

GIBRALTAR HIT BY ITALIANS IN NEW AIR RAIDS

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first on Von Ribbentrop's visiting list.

Tomorrow the Nazi minister will see Bulgarian representatives, while the Slovak premier and foreign minister will call on Sunday. The conferences are being held at Salzburg.

Oil Pledges

On the eve of these conferences Rumania ordered 12 French oil company executives expelled and pledged every effort to pour 200,000 tons of Rumanian oil into the Nazi war machine this month.

Britain reported 23 German planes shot down for a total of 206 in five weeks, and acknowledged the loss of five planes and two naval trawlers.

Germany claimed her English channel bombers yesterday sank 43,000 tons of convoyed shipping—11 of 23 ships attacked—and damaged two escorting destroyers.

DNB, official German news agency, carried a denial of the British report a German torpedo boat sank the French merchant ship Meknes Wednesday night off the Portland naval base with a loss of 300 of the 1300 French sailors and officers being returned to their homeland. It quoted German sources who sought indirectly to lay the sinking at Britain's door.

A SOUTHEAST PORT, England, July 26 (UP)—I watched more than 200 British and German planes fight one of the biggest air battles of the war yesterday as Nazi dive-bombers and fighters struck with bombs and machine guns at British shipping off this port.

It was one of three big aerial battles I saw from a height overlooking the harbor, outside of which three or four tiny trawlers of which three or four, seemingly oblivious to bombs falling from the sky.

Stukas Attack

The waves of German bombers and fighters began coming over at noon when more than 80 raiders dropped out of the sky on a convoy. A few hours later I saw 24 Stuka dive-bombers attack another convoy of 22 plodding little vessels. Both flights were heavily engaged by British fighters.

But it was not until late afternoon that the biggest air battle occurred.

Dive bombers had attacked a convoy three miles offshore. British fighters sped to the rescue and soon more than 200 British and German planes were locked in combat.

Destroyers Cut Loose

Only a short time later two British destroyers left port and sped to within a short distance of the French coast where they turned their guns on German objectives and began blasting away.

British motor torpedo boats had swept out ahead to lay down a smoke screen behind which



Wendell Willkie, the republican party's presidential nominee, vacationing in Colorado Springs, Colo., made a side trip to Salt Lake City. He is shown here with President Herbert Hoover, Latter Day Saints church leader (second from left). Grant is showing Willkie a picture of Brigham Young, who led the Mormon pioneers to Salt Lake.

the destroyers fired away with a terrific barrage.

Shore Batteries Start

German shore batteries soon went into action and then a large force of dive-bombers struck from the clouds in an attempt to sink the British destroyers.

First 12 dive bombers dived onto the destroyers, unloosed their bombs and zoomed back into the sky as 24 more came slashing in.

I could see three fires blazing on the French coast as darkness fell.

British fighter planes which went out as protectors for the destroyers came back across the coast by twos and threes and the ships steamed back to port.

Squadrons of fast British fighting planes wheeling through the sky and converging from all directions led a spectacular counter-attack on the first huge wave of Nazi raiders.

Everything Peaceful

One moment everything was peaceful. I stood chatting with some soldiers on a dock, smoking a cigarette. Then hell broke loose.

The show began quietly enough. Far up the channel I suddenly noticed a white plume inching across the sky. It was reminiscent of the telltale exhaust trail left by Russian planes I saw last winter in the cold air over Finland.

Suddenly the white plume disappeared and then reappeared miles closer. And then the concert of anti-aircraft artillery began.

As heavy anti-aircraft guns added thunder to the chatter of smaller quick-firing guns, German planes appeared like swarms of birds.

At first I could count only six, but as they swept by a cloud bank I counted 27 bombers and many pursuit ships. And still they came, with the sun striking their black-and-silver bodies occasionally.

The calm sea erupted in huge mushrooms as bombs began falling.

Although we are not allowed to say where the bombs fell, I can bear witness to the fact that only broad expanse of water was hit in this attack.

The British anti-aircraft fire was extraordinarily accurate. Little puff balls of smoke surrounded one bomber like so many pieces of spun sugar candy.

Anti-aircraft guns ceased firing as British fighters tangled with the German planes. Occasionally, when a German plane was isolated, the guns would resume.

Far above, fighters circled and fought, sometimes appearing to be little white specks, sometimes out of sight except for exhaust plumes and sometimes silhouettes of black against a background of clouds.

Then the "all clear" signal was sounded. Four flights of British planes, each with its complement of three planes, swept in from the sea.

Pennsylvania is estimated to have lost \$4,000,000 in less than two years, due to the killing of valuable hawks and owls, under unwise bounty laws.

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MISSING ANGLER FEARED DROWNED

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early Thursday in search of the missing man.

Officers combed the district in a speed boat belonging to A. M. Collier all day but were unable to find a trace of the fisherman.

Pray was last seen at 2 p. m. Wednesday by a Copco crew working near Squaw point. He told the men he was on his way to get new fishhooks after losing his on a snag.

The Copco men told the officers they warned Pray that it was a long way to Rocky Point, the place he said he planned to go for the fishing tackle. They advised him to hug the bank and he was last seen by them heading for Squaw Point.

It was the theory of the searchers that Pray may have run into trouble in rough water off Squaw Point. He had not put fuel in the motor of the boat since leaving on the trip, and the motor may have stopped. The possibility that he may have fallen overboard while trying to re-fuel the motor in the rough water was considered.

