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7 RED DIVISIONS IN NEW DRIVE

The Count Goes to Trial for Murder



At the Nassau, Bahamas, police station, Police Lieut. John Douglas, left, and a detective, right, escort Count Alfred deMergny to court for appearance at his trial for the murder of Sir Harry Oakes.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



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Washington, Oct. 22.—Swiss tips that Hitler is sending nearly a half million more men (30 divisions) into Italy to make perhaps a last big stand of the war against us there, may or may not be true, but this we know:
A Nazi force of about 375,000 men (25 divisions) is already there.

Our spotters counted that many up to the beginning of the week. This force had been accumulated gradually since Sicily.

But most of it is still being held back in northern Italy. Only about 120,000 men (seven or eight divisions) are in the present battle area south of Rome.

The Nazi generals evidently are afraid to send more down into the leg of Italy for fear they may be cut off by an amphibious flank attack from the sea. Hitler's big battle for Italy then is to be made north of Florence.

NOT a word has been given out about the size of our forces. Presumably it outnumbers the Germans in the battle area, but 30 more divisions would give the Nazis a tremendous temporary manpower advantage — not an overwhelming one, however.

The outcome would all depend on what kind of an air force Hitler could dig up to put over that force. Up to now, the Nazis have shown nothing to be called an air force in Italian skies.

Our struggle north of Naples has been painfully slow for two reasons. The Nazis' delaying tactics have not taken the form of a dug-in battle line, but rather that of a machine gun nest in every bush. Such defenses cannot even be observed, much less bombed from the air.

Furthermore, heavy fall rains suddenly made all mountain streams dangerous and prevented us from using our superior air force effectively.

WHAT the Nazis have done, and promised, can delay us, but cannot change the final outcome. Marshal Badoglio has said Germany will collapse before we can conquer Italy, and that is certainly a reasonable expectation. The important thing, however, is that we now have the airfields and supplies of planes and men to out-gun the Nazis in the end on that front no matter what they do.

Dozens of good airfields fell into our hands at Naples, Foggia, Bari and other spots. As soon as we can bring our air

Union Pressure Mounts For More Liberal Wage Rulings

Pressure from organized labor for more liberal wage restrictions mounted rapidly today, while the nation's railroad wage dispute neared a showdown and coal mine strikes spread in Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Alabama and Indiana.

In Alabama, a strike by approximately 20,000 members of the United Mine Workers closed the last of the state's principal mines supplying coal to the steel industry.

In southern Illinois, UMW officials predicted that every mine in the state would be closed within three days. A survey indicated that 1,300 miners were idle in Illinois, and union officials said they were "powerless" to halt the walkout.

In Kentucky, the number of miners failing to report for work jumped sharply to 5,300, with three mines closing in "bloody" Harlan county, scene of prolonged labor violence in recent years.

At Powhatan, O., the state's largest mine was closed when UMW members walked out at the beginning of the 11 a. m. shift. Union leaders said they knew of no reason for the strike.

ROMANS INCREASE TERROR ATTACKS

Bern, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Sniping, sabotage and "terror" attacks on Germans and Fascists are increasing in Rome as Allied armies move closer to the former Italian capital, Italy-Swiss border reports said today.

Even Nazi gестапо executions of suspected patriot leaders have failed to stem the attacks, which were taking on the character, though on a much smaller scale so far, of those which preceded the German evacuation of Naples.

MILK FAMINE FEARED IN DENVER SECTION

Denver, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Telegraphic appeals were sent directly to President Roosevelt and high-ranking home front officials in Washington today in an appeal for intervention to prevent a threatened milk famine in Denver.

More than a thousand milk producers in this area have announced flatly they will discontinue all deliveries except those to hospitals, army camp and other essential users on November 1 unless prices are raised two cents per quart.

WILLKIE CONVINCED DEWEY WILL NOT RUN

Syracuse, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Wendell L. Willkie said today he was convinced that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York will complete his full four-year term at Albany and will not be a candidate for the 1944 Republican presidential nomination.

