

# Allies Increase Scope of Attacks Against Naziland

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The raids the last two days and nights against Germany and occupied or satellite territory is the most convincing demonstration yet of allied air might over Europe.

There have been heavier single attacks, but this latest assault is remarkable for its sustained quality and the wide area covered over a period of 36 hours. The use of the word "raid" is a misnomer. This is in every sense a military offensive, and from all accounts, a profitably destructive one.

A review of the targets indicates the scope of the operations. The field covered northern France; Bremen, the most important remaining German North sea port; Frankfurt and Mannheim-Ludwigshafen in southwestern Germany; Augsburg, farther south; Innsbruck, Austria, at the northern end of the Brenner pass; Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, and the Eleusis airfield near Athens. From Bremen to Athens is nearly 1,500 miles.

**New Bases Used**

This wide range, hitherto impracticable, has been made possible by the establishment of long-range bomber bases in the Mediterranean, notably Italy. The important fields around Foggia in Italy are now apparently in full operation. This makes possible a two-way squeeze covering nearly all targets of consequence in Germany as well as Austria, besides bringing any part of the Balkans within convenient range.

Changing winter weather conditions and the need for regrouping air squadrons after raids which are necessarily expensive in bombers and crews limit allied ability to keep up such an offensive without interruption. There is nevertheless every prospect that they will be continued whenever conditions permit, and in increasing rather than diminishing force.

Losses are admittedly heavy, such as the loss of 42 big British bombers and 25 American in the two main sweeps over Germany. However, allied military authorities insist that the cost can be borne and is not too high in relation to the damage caused to the enemy.

The attacks are by nature strategic and are intended to cripple the enemy's ability to resist when the invasion of western Europe and the Balkans comes. Their full effect cannot be gauged now but it is likely to become apparent after the land front is opened.

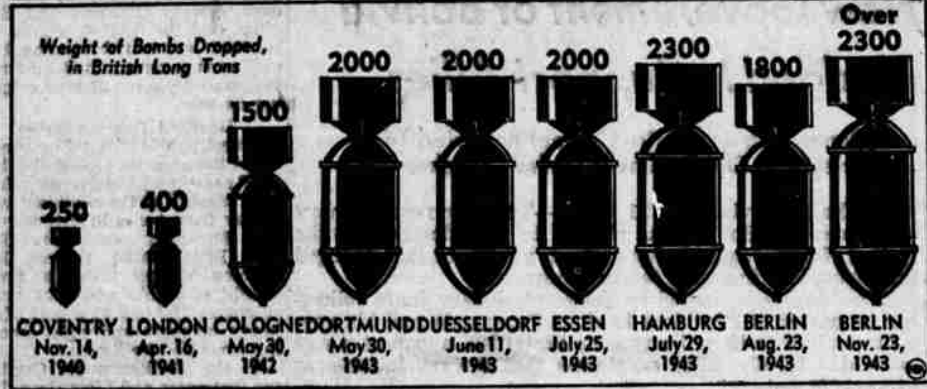
## Prime Minister's Condition Better

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—The condition of Prime Minister Winston Churchill continues to improve, an official announcement said today, and his cabinet colleagues expected momentarily the resumption of the flood of directives which normally pour in when he is abroad.

## Out Our Way



## BLOCKBUSTER SAGA: FROM COVENTRY TO BERLIN



Blockbusted in the greatest raid of the war, Berlin has taken top place on the list of bombarded cities of Europe after the 1000-plane RAF attack in which more than 2800 tons of explosives were dropped. Chart compares this raid with previous top tonnage attacks and earlier record bombings.

## Reds Adopt New National Hymn

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—The internationale, belligerent marching song of world revolutionaries for almost three-quarters of a century, was discarded as the official anthem of the Soviet Union today in favor of a nationalistic hymn glorifying the red army and the internal unity of the Russian people.

In a typically symbolic gesture that indicated the change in Russian world politics as clearly as any diplomatic action Moscow ever has taken, the soviets announced that the revolutionary international no longer is considered compatible with the new spirit of the nation.

## Keeper of Cats In Post Office Is Shorn of Job

Mexico City—The news that they are going to repair the floors in the capital's postoffice building struck a sad note in the heart of Carlos Herrera Ramos—keeper of the cats.

For many years Carlos has been in charge of an army of feline beauties who were listed on the postoffice budget as "guardians" and divided five pesos worth of meat daily.

