name, is given the English usage of a middle name although it appears as a suffix) is a civil engineer, a graduate this summer of Princeton university.

For two months he will work at highway department laboratories and then probably will be sent to the Harrisburg highway project where in a few miles of operations a great variety of work is to be undertaken, it was said Saturday at state highway offices.

Not just the green hills and valleys of Oregon but the hospitality and friendliness of westerners appeal to the young Bolivian, he admitted Saturday.

North and South America have a number of similar features, Valle maintains. Each of the twin continents, he points out, although politically subdivided has a common culture and essentially a common language.

After a year's work with the Oregon highway department, Valle expects to return to Bolivia to put his practical knowledge to work. He believes he is the only Bolivian civil engineer in this country at present, although there are 20 or 30 of his countrymen here ranking in other fields of engineering in the United States and probably more than 100 civil engineers here from other Latin American countries.

Arrangements for Valle's employment here were handled through the American Road Builders' association and the Inter-American Training administration. The commission had indicated that it would take two such engineers if men with qualifications for and interest in the type of work undertaken here could be found.

Battle Grows For Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 29—(AP)—Bitterly intensified fighting for the prized town of Hengyang, with the Japanese making more than 10 attacks in a single day, was announced tonight by the Chinese high command, which said Chinese positions still stood firm.

On the other embattled fronts ranging from Hunana province into western Kiangsi, the Chinese said they had lost Pingsiang, 95 miles northeast of Hengyang, but had evened the score by mopping up the vicinity of recently-recovered Keiyang, on the railway 30 miles south of Hengyang, and were attacking the Japanese-held city of Hchaling, 60 miles to the east.

Topeka Residents Hunt Modern Pied Piper

TOPEKA (AP)—Robert Steves and his neighbors are hunting a modern Pied Piper. He said today rats from a recently closed city dump near their 10 acre Victory garden have eaten at least 3000 ears of sweet corn, more than 4000 cantaloupes and watermelons and uncoumited tomatoes and cucumbers.

Turkey May Drop Nazis

LONDON, July 29—(AP)—Turkey teetered on the verge of an open break with Germany and Bulgaria looked for a way out from the role of a shaky satellite tonight as new cracks opened in the Nazis' military and economic armor.

Reports reached Istanbul that the Bulgarian government had asked Germany to evacuate all German armed forces from Bulgaria, pointing out that there were now less than two Nazi divisions in the country, that they are no help to Bulgaria and that they draw allied bombing attacks.

According to this report, Germany so far has refused the request on the ground that other satellites might make the same demand and because German prestige is involved.

Plymouth Will Become Model English Town

PLYMOUTH, England—(AP)—One of the worst bombed British towns linked historically with the United States, is to become a model future city.

The heart of Plymouth is a wide area of crumbled ruin. George street, once a fashionable and busy shopping street, is wiped out; the tower of St. Andrew's rises above the burned-out shell of the church, and only the tower of the Guildhall has survived.

But a plan for the new Plymouth has been created—the most luxurious, costly and comprehensive blueprint yet for postwar reconstruction yet devised. Plymouth will be a "striking example of a Victorian city completely modernized."

The main features of the proposed plan will include new traffic routes, increases in open space, 18 separate neighborhood centers, each with full community facilities within each reach of business areas and industries; establishment of safe street crossings everywhere, a theatre and general amusement center and enlargement of the naval docks.

The middle of the city, which before the war was congested, squid and cursed with narrow streets, will be spacious and beautiful.

The Plymouth of the old seadog, symbol of its special history, will remain intact, clustered at the edge of the harbor along which many Americans now stroll, seeking out the Mayflower stone.

The plan by peacetime methods of construction may take 12 years to complete. If the work could be undertaken at a current wartime pace much of it might be finished within five years.

Before the war Plymouth had 220,000 residents and overcrowding was serious. In the new city it is proposed, by reducing the density, to house about 180,000. The overspill will be cared for in adjoining towns, villages and hamlets.

Keen-Eyed Cuties Guard Wyoming Forests

LARAMIE, Wyo., (AP)—Five girls are watching over the timber of southern Wyoming's Medicine Bow national forest and supervisor C. G. Averill reports they are doing a good job. Girl look-outs proved so sharp-eyed when first tried last year because of the manpower shortage that this season the entire lookout staff is women.

Yank Hides Behind German Amphibious Jeep



An American infantryman takes cover behind a wrecked German amphibious jeep in a combat area "somewhere in France." (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto.)

George, Carl Hull Buy Quelle Restaurant From Frank Chatas

George Hull, Salem restaurantman for 15 years until his retirement last winter, announced Saturday that he and his brother, Carl Hull, had purchased the Quelle restaurant at 440 State street owned and operated the past 9 1/2 years by Frank Chatas.

Carl Hull, who for a number of years has operated his own confectionery, ice cream and retailing establishments in San Francisco, will be manager of the restaurant when the Hulls take possession August 1.

As soon as equipment and materials are available the Quelle will add to its present business a line of confections of its own make, the brothers said here Saturday after the arrival of the former San Franciscan, who has sold his bay interests.

George Hull, who sold his Smoke Shop last December after 15 years of operation and who had 20 years of experience prior to that operating similar eating establishments, will be active in the partnership so far as determination of policies and planning improvements for postwar years in the restaurant facilities, but actual details of operation he expects to leave to his brother. His own 50-acre filbert orchard here, he explained requires his attention for a portion of the year.

Chatas, who came here from Pendleton, has announced that he and his wife plan to remain in Salem, adding that they have property interests in this area and like the city. When building materials and manpower are once

On the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

If you saw the newsreel last week at the Capitol theatre in which a group of French children helped some American soldiers to celebrate the Glorious Fourth, turn to page five of this paper and read Arthur Rosebraugh's letter to his family.

Do you think as does his brother, Harold, that the colonel's story was caught by the newsreel? And did you see the little girl who giggled right up to the very word "liberty" and then snapped into solemnity?

Whether you saw the newsreel or not (I missed it, but I like to believe that the children who performed on the screen here were the ones of whom a son of Salem writes so appreciatively)— anyhow, whether you saw it or not, read the letter.

Then while you're in the mood, read the selection from the new book THE LETTERS OF ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT which tells how he went into Paris from a town beyond the Marne to celebrate the Fourth. The words are different and the stories are not the same, but a singularly similar theme runs through the two letters.

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