Willkie, who defeated Dewey for the nomination at Philadelphia in 1940, expressed his views after addressing a Syracuse political rally last night in behalf of Senator Joe R. Hanley, the party's candidate for lieutenant-governor.

U. S. SHOCK TROOPS GAIN FOUR MILES TOWARD NAZI LINE

Transport Towns of Piedmonte d'Alife, Alife Held Despite Counter Attacks.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—American shock troops pressing four miles closer to the new German defense line athwart the road to Rome have captured by storm the transport towns of Piedmonte d'Alife and Alife in the heights east of the Volturno and held them against stiff German counterattacks, it was announced today.

Hard-pressed German forces striking back viciously to gain time for digging in on the Massico line, also flailed the British holding Cancellio, on the Volturno river six miles from its mouth. They were beaten off.

5th Army Delayed

The backing and filling along the line added up to a German delaying action impeding the Fifth army in places but failing to hold up the United States thrust to within 17 miles of Venafro, eastern anchor of the new enemy positions.

For the second straight day the northwest African air forces yesterday splattered bombs and bullets over the German positions behind the fighting front Italy and struck across the Adriatic to attack key communications targets at Skopje, Yugoslavia.

The revival aerial campaign from recently established bases in Italy was coordinated with the massing of men and machines above the Volturno for a full-scale assault on the German line.

RADIO GLIDERS ATTACK CONVOY

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The first attack by German planes using radio-guided glider bombs against a Mediterranean convoy was revealed today in a Royal Air Force report, which said five of the raiders were destroyed or damaged.

The attack occurred off the North Africa coast on an unspecified night. Twenty-five enemy Heinkel and Dornier bombers were met by American-made Aircobras flown by French pilots.

The RAF denied a German radio claim of damage to eight ships, reporting "nothing like that number" suffered as although the attack was described as "formidable."

ROOSEVELT SUFFERS SLIGHT HEAD COLD

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The White House announced this morning that a "slight head cold and a few aches in the body" had compelled President Roosevelt to cancel all appointments for today including his press and radio conference and his regular cabinet meeting.

Italian Plot to Entrap Hitler Is Claimed by DNB

(By United Press)
The official German DNB news agency said today that King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Pietro Badoglio of Italy had plotted to lure Adolf Hitler into Italy and turn him over to the Allies.

DNB, in a broadcast recorded by the United States Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, said the plot was revealed in documents which the German high command supplied to the Voelkischer Beobachter, the Nazi party newspaper.

Benito Mussolini was scheduled to be delivered to the Allies along with Hitler, the radio account said.

Radio Highlights

The Michigan-Minnesota football game will be broadcast by KMED Saturday, starting at 11:45 a. m. The University of Washington-March Field contest in Seattle will be carried by KUIN (1340 kc.), Grants Pass, starting at 1:15 p. m.

Ashland Girl Killed in Accident

SEVERAL WEDGES DRIVEN IN NAZIS' MELITOPOL FRONT

Over 100,000 Men Hurlled Into Combat After Intense Artillery Bombardment.

London, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The Red army announced tonight that it had broken German resistance north of Melitopol, capturing a number of strong points and evidently laying open the road to the only land exit from the Crimea.

London, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio reported today that the Red army, striking in force at both ends of the Dnieper line, had launched a "great new offensive" west of Smolensk and had driven several wedges into the German positions on a 60-mile Melitopol front.

Lashing out along the Smolensk-Orsha road on the central front, the Russians threw into battle seven divisions of more than 100,000 men after an intense artillery bombardment which lasted several hours, a Nazi broadcast said.

Reds Held Claim

"The Soviets failed to achieve success," a Berlin report stated on the new offensive.

"Simultaneously the DNB News Agency broadcast an admission of a German retreat northwest of Chernigov, where only yesterday a new Red army offensive was reported.

