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BRITISH RUSH TOWARD CATANIA

Munda Doomed

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the battle of Sicily, which has held our almost undivided attention since last Saturday, the outlines of carefully planned purpose are beginning to emerge from the shooting.

AS a first step, we are gunning for the airfields that dot the flat coastal plain where our attack fell. Airfields are all important in modern warfare, in which planes have more or less taken the place of heavy artillery.

There are ten principal fields, with an unknown (to us outsiders) number of lesser ones. Quite a few of them (exact number not stated in the dispatches) are already in our possession, with our planes already operating from them.

THE most important of these fields are in the comparatively wide plain of Catania, and we're going after them today.

Montgomery's tough and seasoned 8th army, which broke Rommel's back in Africa, is moving on them by land. Warships are bombarding them from the sea. Our planes are pounding them from the air.

As to the air attack, a returning pilot is quoted by the correspondents as saying: "The sky is so full of our aircraft that we almost need a policeman to relieve the traffic jam."

FURTHER testimony as to our command of the air is to be found in the fact that our warships dare to stand just offshore and add their shells to the bombs dropped by the fliers. Without complete command of the air, that wouldn't be possible. They'd be smashed promptly enough by the enemy's land-based bombers.

THE big question so far has been: "Where are the GERMAN ships who are supposed to be defending the island?"

They're probably heading into the Catanian plain, which is wide enough for tank fighting. If they don't show up there, it will be a fairly safe guess that the Germans have no LARGE forces in Sicily.

TODAY'S most interesting rumor (wholly unconfirmed and highly undependable) is that Rommel, Germany's great tank expert, has been shot down on his way to Sicily by allied fighter planes.

IN our battle plans, the Catanian plain, with its airfields and its port at the town of Catania, is probably a way point (Continued on Page Two)

Three Klamath Men Listed As Prisoners of Japanese

The names of three Klamath Falls men were officially listed by the war department as prisoners of war of the Japanese in either the Philippine Islands or Japan, according to information which reached here this week.

They are PFC Robert L. Miller, U. S. marine corps, son of Robert O. Miller, formerly of 1320 Oak street and now of Vallejo, Calif.

Sgt. Paul E. Davis, field music, U. S. marine corps, son of Mrs. Lela E. Boorman of South Sixth street.

PFC Lloyd E. Crumpacker, U. S. marine corps, son of Ivan Crumpacker, 2169 Madison street.

Young Crumpacker's parents received word several weeks ago of their son's status. Word to the parents of Davis and Miller came within the past 10 days. The policy of the war depart-



Willard Constans, for the past 13 years sales manager for Weyerhaeuser Timber company, leaves here August 1 to take over the office of general manager of the Anglo-California Lumber company, Los Angeles.

CONSTANS ACCEPTS LOS ANGELES JOB

Weyerhaeuser Man to Manage Anglo-California

Willard Constans, sales manager of Weyerhaeuser Timber company, announced Wednesday that he had accepted the general management of the Anglo-California Lumber company of Los Angeles and would leave Klamath Falls August 1, to take over his new duties.

Anglo-American is a wholesale distributing firm. Constans came here in 1930 from Couer d'Alene, Ida., where (Continued on Page Two)

Wage Scale for Mexican Labor To Be Discussed

Tulelake Growers will meet tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock in the Tulelake high school to determine the prevailing wage to be paid Mexicans who are brought here to work in the fields.

According to M. V. Maxwell, county agent, it is necessary that this hearing be held on all labor in this district to set the wage scale before Mexican nationals can be brought here.

George T. Scott of Gazelle, Calif., chairman of the labor wage board of this district, will preside at the hearing. Board members George Yost, W. S. Edwards and Howard Dayton will also be present.

U. S. Troops Creep Toward Munda Air Base

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By MURLIN SPENCER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 14 (AP)—Green-clad United States troops, in frequent gunfire exchanges with the enemy, moved stealthily forward through New Georgia's jungles today upon Munda.

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Reinforcements Fall—Reinforcements by sea had failed. Remnants of a Japanese task force fled the disastrous scene of the Kula gulf above Munda, leaving behind the sunken hulks of a cruiser and from three to five destroyers to add to nine others lost there a week ago.

