

SICILY HALVED BY PATTON'S SPEEDY ARMOR

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Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army edging closer to the key city and inflicting heaviest losses on the Germans but still unable to score a knockout of Nazi defenses.

Today's communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said the Canadians were making progress against fierce resistance to the southwest of Catania.

Temporary Break
(A DNB broadcast from Berlin, recorded by Reuters in London, said the British eighth army had succeeded in making a temporary break through the German main defenses at the edge of the mountains west of the Catanian plain.

"In a successful counterattack the enemy suffered considerable losses," the broadcast added. (The Algiers radio reported that fresh waves of allied parachute troops were attacking the Germans north of Catania.

Marsala Abandoned
(Shortly before allied headquarters announced the capture of Palermo the Morocco radio in a broadcast recorded in London said it was reported that the Italians also had abandoned Marsala and Trapani, the other two principal cities of western Sicily.

(The Italian communique admitted that axis defense forces had withdrawn in western Sicily in the face of "powerful armored formations" but gave no clue as to the extent of the withdrawal).

Splits Sicily
The capture of Palermo not only split Sicily but gave the allies possession of a shipping accommodations of the greatest value. There is more than a mile of wharf space which has been damaged by repeated allied bombings but which can be restored for operation in a short time. It has a normal peacetime population of about 950,000.

At the same time the slice to Palermo chopped off the last major road arteries leading laterally across the island and trapped any axis troops which had not escaped toward Messina and Catania.

Great Victory
The capture of the city was the greatest victory of the Sicilian campaign to date and apparently was achieved without severe fighting and with insignificant losses to the Americans. Official reports said Italian resistance tended to evaporate as tanks and armored cars roared across the roads on all sides of the enemy positions.

Heavy Shells Pound Japs on Kiska Again

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Funafuti in the Ellice islands in the south central Pacific. The navy said two bombers were shot down but that while material damage had not been reported there were some personnel casualties among American forces.

Funafuti is an outpost guarding part of the central sector of the supply route between Pearl Harbor and the Solomons-Australia area. The enemy might be attacking it in preparation for some heavy action designed to knock out the base and endanger supply lines—a sort of counter offensive against the American campaign in the Solomons-New Guinea front. Or the raid could be merely designed to keep American forces tied up in the central Pacific in anticipation of an offensive.

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planning to take the Petsamo Finns from the rear.

Remember at this point the German accounts a day or so ago of a Russian amphibious attack on Varanger fjord. Vardo is just north of Varanger fjord. Petsamo lies just to the east, in the Finnish corridor running up to the Arctic sea.

It's probable the Russians are moving to protect the Murmansk supply line, which is highly important to them and which has been dangerously open to German attack from the Arctic coast of Norway.

IN the Pacific, our four-engined Liberators fly 2400 miles (1200 miles and back) to attack Soerabaja, the former Dutch naval base on the island of Java, in the midst of the important Java oil fields.

When our planes arrived, the lights of Soerabaja were burning brightly, indicating that nothing was expected. The Japs immediately put up strong anti-aircraft fire, which our pilots reported as DECREASING before the raid ended, indicating that the Jap gun positions were hit by our

bombs. All our bombers returned.

Keep your eye on these long-range bombings in the Pacific. They're the fore-runner of something.

ABOUT the same time, Jap bombers hit our base at Funafuti, in the Ellice islands, inflicting some casualties on us. The Japs lost two bombers.

Funafuti is one of our outposts guarding our supply line to Australia. The Japs may be merely throwing bricks at our windows to confuse and annoy us, or they may be incubating something important.

You never can tell. If we knew all the time what the Japs are up to with their antics we'd be sitting pretty.

WLB BACKS WAGE FORMULA TO HILT

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"the time has come for labor to realize that if we are going to stop inflation we cannot continue to raise wages in the wage brackets which are not standardized."

"The command is to hold the

line against inflation and the board proposes to hold it insofar as demands for inflationary wage increases are concerned," the opinion added.

"The present day problems of our domestic economy are becoming so serious and critical that the board must hold the lid on wages and, at least for the time being, must insist that labor make wage sacrifices.

Good Position
"However, having made sacrifices in the form of unrealized wage increases and decreased purchasing power, labor is in an excellent position to voice the demand that prices be rolled back to reasonable levels and that the cost of living be strictly controlled.

"All groups in America must recognize that we cannot maintain a sound war economy if we are to permit wages, prices and profits to run rampant. It is essential that the war labor board should do everything within its power to protect the purchasing power of the working man's dollar. In carrying out this duty, the board must perform the unpleasant task of telling American employees that it cannot honestly permit any general wage increase which does not conform with national wage stabilization policies."

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New Transportation Strike Threatens Weary Angelenos

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chairman of the National Railway labor panel and the National Mediation board in Washington, and said afterward that apparently only presidential intervention could halt the walk-out.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen last night instructed 2500 conductors, motormen and bus drivers of the Pacific Electric railway to strike Sunday at 2 a. m., unless a wage dispute is settled in the meanwhile.

This order, based on a strike vote of 1723 to 49, came only a few hours after 3000 employees of the Los Angeles Railway Co. were summoned back to the cars and buses they left at 3 a. m. yesterday in a 24-hour protest against war labor board refusal of wage increases.

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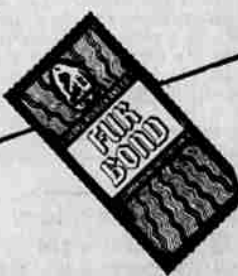


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