BROTHER SHOTS SOILED SISTER

Curitiba, Brazil, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Feres Alexandre, 25, a Gypsy, told police today that he had carried out a family death sentence on his sister, Zoine, 18, imposed because she had lost her honor. He shot her while she screamed for mercy, he said.

After he had told his story, his brother, Gonzalez, a state policeman, tried to knife him, but was restrained by other policemen.

Feres said his family, except for Gonzalez, met in council after learning that Zoine, a war factory worker, was having an affair with a local businessman. His father, he said, wrung the story from the weeping girl and she was sentenced to die at her brother's hand.

Feres said Zoine followed him reluctantly to a lonely hill, pleading, "Don't kill me, for the love of God." When he sent a bullet into her breast she screamed, "Feres, don't kill your sister." He then fired two bullets into her head, he said.

M'KENZIE PASS STORM BLOCKED

Bend, Ore., Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Early storms in the Cascades today had forced a temporary closing of the McKenzie pass, while highway crews battled to keep Santiam pass open against increasing odds.

The state highway department office in Bend reported that heavy snows were falling all along the mountains without signs of early abatement.

Temporary closing of the McKenzie pass at this time is the earliest in 15 years, according to the highway department. The pass was not closed until Nov. 15 last year.

BUCHANAN RETURNS

George Buchanan, of Mann's Department Store, returned Wednesday from the California markets where he purchased additional holiday stocks and spring merchandise. En route he visited his parents at Rialto, Calif.

JAPANESE BLOCK INVASION PORTS ON BURMA FRONT

30,000 Troops Overrun 3 Major Roads — Aussies Beat Off Nippon Attacks.

By United Press)
The Chinese reported today that the Japanese had achieved partial success in an offensive in western China by blocking invasion routes into Burma on a wide front.

A Chungking spokesman said that 30,000 Japanese troops had overrun three major roads into Burma from Yunnan province, taking a 105-mile length of the western bank of the Salween river but failing to force a crossing at any point.

Chinese In Control

Chinese forces were in firm control of the eastern shore, the spokesman said, but had lost three of five ferry landing points on the opposite bank.

Several days ago the Japanese claimed they had cut the communications from China to India in their drive in Yunnan.

The development came as Lord Louis Mountbatten, southeast Asia commander, returned to India from Chungking to plan an offensive to retake Burma, and possibly Singapore, with an attack from the west on the India side.

Aussies Find Japs

In the southwest Pacific, Australian veterans beat off continued Japanese attacks around Finschhafen. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said the enemy assaults, which had made some gains, were designed mainly to relieve trapped troops rather than recapture the base.

Twenty-two to 26 enemy planes were shot down in the south and southwest Pacific theater in actions covered by the communique.

30 DAYS NOTICE ON SHOE STAMP

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Chester Bowles, general manager of the Office of Price Administration, said today that 30 days' notice will be given before shoe stamp 18 is terminated.

Bowles said his statement was necessary to refute unfounded rumors that the validity period of stamp 18 might be cancelled with only 24 hours' notice to consumers.

OPA last month extended indefinitely the period in which stamp 18 is good for purchasing a pair of shoes. It originally was scheduled to expire Oct. 31. Airplane stamp one in ration book three may be used for purchasing shoes beginning Nov. 1.

Hitler Won't Live To Stand Trial Is Belief In Europe

By Edward W. Beattie
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler will never live to stand in the prisoner's dock and answer for his crimes against humanity, in the opinion of men who know Nazi Germany from the ground up.

These conclusions concur with those I made during four years in Germany, including residence there during the eventful days of the 1934 purge.

Unless Hitler, like Mussolini, is trapped by some sudden coup and kept in solitary confinement by his own generals, he is likely to commit suicide when his new order crashes.

BULLETINS

London, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—German planes dropped bombs in one London district tonight during an alarm which lasted less than an hour, and prompted a moderately heavy anti-aircraft barrage.

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee today voted not to increase personal income tax rates.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—Officials of four railroad unions recommended today that 150,000 railroad workers take a strike vote.

