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TOKYO ADMITS KURILES BOMBED

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 12 — As Americans better surged ashore at Naples, a better-than-usual military count showed 13 German divisions then entrenched in northern Italy, and four or five in the south (around 250,000 men in all).
This force was greater than anything the United Nations had publicly shown in action in Sicily or southern Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS have mentioned only five American divisions in action in Sicily, and have suggested the presence of about an equal number of British and Canadians, in action at any rate (reserves not disclosed).
Moreover, an excellent defensive position was available to the Nazis in the Apennine line running from Pisa on the Mediterranean through Florence to Ancona on the Adriatic. The few main highways approach this line through mountain passes and the railroads run through tunnels.

The Germans could constantly augment and supply a force there from rear lines running back into three directions to southern France, Austria and Trieste (the Balkans).
Furthermore, it would be just like the Germans to plan their last big fight on Italian soil, and thus cause destruction of Italian cities and civilians rather than their own. Indeed, if they live up to their historic customs they will surrender before we or the Russians can get to their borders.

Consequently, every detailed development in Italy has been read with eagerness born of uncertainty here.
It was clear to all that even after our successful landings on Italian shores, everything would have to be organized all over again for a campaign against a strong Nazi defense on the Apennine line, or even the weaker Po and final Alpine lines behind.

CHIANG NAMED AS CHINA PRESIDENT

Chungking, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was named president of China's national government today, succeeding the late President Lin Sen who died August 1. During the war Chiang Kai-Shek will remain grand marshal of the nation's armed forces.
Chiang, who was serving as acting president, was chosen unanimously by the central executive committee of the Kuomintang, dominant government party, which under Chiang's provisional constitution is entrusted with all high appointments.

Winnipeg, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Grain futures closed steady to strong today.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Rawles Moore giving an exciting description of the trip he hopes to take to the World Series some day.
Lloyd Rupp cheerful over the results of the bond sale at the Victory Center Saturday night and wondering what Jens Jensen was going to do with the race horse and goat which he purchased.

WASHINGTON MUM, TWO SHIPS, PLANE LOST, FOE ADMITS

Axis Radio Also Full of Third American Raid on North Japan.

By United Press
Tokyo radio said today that 18 American bombers attacked installations in the Kurile islands on the northern approaches to Japan yesterday.
The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said two Japanese transport ships were set afire and land installations damaged slightly. Ground fire and intercepting planes were reported to have shot down several of the bombers while loss of one Japanese plane was admitted.
The Kuriles were subjected to American bombing attacks on July 19 and Aug. 12. Objective of the July raid was the Paramushiro naval base in the northernmost of the Kurile chain, which stretches for 700 miles northward from the main islands of Japan.
The FCC said the broadcast was in Japanese and beamed to occupied east Asia.
The Japanese plane lost, a Japanese Domei Agency dispatch broadcast by Tokyo said, "boldly crash-dived into one enemy plane."

By United Press
Axis radios reported today that American bombers had hit at the Kurile Islands on the northern approaches to Japan itself for the third time.
The report coincided with new gains in the southwest Pacific where Allied forces routed the Japanese and captured Salamaua airdrome and edged into position to assault Lae, strong enemy base on the New Guinea coast.

Washington did not confirm the Axis reports immediately. A Tokyo dispatch broadcast by Berlin said nine of 18 attacking planes were shot down but admitted loss of a Japanese plane and damaging of two transports and land installations.

The Kuriles, which stretch in a 700-mile-long chain north of the Japanese mainland islands toward Russia's Kamchatka peninsula, have been attacked twice in the last two and one-half months. The objective of one raid was the naval base at Paramushiro. The planes presumably came from the Aleutians.

Name Administrative Geo. A. Hunt Estate

The estate of George A. Hunt, who died intestate in an automobile accident August 31, has been filed for probate. A petition for administering the estate was filed by Attorney Frank P. Farrell and Mr. Hunt's widow, Mrs. George A. Hunt, was appointed administratrix.

Mr. Hunt's business holdings included southern Oregon theatres and other enterprises.
PEACE PROGRAM URGED
New York, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, (D., Utah), key-note a "win the peace" rally, reiterated his plea last night for leaders of the United Nations to formulate a peace program before the war ends, rather than attempt to arrange a "cooling-off period" after Germany surrenders unconditionally.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL
(10 innings) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 6 13 1
Boston 7 9 0
Melton, Webber, Head and Bragan; Barrett, Javery and Klutts, Masi. (Suspended game of July 18 resumed with Boston at bat last of 6th inning.)
Survivors are his wife, living in Spokane, Wash., where they have lived since that time.

