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NAZI ARMOR MAULED BY ALLIES

U. S. Jungle Fighters Steal Mubo

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The fighting in Sicily has gone so well so far that "military observers" (whatever that anonymous term that enables people who are more or less in the know to talk without going out on a limb) are suggesting today that Germany may abandon Italy soon.

(But not, of course, until Sicily falls.)

LET'S analyze briefly the evidence upon which these "military observers" (whatever that may mean) base their guess.

The Germans, including the Hermann Goering armored division, first counter-attacked the Americans who were landing on the Sicilian beaches. They were beaten off.

Several days later, German armored forces attacked the British 8th army north of the port of Augusta. They were beaten back.

Larger German forces, including tanks, made a stand in the plain before Catania, and yesterday they were defeated in battle by the British 8th army.

WHAT does this sequence of events suggest?

NOT that the Germans can't fight, for we know well enough they can. IT DOES suggest that there aren't ENOUGH Germans in Sicily, and those that are there know they're fighting a delaying operation.

Germans aren't good at that kind of fighting. Tunisia, where they surrendered as soon as they saw the jig was up, was proof enough of that.

TACITUS, the first educated man to see the Teutonic tribes in action, reported 2000 years ago that they were impressive, even terrifying, fighters until STOPPED by the superior arms and discipline of the Roman legions.

Thereafter, he wrote, they were nothing to be afraid of.

CHURCHILL and FDR, in a virtual ultimatum, today give Italy a choice—either surrender honorably or be blasted out of the war.

They mention our great air and sea armadas. Then they say to the Italians: "If you continue to tolerate the fascist regime that serves the evil power of the nazis, you must suffer the consequences of your own choice."

They add: "The time has come for you to decide whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler or LIVE for Italy and civilization."

IT seems a reasonable guess that if and when Sicily falls the Italian crisis will come.

Sicily is the Italian Hawaii, and is considered the base of the country's defenses. Mussolini in 1937 boasted that it was so strong that "not one soldier could land there."

The fall of Sicily will be a rough jolt for the Italians, just as the fall of Hawaii would be a rough jolt for us. What they will do under the impact of the jolt remains to be seen.

A QUESTION enters our minds at this point: Just how badly do we want actual, physical, military-conquest possession of Italy, with its 40 million mouths to be fed?

It's at least possible that the German high command may be toying with this same question.

THE Russians yesterday announced officially and with considerable fanfare that they have begun their summer offensive—which was launched three days ago just above Orel, where the Germans had been

FDR Drops BEW; Strips Wallace, Jones of Power

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—Abolishing the board of economic warfare (BEW), President Roosevelt sharply rebuked Vice President Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jones, stripped both of broad powers, and served notice today that any other officials who feud in public will be fired.

Duties of the BEW, headed by Wallace and consisting of seven cabinet members and three other high officials, were transferred to Leo T. Crowley as director of a new office of economic warfare (OEW). Mr. Roosevelt's executive order made it plain that the OEW is to work hand-in-hand with the office of war mobilization, headed by James F. Byrnes.

Perkins Out
A spokesman for BEW, whose long-standing feud with Secretary of Commerce Jones brought on the drastic presidential action, said abolition of BEW undoubtedly means that BEW director Milo Perkins, right-hand man to Wallace, is out of a job.

When reporters asked Mr. Roosevelt about Perkins' future, he referred them to Crowley, who was out of town today. He said Crowley, who in private life is chairman of the Standard Gas and Electric company, would continue to hold also the job of alien property custodian for a while.

Below Orel the Germans also were on the defensive, the communiqué said, and red army men also advanced somewhat.

"Intensive reconnaissance activities" only were reported in the Belgorod sector of the front.

Tanks, Planes Destroyed
In all three sectors the Russians said they destroyed or disabled 129 tanks today and brought down 78 German aircraft.

The gains, a continuation of the offensive announced yesterday by the Russians after it had been in full swing for three days, were on top of advances of 12 to 28 miles made by the red army to the north and east of Orel.

The direction of today's gains, however, was not given in the regular section of the communiqué.

MOSCOW, July 16 (AP)—The Russians struck fresh blows at (Continued on Page Two)

Hartle Succeeded By Gerow in Europe
LONDON, July 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Leonard Townsend Gerow has succeeded Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle as commanding officer of U. S. field forces in the European theatre, army headquarters announced today.

The nature of Hartle's new assignment was not disclosed.

Lotsa Bottles
Distributors serving this territory estimate that during July last year some 28,000 cases of the beverage were sold in bottle form and perhaps 1050 kegs, or half-barrels of beer were delivered on the run. Broken down,

figuring 24 bottles of beer to the case, and seven and one-half cases to the half-barrel, the startling figure of 861,000 bottles stares the arm-chair statistician in the face.