Theirs was the job of running down the hordes of rats and mice that sifted through the ancient floors into the mail rooms.

When Carlos was put in charge of his "army," it was decided cats were cheaper than new floors. Something had to be done to combat the serious menace to letters and packages.

The furry guardians were dispersed systematically through the air-mail room, parcel post, registered letters and money order departments—where hungry rats might do the most damage.

The cats have done their job well. Postmaster Luis Gonzalez Marin admitted that in his directive calling for construction of new flooring.

But, Marin said, the budget of five pesos daily for meat was no longer sufficient, what with rising prices and the fact that the feline army had multiplied its ranks considerably since it was inducted.

So, sometime early next year, Carlos—keeper of the cats—will have only his humdrum job of postoffice janitor to occupy his time. Whether or not the extra day's salary he was receiving as cat superintendent would be deducted from his paycheck was still to be decided.

Postmaster Marin intimated he would continue to receive the money as sort of a pension for faithful services rendered.

## Kits for Overseas Men Are Prepared

Members of the Home Economics club of Cloverdale district have contributed \$10 for filling overseas kits for men in the armed forces, the Deschutes county Red Cross chapter announced today.

Mrs. Charles Christy, Star route, Redmond, is president of the group and Mrs. E. D. Robinson, route 2, Bend, is treasurer.

## Super-Senior



Perpetual student Paul Moran signs up for his 15th straight year at De Paul University, Chicago. Looking on is fellow student Irene Gandeck, who was scarcely ready for kindergarten when he first enrolled. A North Dakota farmer nine months of the year, Moran spends the other three studying accounting.

## By J. R. Williams

## Bowling Notes

A team score of 2950 with C. Bender rolling 638, was made by the Superior cafe last night on the Bend Recreation alleys in defeating the Piland market kegglers. Results of the games:

Superior Cafe				
E. Pease	180	169	182	531
W. Foster	190	181	186	557
W. Burrell	165	180	127	472
C. Bender	211	223	204	638
P. Loree	170	161	204	535
Handicap	89	89	89	267
Totals	1005	953	922	2950

Piland Market				
E. Piland	188	124	149	461
C. Piland	153	139	199	491
Alt	200	129	152	481
Norecott	176	180	171	527
Brown	159	166	171	496
Handicap	66	66	66	198
Totals	942	804	908	2654

Bend Bulletin				
R. Rice	152	175	132	459
E. Johnson	124	119	106	349
C. Cotes	80	122	134	336
E. Schlegel	123	187	133	443
B. Benson	190	185	145	520
Handicap	144	144	144	388
Totals	813	932	794	2495

Medo-Land Creamery				
F. Grindle	197	127	179	503
D. Lyons	115	135	173	423
L. Potts	151	114	136	401
D. Lay	136	184	166	486
S. Blucher	208	203	169	580
Handicap	80	80	80	240
Totals	897	843	903	2633

## Redmond, Bend To Play Tonight

Lava Bear road trips will start tonight when they meet Redmond on the Panthers' home floor in the second of the four scheduled season games.

Last Friday the Bears eked out an 18-16 victory over the Redmond club on the Bend court, but Coach Claude Cook feels that this win will have little bearing on tonight's game since last year Bend was soundly trounced every game on the Redmond floor.

This will be the final game before the Bend boys travel to meet Macell, LaGrande and Pendleton, the three power houses of eastern Oregon, in a vacation series on December 29, 30 and 31.

**Use Same Lineup**

The lineup will be the same as that of the two previous games with Rines, Woods, Moore, Higgins, and Murphy. Others who will probably see action are James Rasmussen, Smith and Smead.

Because of the Christmas program tonight, Wirtz and Brogan will not make the trip.

Dick Mauldin, promising varsity freshman, will be out of action the rest of the season due to a broken bone in his foot.

Officials in tonight's game will be Lt. Bob Benjamin and Capt. Fred Hohenhorst, experienced men from the mid-west, now stationed at Camp Abbot.

The Cubs will again meet the B squad in preliminary but will also be several men short because of the music program.

## ROGERS REAPPOINTED

Salem, Dec. 21 (AP)—The state banking board today reappointed A. A. Rogers of Eugene to a four-year term as state superintendent of banks.

## PAROLE DIRECTOR NAMED

Salem, Dec. 21 (AP)—The state parole board today appointed H. M. Randall, Portland deputy city attorney, as director of parole and probation to succeed Fred Finley who resigned to enter private law practice at Fossil.

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