

Hitler Believed To Have Written Off Isle As Loss

Invasion of Sicily May Prove Real 2nd Front; Germans Face Problem

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Russian reluctance to regard the invasion of Sicily as the opening of a real "second front" in Europe seems likely to be overcome by the swift developments in the Mediterranean and on the Russian front itself.

In Sicily, Hitler has failed in the first test of his ability to defend southern Europe. It is strictly a preliminary test, to be sure. But significant in the light of the failure of his own offensive in Russia.

Hitler scarcely could have depended on the Italians themselves to hold Sicily, in view of the experiences of North Africa. His failure to provide more than two German divisions, or about 5,000 men, and more particularly his failure or inability to back up the Italians with the necessary air power, indicates that he has written Sicily off as lost.

May Abandon Italy

It is not improbable that he has similarly written off at least the southern half of Italy, if not all of it up to the great barrier of the Alps.

If Hitler has done so, his reason is obvious. The futile effort to hold Tunisia was costly in men and equipment, especially airplanes.

Similar losses in Sicily and southern Italy might be more than he could stand, in view of changed conditions. Since Tunisia, Hitler's position on the Russian front has deteriorated. The air offensive in western Europe has grown from a menacing cloud to an enveloping threat.

Hitler cannot afford to weaken his air defenses in western Europe nor his defenses anywhere on the long Russian front. The success of the Russian drive around Orel is ominous, coming so soon after the collapse of the German offensive which, while not a general one, was of major proportions.

Supreme Test Coming

If Hitler is unable to prevent the collapse of Italy, his ability to defend the European continent is likely to be given the decisive test soon afterwards.

With complete command of the air and sea, the allies scarcely could be prevented from crossing the Adriatic into Yugoslavia or Albania and Greece. If that is the course they choose in either country a sizeable patriot army is ready to spring into action. The loss of the Italian Dodecanese islands also would clear the southern route into Greece.

The combination of an allied army in the Balkans and a resurgent red army on the other side would be hard to beat. What might happen in bomb-torn northwestern Europe also is something to reckon with.

For \$75 spent on a war bond, one complete field range can be purchased by the army.

Sullivan Sister



Carrying on the fighting tradition of her five brothers lost in the Pacific aboard the cruiser Juneau, WAVE Apprentice Seaman Genevieve Sullivan is completing her basic training at New York naval training school.

People in The News ---

(By United Press)

A. C. C. Hill Jr., of the WPB office of civilian requirements said in Chicago today the home front is sound and vigorous despite the fact the United States is in the death struggle of a total war. Hill said the aim of the WPB is to bring about the most effective possible relationship between the home front and the battlefield.

Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., of Cal., today urged creation of a United Nations agency to help an estimated 4,000,000 Jews escape from axis-dominated Europe. Rogers made his suggestion at the start of the emergency conference to save the Jews.

Maj. Alexander P. De Seversky said in Washington today Germany may be hoarding her aerial might for a blow intended to knock Britain out of the war at a critical moment. De Seversky said the existence of a powerful German air reserve must not be minimized.

Son of President Escapes Crashes

Seattle, July 21 (AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told an injured flier at the Seattle naval hospital "it was all luck" that her son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, had escaped a similar injury.

She told R. L. Carmine, 19, aviation radioman third class, of San Antonio, Tex., that she had received a letter from her son describing two close shaves he experienced recently.

"Fifteen minutes after he landed in England, the tail dropped off his plane," she said. "And then on the return trip to Africa, the wind blew his plane into a transport ship, demolishing it. Elliott escaped safely each time."

Carmine escaped injury in one Aleutian plane crash last month, only to break his leg in a second crackup three days later.

Oregon Timber Front Facing Critical Days

"We're figuring on giving Jupiter Pluvius a 720-hour honor badge for the 30 days extra he worked for Keep Oregon Green this summer," said D. G. Williams, Deschutes county chairman of the publicly sponsored forest fire prevention organization of Keep Oregon Green in commenting on the very favorable fire weather for Oregon this summer.