The prevailing wind off Squaw Point is from the northwest and it is possible the boat floated southeast, or around Buck Island. It was found in the water some distance directly south of Buck Island by the three youths. They said that when towing it, the canvas boat overturned, losing a rifle and other articles that were in the boat.

Pray and McLaren were fishing Wednesday just after noon on Howard's bay when McLaren lost his last fish hook. Pray left his companion on the bank and said he would go to Rocky Point for more tackle. McLaren that evening hiked to the main road, rode to town and informed authorities.

Hundred Killed By Chile Slides

ANTOFAGASTA, Chile, July 26 (AP)—Sandy hillsides loosened by heavy rains came tumbling down on settlements in Chile's rich nitrate mining region yesterday, causing more than a hundred deaths.

A survey showed Tacopilla, northern nitrate port, hardest hit with most of the casualties in that region.

The La Despreclada copper mine was destroyed. Hundreds of persons lost their homes.

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YOUTH, OFFICERS MYSTIFIED BY GUN ATTACK

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he saw it again. It had no spare tire, he remembers, and was about a 1929 model. McFadden is also sure that another man was sitting behind the wheel.

Lowell doesn't remember just when the second shot was fired, but recalls distinctly that a third bullet whizzed back toward them as the car neared the street corner, where it turned east and was lost in clouds of dust.

"He was heavy set," is the only way the CCC youth could describe the man who fired the revolver.

Also along the motive line, McFadden said that he had not been overindulging during the evening, and had not even entered the dance hall where the Saturday night dance was going on. He can remember no one who holds a grudge against him and was puzzled over the report of officers that the CCC youths tampered with a couple of parked cars along the street.

Only a slight accent betrays the fact that McFadden is from the south. He attended high school at Paris, Tenn., won a letter in boxing, also played football and basketball.

His favorite work is construction operations with cats and bulldozers, and he likes life at Camp Klamath, just outside Merrill. He has been chosen as assistant leader, second highest rank among the boys in camp.

After his full recovery he plans to continue another year as a CCC enrollee.

NO SWIMMING

EUGENE, July 26 (AP)—Swimmers will have to confine their aquatic activities to lawn sprinklers and bathtubs or take long drives into the country to clear streams for the remainder of the summer. County health and city recreation authorities today ordered condemned the waters of the Willamette.

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CLINE DIES IN GAS CELL FOR TWO KILLINGS

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the Odd Fellows organization and burial will be at government expense. Cline was a World War veteran.

Cline, who did not appeal, killed Rosenstiel in August, 1939. Chetty arrived at Fossil, Ore., from the Midwest on May 1, 1940, to join Cline in a gold mining venture. He was slain the following day.

Searchers found the body in a shallow grave and later Cline led authorities to a desert pit containing the body of Rosenstiel. The miner told Prosecutor George L. Duke he killed both men while intoxicated.

The Rev. Eriksen and the Oregon Prison association asked Governor Charles A. Sprague to stay the execution but the appeal was denied. The prisoner's attorney, Arthur Tarlow of Portland, asserted several weeks ago that Cline did not desire an appeal and that there were no grounds upon which to base the action.

Cline was the second person executed in the lethal gas chamber. Leroy Hershel McCarthy, 26, died in the chamber January 20, 1939, for the holdup slaying of Floyd Fuelner, a Portland service station attendant. McCarthy's execution was the first in Oregon since 1931 while capital punishment was fulfilled on the gallows.

Physicians estimated at McCarthy's execution that lethal gas produced unconsciousness in 15 to 20 seconds and that a painless death followed in five to eight minutes.

The gas, physicians explained, injured the tissues and organs but took particular effect on the brain. It prevented the organs from using the oxygen brought to them in the blood stream.

Medical investigation claimed that the brain could not exist more than three to five seconds without oxygen before losing



The first husband of the Duchess of Windsor, Commander Earl Winfield Spencer (bottom), U. S. N. retired, and his third wife, the former Norma Reese Johnson (top), widow of a Detroit manufacturer, appeared in court at Santa Monica, Calif., for a divorce hearing. Both charged cruelty, and in addition Mrs. Spencer charged her husband is habitually intemperate.

some of its functions. Among these functions is control of breathing and the action of the heart. The heart may beat for a few minutes, but to all intents and purposes, the doctors said, the victim is dead as soon as the brain is affected by the gas.

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JAPAN PONDER'S U. S. EMBARGO ON OIL, IRON

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mon southern European blood of their peoples.

Hochi said that if South America were to join the axis, the position of the United States would be difficult. Then the paper asked:

"Would this not be delightful to the Japanese?"

SHANGHAI, July 26 (AP)—A Japanese embassy spokesman declared today that two recent Japanese-American incidents at Tsingtao involving United States sailors had been settled with American expressions of regret.

The first incident was a clash between United States sailors and Japanese policemen reported last Monday, which Domei, Japanese official news agency,

said started when two sailors left a cafe without paying their bill.

The United States consulate at Tsingtao accepted Japanese demands for an apology, compensation and steps to prevent a recurrence, the spokesman announced.

House Bill Would Send U. S. Ships To Get Refugees

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—Chairman Bloom (D-N. Y.) said today the house foreign affairs committee had approved unanimously a bill to permit the use of United States vessels to remove refugee children from European war zones—an arrangement President Roosevelt described as possible.

Under the bill each vessel so used shall have painted plainly on both sides an American flag "and a statement that such vessel is a refugee-child rescue ship of the United States or under United States registry, so that night or day there can be no mistake as to the identity of such vessels."

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