

Blackout Signal

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NEW DRIVE STARTS IN SICILY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS seems to be about the situation in Italy: The Italians would like to quit, but the Germans won't let them.

WHAT seems to be actually happening (as nearly as can be seen through the fog of censorship) is that the Germans are gaining time to fortify and man a defense line in the Po valley. Madrid dispatches report today that they've moved in the neighborhood of 18 more divisions into northern Italy.

They may give up all the rest of the Italian boot. That will depend somewhat upon the attitude of the Italians and even more on the amount of pressure we're able to bring to bear on them after we clean up Sicily.

THE fight for Sicily is proceeding. Our Americans are moving eastward along the northern shore of the island, hoping to close in on Messina. There are strong hints today that Montgomery is moving again at Catania. The Germans are apparently still MOVING IN reinforcements.

WE seem now to have at least 25 airfields in Sicily of which five have runways more than a mile long. When our bombers begin to operate from Sicily instead of from Africa, their attacks will be much more deadly.

IN the fall of Italy, the Germans are getting a taste of what happened to Britain when France fell in the spring of 1940. France had been fighting beside the British AGAINST the Germans. All of a sudden she ceased to fight AT ALL. It was a horrible jolt for the British.

AFTER the fall of France, we began immediately to give the British more help in the way of supplies and munitions and after Pearl Harbor we came in with EVERYTHING, thus far more than offsetting the loss of France.

THE news today appears to have been quieted down. That really isn't true. What has happened is that the censorship has been tightened up. There were a few days of almost complete chaos in Italy when the censorship was leaking badly and we were hearing things.

Plenty is still happening in Italy, and in the course of time we'll hear of it. Over the long pull, the developments resulting from Italy's crack-up will be favorable rather than unfavorable to our side.

KEEP this in mind: In Italy, one government has fallen and another is trying to take its place. In such cases, anarchy always threatens. We're trying to prevent complete anarchy, so that we may have an Italian government to deal with.

THERE'S a new development today.

In the neighborhood of 200 of our Liberator bombers fly from Cairo (a round trip of 2400 miles) to bomb the Rumanian oil fields that are supposed to supply about a third of Germany's oil needs.

They went over at smokestack level, attacking refineries, storage tanks, distilleries and cracking plants—all the paraphernalia of an established oil field. At least seven refineries are believed to have been hit disastrously and the whole field was left blazing. Our commanders think the raid may materially affect the course of the war. (Continued on Page Two)

Radio Warns Italians of Land Invasion

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 2—Italians were warned in radio broadcasts from Algiers tonight that allied land forces would soon invade the mainland to follow up resumption of the aerial offensive, caused by the temporizing of Italy's military government on demands for surrender.

"We warn you again: Our air force will strike at you and soon our land forces will be fighting on the Italian mainland," the radio said.

No Peace Answer

The allied offer of peace has remained unanswered by Marshal Pietro Badoglio's ministry, the message to the Italians declared, and it added: "Our attitude is clear. Regimes based on violence and on slavery must be eradicated and destroyed."

PLOESTI OIL FIELDS BOMBED BY ALLIES

Biggest Low Level Mass Raid In History

CAIRO, Aug. 2 (P)—An armada of 175 Liberator bombers of the U. S. ninth air force flew a 2400-mile round trip yesterday to dump 300 tons of explosives in a low level attack on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, one of the chief sources of the axis fuel supply.

Announcement of the raid, described as the "biggest low level mass raid in history," was made last night by Major General Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the ninth air force.

A communiqué issued by the middle east air command today said that "20 of the Liberators are reported to have been shot down over the target area and a number have not yet returned to base."

At least 51 enemy planes, including Messerschmitt 109's and 110's and Focke-Wulf 190's were claimed destroyed, the bulletin added. It described enemy opposition over the target area and on the return journey as heavy.