Berlin Feels Air Fury



This is one kind of a picnic Berliners don't enjoy. They sat in the streets after a large R.A.F. attack demolished their homes. Note the large apartment house in background, which is completely demolished after 1,000 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in a concerted attack which lasted 20 minutes.

NAZI CLAIM DUCE KIDNAPED; ALLIES DISCOUNT REPORT

Scent Hitler Plot to Revive Fascist Plot—Fear Mussolini Will Talk.

London, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Germany boasted today that former Premier Benito Mussolini had been snatched from the new Italian government and allied quarters speculated that, if true, this might mean the beginning of an attempt by Adolf Hitler to pump life into the discredited fascist party and revive the axis partnership.

Nazi reports of Mussolini's release coincided with word from various sources that Italians still under German domination were striking and resisting Hitlerian aggression to the best of their ability.
It was believed that Hitler was trying desperately to maintain the fiction of fascism and nazism as a fighting team, with Mussolini still the leader of Italians opposed to the allies.
One view was that Hitler had gone to great lengths to retrieve Mussolini in the fear that if Duce's depressed and failing condition would prompt him to reveal many embarrassing political and military facts should he fall into allied hands.
A Swiss report that Mussolini had been "rescued" by German paratroopers from Palermo, Sicily, was discounted here. It was said authoritatively that he never had been in allied hands.
(The Nazi-controlled Hilversum radio in Holland reported that Mussolini's son, Vittorio, had arrived in Germany also, U. S. government monitors said.)

The French newspaper Depeche Algerienne at Algiers said that King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio were believed to be in Sicily, but this was not confirmed by any other source. They also had been reported in southern Italy.

Survivors are his wife, living in Spokane, Wash., where they have lived since that time.

PEARSON CHARGES F. R. 'GESTAPO' TAP HIS PHONE WIRE

Columnist Denounced as "Chronic Liar"—Expects "Chronic Denial."

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Drew Pearson, the columnist denounced by President Roosevelt recently as a chronic liar, has accused the president's "Gestapo agents" of tapping his telephone wires, shadowing and otherwise spying up on him.

In a statement to the press, Pearson, author of the syndicated column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round," charged that President Roosevelt, unable to keep peace in his official family and to prevent word of differences from reaching the public, has directed his "Gestapo agents" to listen in on newspaper telephone wires to see "what members of the administration may be tipping off the press to an administrative mess which he has tried to clean up but cannot do without the help of public opinion."

"It is about time the Roosevelt administration remembers that we are fighting to rid the world of Gestapo methods and quills tapping the wires of newspaper men," Pearson said.
He predicted that his charge would bring a "chronic denial," but added:
"Not every administration blunder is a military secret. And if the president retains cabinet members who go in for blunders, then their Gestapo should not resort to wire tapping to find out who is trying to focus the clean light of publicity on their mistakes."

He charged specifically that the morning after he talked to a certain government official a transcript of the conversation was laid on the desk of the cabinet officer who was the official's superior; that six men from the naval intelligence office had shadowed him and hung around his house apparently to check his movements and visitors.

BAY CITY WOMAN DEAD; LT. STENDER HURT, AUTO CRASH

Accident Occurs Sunday on Pacific Highway Near Phoenix—Sailor Escapes Injury.

Mrs. Adella I. Wood, 36, of 363 Byxbee street, San Francisco, died in a Camp White hospital about 10 a. m. Sunday of injuries she received when her car smashed into a concrete gate post at the private driveway leading to the E. H. Lampert home on the Pacific highway a half mile north of Phoenix. The accident occurred at 4:15 a. m. Sunday.

Seriously injured in the mishap was the driver of Mrs. Wood's car, 2nd Lt. Wilbur P. Stender, 25, of Hackettstown, N. J., who is stationed at Camp White. He is confined in a camp hospital.
Also in the machine, a 1939 Buick coupe, was Robert C. Barker, 18, of Camas, Wash. Investigating state policemen said he had received a medical discharge from the U. S. navy at Santa Cruz, Calif., on Sept. 11 and was picked up by Mrs. Wood and Lt. Stender near Redding, Calif., while he was hitchhiking home. He was not badly hurt.