"A great many Oregonians now imagine their job has been pretty well done for them," the KOG county chairman observed, "just because the rains have been very liberally and unusually spread out through all of June and July. The fact is that the public's job on fire prevention the balance of the summer will be more difficult than ever. The extra rainfall has created lush grass and fern growth throughout the state, and when the hot winds of late July and August dry them up, the fuel for fire will be heavy and plentiful."

Critical Days Ahead
The next 70 days will be critical ones on the forest fire front, State Forester Nelson Rogers pointed out in a statement calling upon the people of the state to give every possible assistance to keep man-caused fires at the very minimum the rest of the summer. The very splendid offers of support to Keep Oregon Green from every county in Oregon indicate the desire and intention of the public to maintain the excellent record made in the past two years since inception of the state-wide Keep Oregon Green movement. Forester Rogers continued.

"The best way for you to slap a Jap is to make sure your match, cigarette and campfire are not allowed to go out unscouted," the county chairman concluded.

CHERRIES, TOO, COST MORE
Martinez, Cal. (AP)—The price of cherries has risen so rapidly that drinkers of cocktails that require a cherry must begin to steel themselves against a rise in price of their favorite drink. Cherries are now selling for 15 to 20 cents a pound, the highest rate paid in 15 years, while the supply hardly puts a dent in the demand.

4 People Die In Reservoir

Idaho Falls, Ida., July 21 (AP)—Representatives of four generations of an Idaho Falls family drowned Monday in the Island park reservoir on the north fork of the Snake river, authorities reported.

The victims were:
Mrs. Mary Madsen, 67.
Mrs. George A. Standen, 46, Mrs. Madsen's daughter.
Mrs. William G. Standen, 25, Mrs. Standen's daughter-in-law.
Sandra Standen, 5, daughter of Mrs. William Standen.
George A. Standen, 50, and Lt. William G. Standen, 25, his son, were rescued by fishermen George Allen and Bob Ritcher of Pocatello, who heard their cries for aid.

Eagles Plan for Party on Friday

Eagles lodge will hold a family get-together Friday evening with all members and prospective members asked to be present.

All Eagles in military units now stationed in Central Oregon are especially invited to attend. Women are to bring cake or sandwiches and coffee will be furnished by the lodge.

Terrebonne

Terrebonne, July 21 (Special)—Mrs. Alen Vestal and daughter, Mrs. Archie Beckwith of Klamath Falls spent the week-end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Widner and daughter Merna of Redmond spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knorr.

Joan Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Wheeler of Sweet Home this week.

Terrebonne grange held a clean-up day Sunday at the hall to clean up and burn the grass around the halls. A potluck dinner was furnished by the women. There were about 25 members present. The ladies tied out a quilt in the afternoon.

George Bailey of Redmond and Glen Shortreed are helping Bob Knorr hay this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knorr, Mr.

and Mrs. Lester Knorr and Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Knorr in Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doty of Redmond and Mrs. Josephine Strickland of California spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knorr.

Little Bobbie Burhoop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burhoop, came near drowning when he fell in the pond at the Shortreed home. He was rescued just in time by his mother when the other children missed him.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Snapp were Redmond visitors Saturday. Mrs. Snapp is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown made a trip to The Dalles Wednesday to meet relatives and bring Brown's mother, Mrs. James Brown, home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Babcock and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver

have gone to Silver Lake where Babcock and Weaver will work in the hay fields.

Evan Starza and Dean Weaver are among those from here to take their physical examination Wednesday in Portland.

Mrs. Ray Kingsbury and son, Elliot, returned home Sunday evening after spending a week visiting relatives in Portland. Mrs. Kingsbury's niece, Mrs. William Sato and son Danny of Hillsboro, came home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips drove to Eugene Thursday and brought back the cherries for the F.S.A.

The Ladies Pioneer club met Wednesday with six members present. The quilt was put in the frame. The next meeting will be July 28 when they will tie the quilt. All members are asked to come and bring a friend.