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The navy disclosed today that a navy Catalina patrol bomber had battled with a Japanese medium bomber in the vicinity of the Russian-owned Komandorski Islands in the Bearing sea. The engagement, in which both planes scored hits, occurred yesterday afternoon.

The accident took place about 10 o'clock in the kitchen of their home, where the children were playing. The father was quoted by Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler as explaining he took a .32-caliber rifle out of his car and laid it on the kitchen table, with the understanding that it was empty. He told the deputy coroner he had borrowed the gun from Herman Kusel of Phoenix to use on a hunting trip.

STALIN RETURNS TO TAKE PART IN MOSCOW TALKS

London, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The tri-partite conference of foreign ministers in Moscow took on added significance today with the disclosure that Soviet Premier Josef Stalin has returned from his headquarters on the eastern front to meet with the British conferees.

Stalin, leaving the front at a critical hour in Russia's military fortunes, received British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in the Kremlin yesterday, radio Moscow revealed. Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov and British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark Kerr also attended the meeting.

It was believed certain that a similar meeting with U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull would follow shortly, thus giving Stalin at least an indirect role in the conference which may settle the question of an Allied second front in western Europe.

POST-WAR BLUEPRINT SEEN IMPOSSIBLE NOW

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee said today that it is impossible to blueprint now a plan for curing all the world's ills, but that the committee approved a postwar resolution constitutes a step toward international cooperation to establish and maintain peace.

The committee's formal report said that "as an expression of the sentiment of the United States senate (the resolution) is highly significant of an advanced and responsible attitude toward foreign relations."

Senate debate on the resolution will start Monday.

Zinc Penny Making To End January 1

Washington, Oct. 22.—(U.P.)—The treasury announced today that manufacture of the new zinc-coated, steel pennies will be stopped January 1. It will then resume coining of one-cent pieces made of a copper alloy, which was discontinued last February.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Maurie Spatz walking down the street with a high-priority bicycle wheel.

Gene Thorndike "pouring" at the weekly gridiron session of the False Friends.

Hizzoner Mayor Meeker wondering if the visioned 50,000 population for Medford might not be a thousand or two too many.

Rosy Rosenbaum on the spot over his sale of war bonds with Joe Louis tickets attached.

LITTLE BROTHER PULLS TRIGGER ON DEER RIFLE

Bessie Illene Holman, Nine Years Old, is Victim of "Empty Gun" Tragedy.

A family tragedy that can be traced indirectly to the deer hunting season occurred in Ashland last night when three-year-old Dean Gerry Holman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Holman of 151 Coolidge street, pulled the trigger of a rifle whose bullet struck and instantly killed his nine-year-old sister, Bessie Illene.

The accident took place about 10 o'clock in the kitchen of their home, where the children were playing. The father was quoted by Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler as explaining he took a .32-caliber rifle out of his car and laid it on the kitchen table, with the understanding that it was empty. He told the deputy coroner he had borrowed the gun from Herman Kusel of Phoenix to use on a hunting trip.

When he left the house to return to his car for some other articles, he told Litwiler, the little boy apparently climbed onto the table and, while playing, pulled the trigger which presumably had been cocked by Bessie Illene.

The bullet, one of two in the gun, struck the young girl slightly to the right of the center of her chest, pierced the aorta artery, emerged from her back and went through the wall under the kitchen sink. Mrs. Holman, the deputy coroner said, was in the house at the time of the accident.

Bessie Illene was born in Ashland Sept. 16, 1934. Funeral arrangements are being made by Litwilers.

OPA FIELD OFFICE IN K. F. TO CLOSE

Klamath Falls, Oct. 22.—The ration board offices here will be moved from the Balsiger building to the former Balin furniture location in the Willis building, near Fifth and Main streets, on November 10.

It was also announced today that the OPA field office, established here when the district office was discontinued a few weeks ago, will be closed on October 31. Lee Jacobs, field office chief, has already resigned to go into the radio business at Baker, and others of the 10 employees in the office have been offered OPA jobs.