But all these figures belong in the archives of 1942. The 1943 picture is seen through just half this many bottles of the amber stuff.

Many of Klamath's bars, and there's a fair sprinkling of the places in these parts, were closed one and two days this week. Some may keep the doors locked over the weekend. They may have a little bottled beer to whet the parched throat, but there isn't any draught beer to be had. The allotment is well consumed.

Quiet Weekend
Saturday night, big time for the bar boys, will probably be a quiet one unless some unexpected

beer arrives this weekend. Right now the beer dispensers are getting together and talking about closing up one day a week. Whether they'll stagger their days, or all close simultaneously, has not been decided. But they probably will cut down the opening hours to a mere eight. At the present time bars open fairly early in the morning and keep the double doors swinging until midnight.

Shortage Traced
Shortage of beer can be traced back through a maze of causes. In the first place seven per cent less beer is being produced due to government reduction labeling out the malt. Leading brewers are taking care of the boys in GI uniforms and breweries are shipping as high as 30 per cent of the output overseas.

More beer is being consumed (Continued on Page Two)

To Run Again



Wendell Willkie will run for president on the Illinois preferential primary if Col. R. R. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune opposes him, according to a statement made Thursday.

WILLKIE TO RUN AGAINST PUBLISHER

American Relations To World Seen As Issue

NEW YORK, July 16 (AP)—Wendell Willkie has disclosed that he will be a candidate for the 1944 republican presidential nomination provided Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune enters the Illinois preferential primary next April.

Willkie, 1940 presidential nominee, revealed his hand in the following question and answer in his own handwriting which he gave out for publication:

"Have you seen reports that Colonel McCormick may run in the Illinois primary for the republican presidential nomination?"

"Yes," was his written reply, (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Brooklyn 2 5 0
Boston 3 10 3
Higbe, Allen (2), Fitzsimmons (7) and Bragan; Andrews and Klitz.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Philadelphia 5 9 0
New York 6 12 1
Flores, Arntzen (3), Besse (7), and Wagner; Wensloff, Russo (7), and Dickey.

SALAMUA GATE CAPTURED BY INFILTRATION

Troops Edge Closer To Munda Air Base

By MURLIN SPENCER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 16 (AP)—Outwitting the wily Japanese at his own jungle game of stealing up from behind, American and Australian fighters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur possessed the Mubo gateway to Salamaua today after wiping out 950 surprised defenders in a brilliant New Guinea maneuver.

The abrupt collapse of hill positions on which the Japanese for months barred the way along the jungle track leading to their Salamaua air base, 12 miles to the north, was announced in a communiqué. It also recorded a spectacular air victory.

Planes Downed
Over Rendova island in the central Solomons, 45 Japanese planes were shot down out of a formation of approximately 80 while on nearby New Georgia American jungle fighters edged still closer to the enemy's key air base of Munda.

The tactics which the Japanese employed with such bewildering success against the British on their advance down the Malay peninsula upon Singapore—infiltration to the rear—proved their undoing at Mubo.

Right Prong Under Way
On June 30, while the right prong of the present Pacific offensive got under way against Munda, the left prong was established by American forces who braved the treacherous reefs to land at Nassau bay on northeast New Guinea, 12 miles down the coast from Salamaua.

A highly secretive operation began at that point. Stealthily these forces, some lugging heavy guns by hand over jungle paths, moved inland along the valley of the Bitoi river toward Mubo's rear.

After Americans and Australians conquered southeastern (Continued on Page Two)

New Soft Coal Wage Problem Confronts WLB

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—A new and difficult soft coal wage problem faced the war labor board today in the form of a request by the operators for blanket authority to give increases to 20,000 non-miner employees.

Operators say there always has been a differential in earnings between the miners and a so-called exempt group, mostly salaried white collar workers. The increase in the mines' work-week from five to six days increased their earnings as much as 30 per cent, the operators say, and this has destroyed the differential.

The operators want a blank check to increase salaries variably up to 30 per cent.

Revenge---

SALEM, July 16 (AP)—A state prison convict who is making out the new war ration books was seen to tear one up. It was made out to a district attorney of an Oregon county.

"This is the guy that sent me up," the convict explained. The convict was sent to his cell, where he pieced the book together. It was like a jigsaw puzzle.



Sicilian Tank Bottles Seen
London military observers saw the possibility of a major test soon for allied armies in Sicily, with U. S. armor facing the crack Hermann Goering divisions in the Licata sector and the British meeting other German forces somewhere between Catania and Messina. Sea-borne British troops were landed near Catania (boat symbols and arrow). Shaded area was approximately that held by allied forces. Today the British tanks met the German armor before Catania, giving them a severe mauling before closing in to within 15 miles of Catania.

"Honorable Surrender" or Destruction Choice of Italy, Say FDR, Churchill

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill today gave Italy her choice—to surrender honorably, or be blasted out of the war.