Rebecca lodge held installation of officers Tuesday evening. July

13. Mrs. Velma Oakes of Redmond was installing officer. Five Rebecca visitors from Redmond attended.

Mrs. Mabel Kiffer and son John of Seattle, Wash., arrived by bus Saturday evening to attend the funeral services for their son and brother, Tom Kiffer, who was killed in an accident near Terrebonne Friday.

Chester Otis from Corvallis is

a business visitor at the Robert Lanly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McGregor spent Sunday at the Ed Booth ranch above Prineville.

Donna McKee, a niece of Mrs. Pearl Wiegand, came from Portland to spend some time with her aunt.

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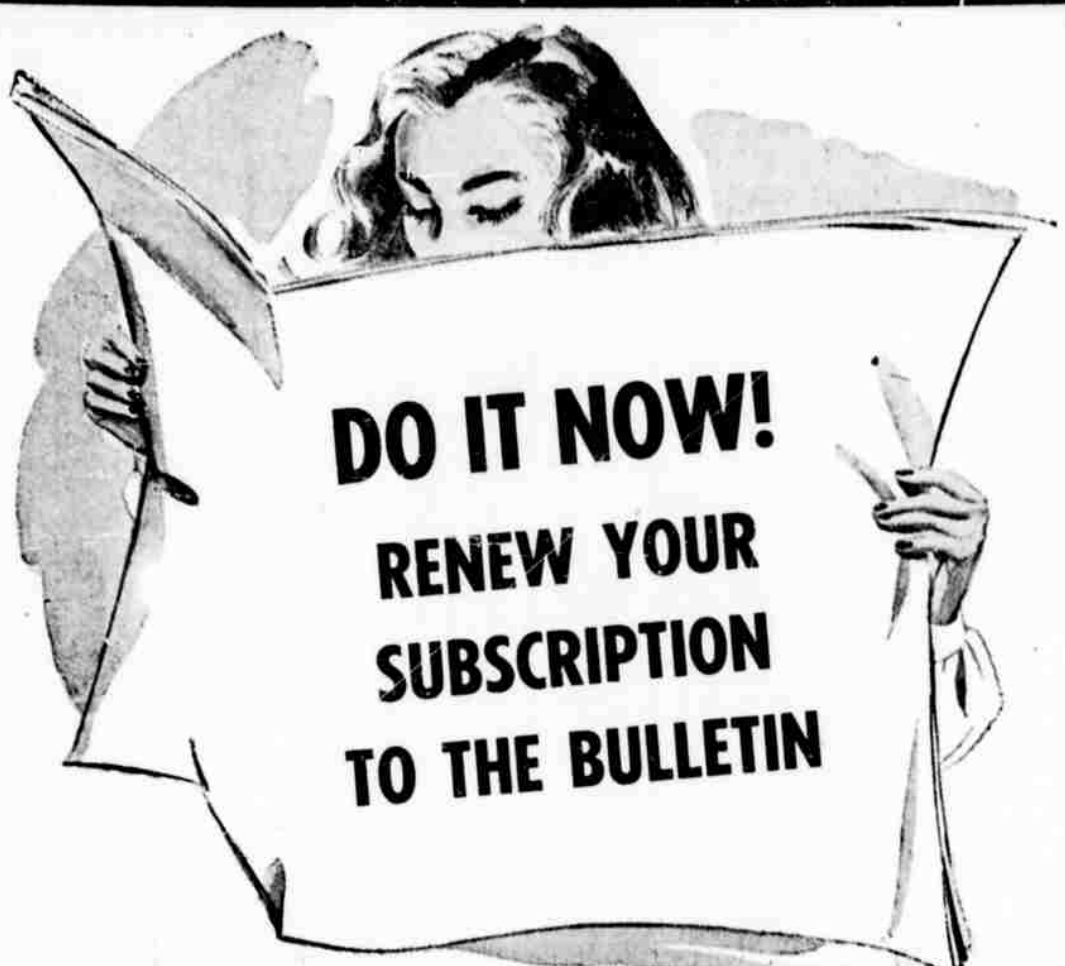
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