Support by the Japanese air force also failed. Yesterday 18 enemy dive bombers, protected by 10 Zeros, came over bent on pounding our positions. The raiders never reached their objective. American Corsairs and Lightnings slashed into them at Langsdale point on New Georgia. Four Zeros and a Corsair, whose pilot parachuted to safety, were shot down. The bombers jettisoned their loads and fled.

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Rain of Death—Death rained daily on the garrison from swarms of American Avenger torpedo and Dauntless dive bombers. Yesterday 32 tons of bombs burst among encamped troops and upon anti-aircraft batteries.

Reinforcement or supply of the imperiled garrison by land was rendered virtually impossible (Continued on Page Two)

Quick Action Saves Ice Plant Shed From Fire

Quick action on the part of the city fire department saved the entire storage shed of the Klamath Ice and Storage company from being destroyed at an early Wednesday morning fire. The ice storage shed is located near the Southern Pacific tracks by the South Sixth street viaduct.

The fire is thought to have started from a cigarette butt igniting sawdust near the floor of the building. The fire quickly spread to the wall and roof of the building, partially destroying the roof and the bunkhouse, located on the west side of the shed.

Men were in the bunkhouse at the time of the fire, but no one was hurt.

The shed was covered by insurance. Owners of the building are Andrew M. Collier, Earl Shepherd, George Myers and Fred Fleet.

Logger Hangs Self In Local City Jail

Frank Olson, about 60, hung himself early Wednesday morning in the city jail. He was found at about 2:30 a. m. by city police. Olson was in jail on a charge of drunkenness and had served four days of his ten day sentence.

He was a logger and was believed to have been employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company in the woods. Authorities are still trying to locate any relatives. His body was moved to Earl Whitlock's funeral home Wednesday morning.

Hit the Beach! U. S. Troops Landing



First action picture of the Sicilian invasion shows United States troops descending a landing craft ramp and advancing on Sicilian soil. Signal corps radiotelephoto.

STRONG AIR FORCE RAIDS AXIS FRANCE

Aachen Battered in Heavy Night RAF Attack

LONDON, July 14 (AP)—Strong formations of U. S. Flying Fortresses and RAF light and fighter-bombers attacked German installations in three points of France today and the Fortresses destroyed more than 45 enemy fighters, it was announced tonight.

In addition, U. S. Thunderbolts shot down three German planes and other fighters accounted for three more.

Aachen Damaged—Flying Fortress formations, striking at German aircraft installations in France after RAF night raiders had made a heavy attack on the German railway city of Aachen, bombed aircraft repair and assembly plants at Villacoublay, an aircraft factory and park at Le Bourget and an airfield at Amiens-Glis.

"Bombing results were good (Continued on Page Two)

Woman Charges Henry Fonda Father of Child

LOS ANGELES, July 14 (AP)—A woman identified by her lawyers only as Miss Barbara Thompson has brought suit against Henry Fonda, 37-year-old screen actor now in the U. S. navy, charging Fonda is the father of her child and asking \$2000 monthly for its support.

The complaint, filed in superior court yesterday, also seeks \$5000 for medical expenses, \$10,000 for attorneys' fees and \$2500 for court costs.

Her complaint asserts that the child, Sharon, was born last June 21, and that she and Fonda never have been married. Fonda's wife declared last night that the charges are false. She is the former Mrs. Frances Brokaw, widow of George T. Brokaw, wealthy New York attorney and sportsman.

U. S. Bombs Blast Jap Railroad in Burma

NEW DELHI, July 14 (AP)—Heavy Liberator bombers of the 10th U. S. airforce dropped nine tons of bombs on Japanese railroad installations at Myingyan in Burma yesterday, a communique announced today.

Myingyan is an important transportation center on the Irrawaddy river, about 50 miles southwest of Mandalay.

Beer Is Where You Find It

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—In these days beer, like gold, is where you find it, and you'll be finding it less often, Oregon brewers said today.

