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ALLIES SWEEP UP SICILIAN COAST

Naval Battle Roars in Kula Gulf

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AFTER long and weary months (now running into the years) of uncertainty, signs are beginning to appear in the war skies that may be read with reasonable assurance even by us uninformed outsiders.
In the main, they are HOPEFUL signs.

WE have started to take Sicily—make the Mediterranean sea route safe for our shipping.

It has been a good start. We've established beach heads along at least 100 miles of flat coastline. We've taken some airfields, which is important, for modern war is a sort of leap-frog affair in which progress is made by jumping over intervening obstacles from airfield to airfield.

The landing has been made with relative ease because we had first MASTERED THE SKIES, so that our enemy was unable to smash us from the air as we came ashore.

(IT is well to remember that the hard fighting in Sicily is yet to come. As these words are written, there have been no counter-attacks on a major scale. You can't feel that you've begun to win a battle until your enemy has counter-attacked and you've BEATEN HIM OFF.)

BUT even the Germans admit that our sea and air borne attack on Sicily was the greatest in history. Our air attack alone has far exceeded in magnitude the German air attack on Crete.

WHEN we landed in Africa, it was quite an enterprise—completely dwarfing anything we had done before. But our attack on Sicily dwarfs our Africa attack.

And whereas in Africa we went in with about everything we had available, we're going into Sicily with only a PART of our available forces. We have an army estimated at a million men in Syria, ready to strike at the Balkans if a weak spot appears in the enemy's defenses there, and our ground and air forces in England are already at peak strength and GROWING.

The rising might of our air power has long been apparent.

IN other words, our striking power (in the European theater of the war) is accelerating at a steady and relentless pace.

At the same time, the striking power of our enemy is DECLINING.

THE decline in German striking power is clearly evident in Russia. The rise in Russian HOLDING power has been equally evident.

If we can trust the dispatches at all, the Orei-Belgorod smash has been a major affair, following the typical German pattern of overwhelming force applied on a narrow front, and designed to DESTROY Russian fighting power.

IT DIDN'T work. (Assuming, of course, that we can believe the news.) The Russians have not only held but have inflicted fantastic losses on the attacking Germans.

THE point is that the fighting power of our side is RISING SWIFTLY while the strength of our enemy is ebbing. History tells us plainly that when this happens it marks the turning point of wars.

Nazis Pound on Belgorod Wedge; Hope For Breach

By WILLIAM M'GAFFIN
MOSCOW, July 13 (AP)—Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge threw the entire weight of his armored columns into a furious attack today against the southern end of the 200-mile Orei-Kursk-Belgorod front in an action designed to enlarge the Belgorod wedge and blast a major breach in the Russian lines.

Dropping all efforts to break through on the northern end of the salient, Von Kluge fell back on the old Nazi power-house play, but the thick red defenses remained impenetrable, although fighting became so violent that even tank crews of the opposing forces broke into hand-to-hand fighting on one occasion.

Claim More Ground
(A German communique broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press, claimed that the Nazi armored forces with the support

LONDON, July 13 (AP)—A foreign diplomatic source who usually is reliable asserted today that Adolf Hitler was reported to have assumed control of the German offensive in the Kursk bulge and broadened it into an expensive gamble for a breakthrough, against the advice of his generals.

There was no confirmation of the report.

of the German air force had gained further ground in the area just north of Belgorod and had smashed strong enemy counter-attacks on other sectors of the front. The Russians suffered "heaviest losses" the German communique said, including a total of 400 tanks and 123 aircraft.

The tremendous success of the Red armies was indicated by an announcement today that the Germans have "dispaired" of (Continued on Page Two)

Burma Bases of Supply Blasted By Americans
NEW DELHI, July 13 (AP)—Devastating raids by American Liberator bombers and P-40 Warhawk fighter-bombers have destroyed Japanese supply and administrative bases in northern Burma, a United States communique said today.

Liberator bombers of the 10th U. S. Army air force dropped more than 12 tons of bombs on enemy railway installations at Wyatung yesterday, but clouds prevented an accurate assessment of damage.

On the same day, the P-40s, carrying medium and fragmentation bombs, blasted the Japanese base of Nanyaseik, and returning pilots said that, on top of previous attacks, had destroyed all administration buildings and supply installations.

Yesterday's operations were preceded by widespread sweeps against enemy supply centers and troop bases by American fighter planes based in Assam.

Home-Based RAF Planes Slash at Northern Italy
LONDON, July 13 (AP)—Home-based bombers of the RAF struck a heavy blow at Turin in northern Italy last night in operations coordinated with the allied invasion of Sicily, the British announced today.

The raiders encountered bad weather both on the outward and return trips, the announcement said, but the sky was clear over the target area and they unloaded the "usual heavy concentration of bombs" on their objectives.

Taking a different route going and coming the big bombers flew a round trip of approximately 2000 miles.