The machine, state police said, was traveling north and hit the gatepost apparently at a high rate of speed. They quoted Barker as saying the car had been driven very fast ever since he had been picked up. Barker told police that Mrs. Wood was asleep in the front seat when the accident happened, and that he was sitting directly behind the driver in the small back seat.

Mrs. Wood, according to state police, was a registered nurse in California. Letters on her indicated her husband, 2nd Lt. Pruet A. Wood, was on overseas duty, as his address was listed as Army Postoffice, New York City. Her destination was not immediately known.
Camp White authorities said a board of officers would make a thorough investigation of the crash.

FIRST TEST DUE WEDNESDAY FOR DAD DRAFT BILL

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Congress returns from summer vacation tomorrow to face pressing problems of war—and possibly peace.

The war-time questions of manpower, foreign policy, taxes and inflation are first on the agenda.
Congress will be asked to decide whether to ban the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and place a statutory limit on the size of the armed forces now scheduled to reach 11,724,066 by the end of this year.

The first test of strength is scheduled Wednesday in the Senate. Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., intends to call them for a vote on his bill to prevent the drafting of fathers. The administration is expected to block it, at least temporarily, by sending it back to committee for a survey of manpower problems.

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Chairman Walter F. George, D., Ga., of the senate finance committee said today that new taxes enacted this year would not raise more than \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 in additional revenue, notwithstanding the administration's desire to raise \$12,000,000,000.

BEND MANEUVERS OF ARMY OPENED; 75,000 MEN USED

Mock War, With Tanks and Planes Will Last Nine Weeks.

IV Corps Headquarters, Oregon Maneuver Area, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Two powerful forces of American soldiers moved against each other from opposite sides of a central Oregon battlefield in simulated bloody warfare as the IV army corps maneuvers got under way today.

Utilizing tactics learned from the world's battlefronts, the red forces under command of Major General Gilbert R. Cook moved westward, while the blues, under Major General James L. Bradley, slashed in from their side of a 10,000-square-mile area.

Aloft, a force of warplanes thundered in support of the might of armor and artillery and infantry. Heavy bombers soared as mere specks in the sky, while attack bombers and ground strafers shot over the heads of some 75,000 troops headed for a clash at some undetermined point.

It was up to the reconnaissance units of each force to locate the "enemy," discover his strategy and thwart his plans.
For nine weeks these western army divisions will attack and counterattack, while a corps of 1500 umpires will gauge the turn of the battle. When the artillery is deemed to have scored hits they will indicate it by means of colored signals. When men fall in battle, they will declare them casualties.

Observing the whole array of battle is the commanding general, Alexander M. Patch, who was in charge of the early ground forces at Guadalcanal.
As the simulated bombing, strafing and gunfire fell their victims, the men will be gathered at collecting stations before being taken to field hospitals, while first-aid will be administered under fire.

The side that musters the greatest firepower will be declared the winner by the umpire section, under Command of Lt. Col. Charles S. Pettee.

RED ARMY WIDEN WEDGE ON NAZIS BRYANSK SECTOR

London, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—The Red army drove into the suburbs of Bryansk today, capturing two railroad junctions on the fringes of the big German base anchoring the lower end of the central front, Moscow reported in a communique.

Moscow, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Red armies widened a wedge in the main Axis defenses only 12 miles east of Bryansk today, drove to within 90 miles of the bastion of Kiev and overran nearly 250 more towns and villages along a 600-mile offensive front.

Bryansk, at the hinge of the southern and central fronts, already has been outflanked from both the north and south and the sudden Soviet penetration of its main frontal defenses with the capture of Bely Berega yesterday posed the most serious threat yet to that base.

The Soviet high command, in confirming that Bryansk was being bypassed to the north, said 60 localities had been liberated in a five-mile advance toward Roslavl, 78 miles northwest of Bryansk and only 20 miles from the boundary of White Russia.

War Bulletins

Chiasso, Italo-Swiss Border, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Italian infantrymen at Trento in the Italian Dolomites exhausted all their ammunition against the Germans, then went to their deaths charging tanks with nothing more than their bayonet-tipped rifles.