Since a federal order cutting use of malt in beer, suds quaffers have been forced to depend on regional breweries. The

Rommel Death Reports Denied

STOCKHOLM, July 14 (AP)—German authorities denied today a report broadcast yesterday that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had been shot down by allied fighter pilots while en route to Sicily in a transport plane, a Berlin dispatch to Aftonbladet reported.

The report, said to have originated from a broadcast by a German underground radio station, was carried by the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

Head-on Crash On Merrill Road Injures Six

One of the year's worst traffic accidents was reported here Tuesday afternoon when six persons were sent to Klamath Falls hospitals following a head-on collision between two cars on the Merrill highway about one and one-half miles south of Mac's store. The crash occurred about 2:45 o'clock. Three of the six were seriously injured.

Auburn Shade Nelson, 16, 309 Commercial street, is in a critical condition at Klamath Valley hospital. Late Wednesday Nelson had not regained consciousness.

Mrs. Beulah Adams, 32, Tulelake, and Mrs. Edith Curry, 34, Los Angeles, are in Hillside hospital with serious hurts.

Others Treated—Three others, Cecil E. Adams, his daughter, Jodine, 5, Tulelake residents, and Margaret Mary Curry, 16, Los Angeles, were treated for injuries at Hillside and then dismissed.

According to state police, called to the scene of the accident, Nelson was driving toward Merrill at the time of the crash. Something went wrong with (Continued on Page Two)

Jap War Plants Hit 'Unparalleled' Production Levels

By The Associated Press Lieut. Gen. Teicho Suzuki, president of the Japanese cabinet planning board, announced today that Japanese war production had attained "unparalleled levels" in the last nine months, the Tokyo radio reported in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press.

Suzuki warned, however, that the nation must throw its entire weight into the war effort and declared that the government's program called for further sharp increases in all essential industries—particularly the construction of ships and planes—the broadcast said.

Explosion Destroys Works at Idaho Mine

KELLOGG, Ida., July 14 (AP)—An explosion of the powder magazine at the Little Pittsburgh mine destroyed much of the surface works there at 5:15 a. m. today, Fireman Bill Linhart said, adding the blast was heard here, 14 miles from the site of the mine on Little Pine creek.

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GOVERNMENT ACTS TO HALT STRIKES

Grand Jury Called in First Moye Under Connally Bill

PITTSBURGH, July 14 (AP)—The government made its first move under the Connally-Smith anti-strike act today by convening a special session of the federal grand jury here to inquire into the lingering coal strike that began June 20.

Coincidentally, the number of idle miners in the rich southwestern Pennsylvania coal field, most of whose output goes directly to war-busy steel mills, dwindled from 10,000 to an estimated 3000. Only three captive or company-owned pits remained down.

United States Steel corporation reported "a definite improvement" in the Fayette county fields where the strike has centered, and announced it would get 24,000 tons of coal from that sector today, as against 16,000 yesterday.

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—The war labor board (WLB) is preparing to enunciate a new policy under which John L. (Continued on Page Two)

Soviets Take Initiative After Repulsing Nazis

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN MOSCOW, July 14 (AP)—Red forces on the southern end of the Kursk salient launched a series of fresh local counterattacks today to follow up their successful repulse of German attempts to enlarge the Belgorod bulge yesterday.

That the Russians are able to take the initiative after absorbing the toughest blows the Germans have been capable of delivering is taken as a healthy sign of the caliber of the red army by military observers.

Field Marshal Kluge's armies, freshly reinforced and reorganized, continued to batter violently against other sectors, but their efforts to crack through have already cost the Germans 2722 tanks and 1200 planes in nine days of fighting, according to soviet official figures.

The German communique asserted that strong Russian counterattacks in the Belgorod sector yesterday were repulsed with "the heaviest losses," and that in a single sector two Russian regiments were wiped out. More than 200 red army tanks were destroyed, the communique said.

Avenging Officer Kills Jap Who Slew Lake County Man in Fierce Attu Battle

LAKEVIEW — The death of Sgt. Alonzo F. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atkinson of Lakeview, at the hands of a Japanese soldier has been avenged.

The identification tag carried by the Lakeview boy in the battle of Attu, and a letter from a wounded American soldier in Barnes general hospital, Vancouver, Wash., received by Sgt. Atkinson's parents this week tell the story.