In a virtual ultimatum, the allied leaders said the time has come for the Italian people "to decide whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler—or live for Italy and civilization."

Armadas
The statement added: "The skies over Italy are dominated by the vast air armadas of the United States and Great Britain," and "Italy's sea coasts are threatened by the greatest concentration of British and allied sea power ever concentrated in the Mediterranean."

In a joint statement issued simultaneously at the White House and in London (at 7 a. m. eastern war time) the two United Nations leaders told the people of Italy that the sole hope of Italy's survival "lies in honorable capitulation to the overwhelming power of the military forces of the United Nations."

Must Suffer
"If you continue to tolerate the fascist regime which serves the evil power of the nazis, you must suffer the consequences of your own choice," the statement said.

Excited Acrobat Gives Foreman Punch on Jaw
Howard A. Matthews, 26, Los Angeles acrobat, got excited when he couldn't get a telephone connection and struck Roy Ritter, night foreman at the R. L. Smith Lumber company, accordingly to a review of last night's activities in justice court Friday afternoon.

Mathews was fined \$50 and costs, \$25 suspended. He paid. According to police, who arrested Mathews in front of the court house shortly after 8:30 p. m., the southern visitor stopped at the lumber company, asked Ritter for a first aid kit to ask an injured friend who was lying in a big tool box in the back of his car. Ritter suggested Mathews call an ambulance after a quick look at the young man, and told Mathews to use the yard phone. In his excitement, and unable to get his call through, Mathews punched Ritter in the jaw. Mathews entered a plea of guilty to an assault and battery charge before Justice of the Peace Joseph A. Mahoney. The injured youth was fully recovered after city police lodged him in jail for a short time.

Sheldon Election Won by IWA-CIO
The International Woodworkers of America, of the CIO won the national labor relations board election Thursday at the Sheldon Logging company in Grass Lake, California.

From the approximately 40 workers at the mill, 38 ballots were cast, giving the IWA-CIO 23; no-union, 13; one challenged vote; and one vote void.

Troops Pour in for First Phase of "War Games" in Central Oregon Country
CAMP ABBOT, Ore., July 16 (AP)—A big triangle of mountains, buttes, valleys—pine forests, sage prairies and acres of lava lands—today became a practice field for war as troops poured in for a dress rehearsal.

Headquarters for the central Oregon army maneuver area here announced this morning that the first stage of large scale war games had started in the Sisters-Redmond-Bend triangle. The first phase will continue for some four weeks.

The troops came from army posts throughout the northwest. For the next month, headquarters announced through the Camp Abbot public relations officer, roads will be congested with truck convoys carrying soldiers and supplies. Civilian motorists were warned to exert caution, particularly after nightfall.

"Big Inch" Oil Pipe Near Done; Welding Last Part
CINCINNATI, July 16 (AP)—Big inch is all but finished. Test runs of crude oil are being pumped through the eastern section of the \$95,000,000 transcontinental pipeline from Norris City, Ill., and next Monday at Phoenixville, Pa., government dignitaries, including Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, will witness welding of the last section of the 1341 miles of 24-inch pipe.

Monday is 15 days short of a year from the time the first section was laid.

BRITISH NEAR CATANIA IN COASTAL PUSH

Twelve More Towns Taken as Allies Advance

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 16 (AP)—The hard-punching British eighth army was reported within 15 miles of Catania in a northward surge up after falling upon a German armored division and severely mauling it.

Allied headquarters announced the capture of 12 more towns, as Americans, British and Canadians advanced all along their moon-shaped front and more than 20,000 prisoners were in allied hands when Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's veterans administered another whipping to the Hermann Goering armored divisions.

Prisoners Taken
The American seventh army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., seizing a number of towns on the western sector, some of them of the greatest strategic importance, had taken nearly 16,000 of the prisoners.

This time Montgomery fell upon the Germans north of Lentini, where the axis had gath-ered a second armor for a string counter-attack, and smashed them back.

Observers believed the enemy had staked his all on counter-attack.

With an "appreciable number of tanks" already in Sicily, observers were confident the German tank forces would be dealt (Continued on Page Two)

French Working For Freedom, Says Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt, upholding his French policy, said today all the French empire now appears to be working for the common cause—to liberate France and defeat the axis.

The president described as vicious propaganda certain criticisms attacking the government's policy since France fell, saying it was very unfair, incorrect, and derogatory to a well-ordered plan going back several years.

The president told his press-radio conference he did not intervene with force to take over Martinique and Guadeloupe, French Caribbean possessions, as some critics of his policy had urged but waited to avoid bloodshed and consequences which would have cut into the overall war picture.

PORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique, July 16 (AP)—Assurance was given today by Henri-Etienne (Continued on Page Two)