SALAMAUA, MAJOR JAP AIR BASE IN GUINEA, TOPPLES

Ten Weeks Campaign of Allies Traps 20,000 Enemy Troops.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Salamaua airdrome was in allied hands today after a rout of its Japanese defenders and American and Australian troops moved into position for a swift drive to seize a 50-mile stretch of the New Guinea coastline.

The airfield, first major Japanese aerial base in the southwest Pacific to be captured, fell after a 10-week campaign that turned into the most grueling of the war in New Guinea.

Australian and American soldiers swam across the Francisco river south of the unused Salamaua field Saturday and overran the outer defenses of the main enemy base, sending Japanese troops fleeing for safety toward the town itself.

Earlier the Japanese had raced across the flooded river in full retreat, leaving hundreds of dead behind, after an artillery barrage forced them out of deep entrenchments.

Allied aerial attacks had rendered Salamaua airfield useless months ago but its seizure drove the Japanese from a strategic standpoint in the area.

The remnants of the enemy garrison could retreat only into the town itself, at the base of a small peninsula about a mile from the field, or up the coast toward besieged Lae, which is 25 miles by air and probably twice that by land, to the northwest.

But there they would be caught by allied forces moving in from east and west. At least 20,000 enemy troops were believed trapped in the closing allied lines.

Allied forces surrounding Lae skirmished with the Japanese at the Bura river, four miles east of the base, where a weak counterattack was repulsed. No hard fighting had developed. The allied troops were seeking a position from which the Lae garrison could be stormed. Forces in the Markham valley eight miles west of Lae met some Japanese outposts at Heath's plantation.

SWISS ON GUARD TO BALK SWITCH OF NAZI TROOPS

London, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Swiss mountain troops manned the Alpine passes from southern France to the Austrian Tyrol today as reports from the continent indicated a vast shift of German reserves from the Russian front to Italy, France and the Balkans.

The Swiss radio announced belatedly that frontier troops were slated to key fortresses at the St. Maurice, St. Gotthard and St. Sarnen passes as an emergency measure, immediately after the Italian armistice declaration last Thursday.
Printed books have existed for less than 500 years in the Occidental world.

AMERICANS REPEL NAZI TANK DRIVE IN NAPLES AREA

Enemy Battles Fiercely to Hold Escape Corridor Open—Crotona Falls.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—The American 5th army beat off repeated heavy counterattacks on the Salerno front south of Naples today, as the Nazi 16th panzer division battled desperately to hold open an escape corridor for their troops falling back from southern Italy.

While the British 8th army seized Crotona and struck toward the Bari sector 100 miles to the south, crack Nazi tank forces were hurled against the American and British bridgehead at Salerno in the bitter fighting of the campaign.

The enemy has selected excellent defensive points on high ground from which to make their counterthrusts and their artillery was installed on hills that commanded the beaches and road junctions. The Nazis were showing the greatest determination of the Mediterranean conflict but as falling in their counterattacks so far.

The Germans were resisting desperately the fifth army's attempt to break through their lines above Salerno, 30 miles south of Naples. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's communique reported, and front dispatches told of positions changing hands several times within a matter of hours.

"Very heavy fighting continues in the area of the fifth army at Salerno," the communique said.

The eighth army's capture of Crotona, a thriving little seaport in peacetime with a population of 9,700, brought the British and Canadian troops almost to the southern rim of the Gulf of Tarento after an advance from Catanzaro, which fell only 24 hours earlier.

The port was found in good condition, the communique said, and the eighth army was advancing further north along the whole front.

"Little or no enemy resistance is being encountered, but extensive demolitions are causing some delay," it added.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—The British eighth army has captured the Italian south coast port of Crotona in a rapid-fire 30-mile advance almost without opposition while Anglo-American invaders to the north locked forces with the Germans in a bitter, swaying battle on the southern approaches to Naples, it was announced today.

ACCUSED COLONEL SAYS MIND BLANK

Selfridge Field, Mich., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Col. William T. Colman, deposed commander of Selfridge field, denied vigorously before a court-martial today that he had arranged transfer of Pvt. (now lieutenant) Benson Ford to the army air base here as a "convenience" to Ford or his family.

Colman, on trial for 29 specific violations of five articles of war, took the witness stand again today after testifying yesterday his mind was "a blank" when he wounded Pvt. William McRae, a negro soldier at the post, last May 5.

Sales in the Third Victory Loan drive to date —
\$391,198.50