Lt. Russell Beagle was one of the American boys in the battle of Attu. Wounded in the last day's fight on the island, he was removed to Barnes general hospital in Vancouver. While there he noticed in a daily paper the war department's list of recent soldiers killed in action. Among them was Sgt. Atkinson of Lakeview. Lieut. Beagle immediately associated the name with that on the identification tag he carried in his pocket. On

Two Sicilian Air Bases Fall Before Advancing Allies

On the Land--

LONDON, July 14 (AP)—The Algiers radio said tonight that the allies have driven a wedge into the defenses of Catania.

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 14 (AP)—Britain's veteran eighth army today plunged northwest beyond fallen Augusta toward Catania against weak resistance in a sizzling drive to seal off Sicily's east coast and set the stage for another Cap Bon.

The British had thrust to within 15 miles of Catania, big Sicilian port which now was threatened by the same fate as Augusta and Syracuse.

At the same time the American seventh army, led by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., spreading westward and northward from its beachheads on the south coast, captured two of the enemy's 10 main Sicilian airfields, including Comiso, and swept to within 12 miles of Agrigento, where the axis has been massing forces for a counter-attack.

Catania Position—The position of Catania, astride the road to Messina and 55 miles from the strategic water neck which separates Sicily from Italy, was much like that of Hammam Lif at the entrance to Cap Bon in Tunisia where the British army broke through last May and completed Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's catastrophe.

Catania, its airport bombarded by allied warships early yesterday and plastered by loads of bombs from Flying Fortresses a few hours later, appeared to be in a precarious position as Montgomery battered back German resistance.

Dispute Missing Straits—Already allied naval forces were disputing domination of all sea approaches to Messina straits. An allied motor torpedo boat flotilla invaded the strategic waterway Monday night, routing three enemy motor torpedo (Continued on Page Two)

American Fliers Bomb, Strafe Japs On Chinese Front

CHUNGKING, July 14 (AP)—Fliers of the U. S. 14th air force struck at the Japanese in the past seven days in bombing and strafing missions which ranged from the Yangtze river front to French Indo-China, a communique from Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

A motor vessel of between 6000 and 10,000 tons was among 15 river craft destroyed or damaged near Canton, it was said.

Five raids were made on the Haiphong, Hongway and Campa port area of French Indo-China.

Formal Transfer Of Martinique's Allegiance Made

By WADE WERNER WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Martinique, for many months the only French non-axis-occupied territory to hold out against cooperating in the fight to liberate France, returned to the fold today and placed its ships and resources at the disposal of the United Nations.

It was significant to many observers that the formal transfer of allegiance comes on the 154th anniversary of the storming of the bastille—a revolutionary act that marked the birth of French freedom.

Henri Hoppenot, delegate of the French committee of national liberation, was due to arrive at Fort de France today and formally take over from Admiral Georges Robert the authority he formerly exercised as French high commissioner of the Antilles.

The state department last night made clear that Admiral Robert—long a hold-out against cooperation in the fight to free France—had decided at last to relinquish his authority to a representative of the French committee in Algiers.

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In The Air--

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP) Allied bombers and fighters spread a flaming path of destruction across Sicily and its surrounding waters yesterday, sinking two more merchant ships and damaging two destroyers while shooting down 42 axis aircraft for a loss of seven of their own, an allied air communique announced today.

The attacks lasted from dawn until the last light of day and then continued after sundown when the night bombers and fighters took over.

The day's bag included 166 trucks, 45 freight cars and six locomotives destroyed in savagely efficient blows at the enemy's vital communications facilities; Spread Flames

Allied bombers spread a flaming carpet of destruction on two of the enemy's remaining airfields in Sicily, at Milo and Catania, and successfully beat off enemy aircraft which attempted to interfere with the allied invasion operations, the communique said.

Milo airfield, which the allied planes bombed heavily yesterday, lies a short distance southeast of the important Italian naval base at Trapani on the west coast of Sicily.

Catania Bombed—The Catania airfield, also bombed heavily, was a possible (Continued on Page Two)