

U. S. BOMBERS CRACK NAZI LINES

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 27.—Brilliant British General Alexander says Allied plodding in Italy, up to this week, cost 14,000 casualties, and that the road to Rome is long, tough and will be hard fought.

This expression has raised higher a question growing in the minds of some military and non-military men here for the past few weeks as to whether our war strategy is wise and sound.

BOTH in Italy and in the south Pacific we are committed to fronts which seem to have outworn their usefulness and value in relation to cost. Has not the time arrived for a wholly new conception of our attack plans everywhere?

We have overwhelming superiority in air and sea. We outnumber and outgun our enemies on every front. But we are not bringing this superiority to bear fully at decisive points.

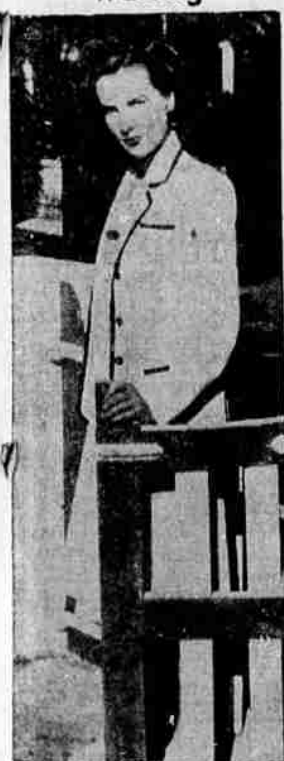
In Italy we have been held down to stubborn plodding of a few miles a day, while in the Pacific General MacArthur is working from tree to tree and village to village.

When the objectives in Italy and New Guinea are won, when Rome is captured and Rabaul is taken, where will we then be as regards the end of the war or decisive fighting? In Italy we will not then even have reached the main German force. In the Pacific we will merely have denied Jap fighting power at an obscure, unimportant point, far away from the main economic sinews of her new empire.

WHEN a nation enjoys the superiority we claim to have amassed with our allies in this war, prudent military planning calls for swift, decisive action.

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Waiting



Nancy Oakes, above, waits at the gate of her family home for word of progress of the trial against her husband, Count Alfred de Marigny, at Nassau, Bahamas, for the murder of Sir Harry Oakes.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Chas. Clay wondering how he can witness the Medford-Eureka football game and Joe Louis' Camp White program at the same time.

Jack Boyle violating the first tenet of show-business by getting up at 6:30 a. m.

GREAT ASSAULT PAVES WAY FOR INFANTRY DRIVE

Quiet On Fifth Army Front Broken By Combined Air And Ground Operations.

By Reynolds Packard
United Press Staff Correspondent

With American Troops, Italy, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—American fighter-bombers broke open German positions today for advancing infantrymen with attacks that bounced Germans from their trenches — bounced them out dead.

The tactical air force put on one of its greatest displays in weeks to end 10 days of dull drums on the Fifth army front and aid U. S. ground troops.

Few Yards Ahead

This morning and early this afternoon before a drizzle started, I saw wave after wave of fighter-bombers wheel into position overhead and peel off in dives on enemy positions only a few hundred yards ahead of our own.

After the planes had peppered the Germans, I watched the doughboys spring forward and storm two German positions.

In one area we entered only a few hours after the bombing by AT-36s we found scores of German dead thrown clear of their entrenchments by explosions that had ripped off their heads, arms and legs.

Germans Leave

In several sectors, the Germans pulled out after heavy casualties. In one sector alone, 80 Germans were made prisoner, captured by a lightning infantry thrust in between waves of fighter-bombers which were doing one of the greatest precision air jobs yet turned in.

Artillery, directed by aerial observers in Spitfires, worked in cooperation with the fighter-bombers to tear up the German positions.

Italian soldiers made an appearance on this front as allies today. They helped American engineers build bridges across holes dynamited in the roads by the Germans, and in other kinds of repair work.

JAPAN REVAMPS AERIAL DEFENSE

By United Press

A complete reorganization of Japan's air raid defenses was announced by the Tokyo government today, with the warning that the removal of civilians and essential industries from all large cities and towns must be speeded up, according to a German broadcast heard by the United Press in New York.

A German Transoceanic news agency dispatch from Tokyo said the government action to cope with anticipated Allied air raids was announced at a special meeting of the Japanese diet by Kishiburo Ando, Japanese minister of the interior.

Portland Mayor Asked To Refrain From Further Criticism On Tour

Washington, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information has asked Mayor Earl Riley, of Portland, Ore., who is in England on a lecture tour sponsored and paid for by OWI, to refrain from further criticism of any branch of the U. S. government, and from political discussion or prognostication.

Davis acted following publication of an interview Riley gave to the United Press in London on Saturday in which he criticized as unfair to the British some of the views expressed by five United States senators after their tour of allied battlefronts.