A communique, describing the raid, (Continued on Page Two)



Where Fight Rages
RUSSIA
Mitsensk
Bryansk
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Kursk
Konotop
Sumy
Akhtyrka
Poltava
Dniester R.
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0 50 MILES

Nazis today stopped battering at the Orel end of the Russian salient and threw all efforts into an action designed to widen the wedge at Belgorod to effect a major breach in the soviet line.

PRINCIPALS NAMED FOR CITY SCHOOLS

Angstead Heads Both Junior High, Fremont
Principals to the seven city schools, with but one exception, were named Monday night at a joint meeting of the school boards.

Paul Angstead has been named principal of both Fremont and Junior high school, this assignment coming under one head for the first time. Angstead was principal of the Junior high last year.

Augusta Parker has been as (Continued on Page Two)

Missing Lakeview Boy Now Reported Japanese Prisoner

LAKEVIEW—Layton Mariette of Lakeview, son of Maxwell Mariette and pharmacist's mate second class, USN, has been reported as a prisoner of war of the Japanese government in the Philippine islands. Layton was reported missing in action at Manila in May, 1942, and the latest word that he was a prisoner was the first news the boy's father had received since that time.

JAP CRUISER, 3 DESTROYERS SUNK BY U. S.

Nips Try Holding Open American Mantrap On Munda

By C. YATES McDANIEL
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 13 (AP)—A Japanese cruiser and three destroyers were sent to the bottom of the Kula gulf—graveyard of at least nine other enemy warships—by guns of the United States navy in a battle which began last night.

Two other enemy destroyers probably were sunk and enemy losses may be even greater when all reports are in. The battle still was in progress, it was indicated, at the time preliminary reports were received today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur from Admiral William F. Halsey.

Clamp on Munda
But already Japan has expended between 12 and 17 cruisers and destroyers in two battles in the central Solomons while trying to hold apart the jaws of a mantrap which American jungle fighters are clamping on the enemy air base of Munda, on New Georgia island.

Both battles in the Kula gulf which is 15 miles long and eight miles across at its widest part, occurred as units of the Japanese navy, moving down from the northern Solomons, encountered United States war vessels blockading New Georgia's coastline along the gulf. In the first battle July 5-6, loss of the cruiser USS Helena was acknowledged. Available reports on the second battle mentioned no United States losses.

Losing Fight
Today's action-packed account from General MacArthur showed Japan everywhere losing the fight for Munda—on New Georgia, in the air above it and in the sea offshore.

Ten miles northeast of it, a Japanese ground force of considerable strength was trapped at Enogai inlet and wiped out. (Continued on Page Two)

Men Injured in Cycle Accident Improving

Donald and Carl Baker, the two men who were injured in a motorcycle accident over the fourth of July holidays are still in the Josephine hospital in Grants Pass. Carl, 19, will probably be dismissed sometime this week. Donald, 24, is still in a serious condition, but is thought to be improving some. He suffered a basal fracture and a compound fracture of the leg.

Knox Sidesteps Paramushiro Bombing Query

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Secretary Knox declined today to affirm or deny that American planes had attacked the Japanese base of Paramushiro, at the northern end of the Kurile island chain.

A reporter at the Knox press conference observed that "we understand that there was an American airplane attack on Paramushiro. Have you heard anything about it, Mr. Secretary?" "Nothing that I can say," Knox replied. "Nothing that you can say?" he was asked. "That's right," Knox replied. "Nothing that I can talk about."

Overseas Wedding



In the first overseas wedding of a WAC to an American soldier, Auxiliary First Class Marjorie A. Wilson (top) of Berkeley, Calif., became the bride of Staff Sgt. Virgil E. Major of Ridgway, Mont. They were married at Holy Trinity church, Algiers, Pauline Saty, Klamath girl with the WACs in Africa, was one of the attendants at this overseas wedding.

Ickes Orders Coal Diverted To Steel Mills

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Secretary Ickes, acting to "relieve the growing menace of the steel industry due to coal mine strikes in western Pennsylvania," has ordered 135,000 tons of coal diverted to steel plants.

As solid fuels administrator, Ickes directed diversion of special-purpose, metallurgical coals—essential to steel manufacture—at this rate of 22,500 tons each day this week.

He explained today that the action, taken on the eve of a special grand jury investigation at Pittsburgh to deal with the strike which 18,000 miners kept idle some 10,000 miners whose output goes to steel furnaces, was necessary to "keep war-valuable plants in production."

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt told his press-radio conference today that the government will comply with the anti-strike law provision providing for return of the coal mines to private operation as soon as practicable.

Kiska Japs Bombed Three Times Monday

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—The navy announced today that army bombers had carried out three attacks on Japanese installations on Kiska island in the Aleutians Monday, but poor weather prevented observation of results.

Kiska had been bombed by naval forces three times this month and has been bombed more than a dozen times. The navy forces apparently have been used to pour explosives into the enemy positions when fog and bad weather prevented heavier aerial action.