"If Mayor Riley has been correctly quoted he is violating the

Marines Are Camouflaged



With their landing ship tanks in the background, United States Marines in jungle uniforms, gathered their equipment on the beach at Guadalcanal preparatory to moving up positions where they will serve as raiders. The Marines are members of a parachute regiment.

Walkouts Spread As Miners Protest Latest WLB Action

By United Press

Work stoppages spread in many of the nation's coal fields today as miners protested the War Labor Board's latest refusal of their wage demands.

Reaction to the WLB's decision was noticeable particularly in West Virginia, where 5,400 miners were idle. The West Virginia walkouts, confined for the past three days to northern Non-gallia county, spread to the state's southern fields.

Officials of the United Mine Workers, seeking to end the work stoppage, sent representatives to areas where unrest was reported rising.

The miners were protesting the WLB's rejection of a proposed wage contract between Illinois miners and operators, which the UMW had presented as a model for the entire industry. The board placed the next move in the dispute squarely up to UMW President John L. Lewis by offering to settle the prolonged issue with a compromise wage raise of \$10 per week.

London, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—America's air force based in Britain has lost 5,700 fliers and at least \$146,620,000 worth of planes in keeping the aerial offensive going for the last six months, a recapitulation of action from May 1 through Oct. 23 showed today.

The cost in men included pilots, navigators, bombardiers and gunners. There is no accounting for operating expenses, gas, bombs, ammunition and aircraft scrapped because of damage or lost in training.

553 Fortresses
Biggest item was the loss of 553 four-motored Flying Fortresses and Liberators over Europe. Figuring their cost at a conservative \$250,000 each, the total was \$138,250,000. The loss of 89 \$80,000 Thunderbolt fighters added up to \$4,920,000. Twenty-three Marauders, costing about \$150,000 each, added \$3,450,000 more.

Since May 1 the Royal air force bomber command has lost 1,388 heavy bombers in combat.

Neither the U. S. 8th air force nor the RAF revealed the exact number of ships involved in all operations during the period, but losses were less than four per cent, one percentage point below the expected margin of loss.

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Reds Strive to Spring Dnieper Trap

PEPPER SCENTS APPEASEMENT IN POST-WAR PLAN

Florida Senator Challenges Foreign Relations Committee's Policy Resolution

Washington, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Sen. Claude A. Pepper, D., Fla., told the senate today that adoption of the senate foreign relations committee's post-war policy resolution would be "appeasement."

Pepper and Sen. Harold H. Burton, R., O., challenged the committee resolution — which proposes post-war "international authority with power to prevent aggression" — is falling far short of the specific pledge of international collaboration which they advocate.

What's Important
"The important thing is not what the senate now says but what the senate discloses to the world it will do after the war," Pepper contended in the third day of debate.

"The allied nations look upon the policy of the United States with doubt and misgiving because our record leaves a sorry tale of fidelity in peace. We can't escape the obligation of advising the people of the world the United States does not propose again betrayal of our obligations to our allies and our debt to the dead."

Burton said the committee resolution falls short in five or six basic tests for a foreign policy declaration by the senate at this time. He said such a declaration should:

1. State a robust American policy, expressing the purposes, ideals and best interests of America in establishing and maintaining a just and lasting peace.

2. Outline a policy for later expression in a treaty to be negotiated by the president.

3. Be sufficiently definite to be of substantial help to the president in negotiating such a treaty.

4. Be sufficiently definite to be of substantial help in clarifying America's post-war policy to the American people.

5. Be sufficiently definite to be of substantial help in clarifying America's post-war policy to our allies.

6. Be sufficiently definite to test the sentiment of the senate of some substantial point of post-war policy.

Burton said the only test it met was the second, but contended it was too vague in that respect to be of any great value.

UAW WOULD FIGHT AMERICAN LEGION

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—The United Auto Workers (UAW), today planned to recruit from the ranks of organized labor a service organization to rival the American Legion which, it charged, "has proved that it is definitely lined up with big business groups."

The plan was approved by the union's executive board, which said it would be advocated at the CIO convention opening here next Monday. The union claims a membership of more than 1,000,000.

R. J. Thomas, president of the board, said such an organization "has long been advocated" by union locals throughout the United States.

The English Lawn Tennis Assn. was formed in 1888.

Radio Highlights

Herbert Hoover will speak Thursday at 6:30 p. m. PWT over the Mutual network on "The Transition to Lasting Peace."

ROOSEVELT ASKS BILLION PROGRAM TO SCHOOL VETS

Year's Vocational Or Academic Training Urged For Ex-Service Men, Women.

Washington, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today recommended that congress set up a \$1,000,000,000 post-war educational program offering a year's vocational or academic training to ex-service men and women.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a special message to congress, said the schooling should be available to all who serve a "minimum period" in the armed forces. An advisory committee recommended that this period be six months.

"This is a good time not merely to be thinking about the subject, but actually to do something about it," Mr. Roosevelt told congress. "While the successful conclusion of this great war is by no means within our sight, yet it may well be said that the time to prepare for peace is at the height of war."

CATTLE CEILINGS MEAN SHORTAGE LATER, IS FEAR

Washington, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—The cattle country's representatives in congress predicted today that the government's new ceiling prices on live cattle would result in a beef shortage this winter "the like of which we have never seen."

Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson established the ceiling last night, ranging up to \$18 per hundred-weight on the Chicago market, as a further peg in holding down food costs. He also revised subsidy payments to slaughterers to encourage production of better grades of beef.

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'Old Maestro'



Funeral services for Ben Bernie, the "Old Maestro" of band leaders, will be held in New York this week. Bernie died of a heart ailment which confined him to his bed for a year.

DON HUNGATE OF TALENT KILLED IN WOODS MISHAP

Don Hungate, who would have been 24 years old today, was killed yesterday morning at the Alley Brothers Logging camp above Prospect when a snag broke, striking him on the head. The young man, who formerly lived in Talent, was an employee of Skeeters and Skeeters, logging operators.

Fellow workers summoned a Medford physician and the Perl ambulance, but Hungate died en route to Medford. The body has been taken to the Litwiller Funeral Home in Ashland.

Hungate is survived by his wife, who, with their small daughter, was in California visiting relatives at the time of the accident, and his mother, Mrs. Blanche Hungate of Talent. The deceased had resided in the county for many years and for a considerable time delivered Mail-Tribunes in the Talent district.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Four Children Burn As Lamp Explodes

Uniontown, Pa., Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Four children were burned to death today when fire, caused by an exploding kerosene lamp, destroyed a double wooden house at Outcrop, a mining community southeast of here.

The dead were children of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Clark, who, with two older sons, escaped. James Edward, seven months; Herman, 3; Selena, 4, and Therman Ray, 6, perished.

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Many to Speak
Undersecretary of the Navy James Forrestal appeared in Los Angeles, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard in Detroit. Speeches also were scheduled by several rear admirals.

The President's tribute was contained in a letter to Knox: "The nation's second Navy Day at war finds the ships, submarines and planes of the United States fleet on the offensive, with our gallant allies, in every quarter of the globe where an enemy of freedom is to be found. What may seem like huge achievements in the past will, I am confident, be dwarfed by those in prospect for the future—achievements which will restore freedom to all the seas for all nations, and add new glory to the flag under which we all so proudly serve."

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500,000 NAZIS MAY BE NIPPED IN RIVER BULGE

Germans Said To Be Throwing Reinforcements Into Area To Enable Escape.

London, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—German resistance has been broken southeast of the lower Dnieper river all the way to the Sea of Azov, a Soviet communique broadcast by the Moscow radio said today.

By United Press
The Red army fought today to seize the mining center of Krivoi Rog and spring the Dnieper trap on 500,000 German troops.

Moscow dispatches said the Nazis were throwing men rushed from Italy and France into a struggle to hold open an escape route for their harried armies in the bulge of the Dnieper river in the southern Ukraine.

Russian forces had nearly completed encirclement of Krivoi Rog, half down the western open end of the bulge, and were fighting through the city. All but one railroad exit was cut. A sizable German force may have been hemmed in.

Berlin Hints Loss
Berlin radio talked of an "elastic defense" at the vital stronghold—a term usually preceding admission of a loss. Russian front reports indicated the Germans were trying frantically to hold up the Soviets, knowing fall of the city might mean a Russian plunge clear to the Black Sea.

Inside the bulge, the Russians overran the town of Solenoye, 18 miles south of Dnepropetrovsk, and 18 other towns and villages, crushing ahead through crumbling German defenses. But Krivoi Rog held the key to the continuing Russian offensive aimed at ousting the Germans from Russian soil by the first of the year.

YANK FLIERS HIT NORTH SOLOMONS

American fliers were reported by the Japanese to have struck another strong blow today in the northern Solomons where Allied advances indicated three enemy air fields already have been knocked out in a series of bombing attacks.

Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo report that 83 bombers attacked Buin, on Bougainville island, today and Japanese fighters and ground fire shot down 27.

Tokyo radio said a raid was directed at Elebenta island southeast of Bougainville yesterday and 27 planes were shot down. Tokyo also claimed 14 Liberators and two fighters were brought down over Rabaul, New Britain, Monday.

Loneran Returns For Questioning

New York, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Wayne Lonergan, suspect in the slaying of his beautiful and wealthy wife, Patricia Burton Lonergan, arrived at LaGuardia airport late today in the custody of two detectives.

San Mateo, Calif., Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Investigation, 109 to 1 shot, captured the second race at Bay Meadows yesterday and paid \$220.30, a new record for the track.

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:

\$16,045.65

Quota is \$43,718.40.