Bill Denying Funds Attacked by FDR

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today he considers the bill denying funds to pay the salaries of three federal officials as unwise, discriminatory and unconstitutional, and not binding on the executive or judicial branches.

Troops Join Near Ragusa; Augusta Taken

By RELMAN MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 13 (AP)—Allied invasion forces swept up the east coast of Sicily at a breathtaking pace today, capturing the port of Augusta, 19 miles north of Syracuse, and piling ashore on the beaches near Catania, major city nearly halfway up the coastline to Messina.

British and Canadian troops fought their way into the two strategic communications centers of Ragusa and Palazzola in the southeastern corner of the embattled island, forming a junction with the American troops of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., at Ragusa as the latter pushed steadily northward and eastward from their original landing points.

Florida, eight miles west of Syracuse, was also taken.

Contact Made
Without giving details as to exact sectors, it later was announced that the allies now have made contact with two regular field divisions of much

LONDON, July 13 (AP)—The Algiers radio reported tonight that allied forces which captured Ragusa, in southeastern Sicily, had driven to the outskirts of the Comiso airbase about seven and one-half miles to the west. There was no confirmation of the report made in a broadcast recorded by Reuters.

sterner character than the coastal troops but these failed to offer much greater resistance.

Allied losses at Augusta were described officially as slight and port and harbor installations were undamaged.

Augusta, whose population normally runs between 20,000 and 25,000 persons, is a fine fortified port which has been used as a naval harbor.

Eisenhower Returns
Simultaneously with the rapid-fire announcements of allied successes, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower returned to North Africa from his visit yesterday to United States and Canadian forces on Sicily.

He declared that coordination of the allied forces there "could not have been better had all the forces been of some single nation."

The junction of Canadian and American forces outside Ragusa consolidated an unbroken allied line. American troops reached the verge of the city from the (Continued on Page Two)

Henri Hoppenot Succeeds Robert On Martinique

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Admiral Georges Robert has relinquished his authority as French high commissioner on Martinique, the state department said today, and Henri Hoppenot of the French military mission in Washington has been appointed by the French committee of national liberation to succeed him.

Hoppenot has assured the United States government, the state department said, that the resources of the French armées will be mobilized fully for the (Continued on Page Two)

Council Passes Dance Hall Measure in Final Reading

With only one major change over previous dance hall regulations, the new city dance ordinance passed its third and final reading Monday night at a regular city council session.

The new ruling specifies that no youngster 16 years or under may attend a public dance or be on the premises unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Another clause, designed to prevent persons from running in and out of the hall and drinking, by providing for the paying of the full admission price to get back in to the dance after 11 o'clock, was struck out at the second reading of the ordinance last Tuesday, July 6. At that time several persons appeared and convinced councilmen that it would be hard to enforce the ruling and also it probably would not serve its purpose.

There's a New Shortage Now---Public Creates "Run" on Safe Deposit Boxes

By LOIS STEWART
You can't take it with you but it's sure nice to keep it safe as long as you're flitting around this earth.

We're referring to the decided increase in property wealth, the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in War Bonds, and the new, unadvertised shortage creeping up on the United States public. This shortage, in short, is safety deposit boxes. White-collar workers and wage earners, clutching War Bonds in their hands, have swarmed into banks and trust companies in recent months and for the first time in their lives they feel the importance of renting a safety deposit box.

Not Hoarding
There is no apparent tendency to hoard currency as back in the scare days of 1933, and besides anyone with half an eye can see the total of money in circulation is rising steadily. Anyway that's the official word of the nation's financial experts.

Both Klamath Falls banks were checked this morning and each institution reported a lack of small boxes with but a few of the larger boxes still available. One bank said there were only five of the big \$36 boxes left for rent. Safe deposit boxes rent for \$4.80 to \$30, including the 20 per cent tax. Yep, there's even a tax on these. Supposed to be a luxury!

Reason for Demand
But the real reason for the terrific demand for safety deposit boxes is simply that more people have more valuables to protect. The common man has stock in the biggest institution in the world, the government of the United States of America. It may be his first bond, it may be the first important scrap of paper he's ever owned in all his life, and by jimmies he's going to hang on to it tooth and nail.

There's grandpa's watch, and a little lock of hair, home deeds, insurance policies, mortgage papers, income tax statements, and other valuables.

Causes of Run
One banker was quoted as saying that he thought a major part of the run on safe deposit boxes was caused by panicky persons who felt that in case of bombing or other disasters, a steel box would be the place for their treasures.

Another reason for the run was suggested when one banker observed the number of home owners who are working away from home and their valuables are in a dresser drawer, unprotected and quite in evidence.

But all the reasons in the world won't come up to the one which lists War Bonds as the nation's No. 1 security these days. War Bonds are esteemed as more than a patriotic gesture. They are valuable bits of paper and John Q. Public is going to keep them under lock and key behind the polished grills of the safety deposit department!