German Claims (The German high command, in its Monday communiqué, asserted that 38 four-engine bombers were shot down. It said that 125 planes participated but that only 60 to 70 were able (Continued on Page Two)

Dedication of Tree Farm To Be Held Thursday

J. P. Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, executive vice president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, will be in Klamath Falls this week to participate in the tree farm dedication ceremonies to be held here Thursday.

Also taking part will be Governor Earl Snell.

A spot in the woods 15 miles west of town on the Ashland (Continued on Page Two)

Major General Thomas A. Terry, commanding the second service command, said he would not declare Harlem out of military bounds. General

By the hundreds of thousands, Italian civilians were reported fleeing metropolitan areas of Italy even before U. S. Flying Fortresses headed for Naples yesterday to pick up where they had left off in attacks upon its many military objectives.

Radio Jammed Radio interference—generally a sign that axis operators are attempting to block out a transmission—badly jammed the Algiers station, from which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters told the Italians Saturday that the air war would go on.

The demand for unconditional surrender was reaffirmed. Badoglio Betrayed "We insist on the unconditional surrender of these evil forces," the broadcast said. "You have been betrayed by Mussolini. Now Pietro Badoglio is betraying you."

Dispatches from Madrid said Rome advised indicated a flurry of activity at the Vatican which apparently was connected with some sort of peace discussions, but there was no evidence that Badoglio had made any move to deliver a direct request for an armistice.

Direct Reply Needed The impression grew here that nothing short of a direct reply would satisfy the allies and that possible attempts to put forth peace feelers through an intermediary would not save Italy the pounding she has been promised.

Hour after hour yesterday, allied radio stations dinned into (Continued on Page Two)

President of China Dies; Chiang Named

CHUNGKING, Aug. 2 (P)—Lin Sen, 81-year-old American educated president of the Chinese republic, died last night after a long illness. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was immediately designated by the Kowmintang central committee, the nation's highest executive body, as acting president.

At Lin Sen's bedside when he died were Vice Premier and Minister of Finance H. M. Kung, Minister of War General Ho Ying Chin, and other notables. He was taken ill May 12.

Lin Sen became president of China in 1932 when he succeeded Chiang Kai-shek who resigned at that time to devote all his time to preparing the army for the war with Japan.

Terry, who conferred with the mayor, said, however, that all soldiers in the district would be asked to state legitimate reasons for being there.

COMMISSION ACTS ON LUMBER WAGES

Women Get Equal Pay Rights In Common Labor Brackets

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2 (P)—AFL and CIO demands for a general wage increase in the western pine industry were denied Saturday by the west coast lumber commission.

The commission granted increases, however, for several firms in the Pacific Northwest, and in addition abolished apprentice rates below those of common labor; granted women equal pay rights in common labor brackets, and established common labor rates for watchmen who spend more than 25 per cent of their time in active work.

Decisions The following decisions were handed down in AFL cases affecting plants in the Klamath area:

Granted a 2½-cent hourly increase for the saw and door plant of Long-Bell Lumber company at Weed, Calif., boosting the minimum to 80 cents hourly, and a 5-cent raise to 87½ cents for the company's veneer plant, both increases retroactive to June 1, 1943.

CIO Action Action in CIO cases: Boosted wages at Atlas Tie company and Russel & Pugh Lumber company in Spokane area from 77½ to 82½ cents; ordered a 2½ cent raise to 70 cents at Keystone Frame company and Deer Park Lumber company's box and frame department, granted boost from 67½ to 70 cents in Spokane (Continued on Page Two)

Service Men Guests of Commandos Picnic, Swim, Enjoy Klamath Hospitality

The Klamath Commandos' service men guests, every one of them a seriously wounded veteran of hot action on some distant battlefield, continued Monday to enjoy the easy hospitality of the Klamath country.

A trip to the Tule lake country, where they visited the Lava Beds and participated in a picnic lunch arranged by the Tulelake Rotarians, was on Monday's schedule. Sunday the wounded men went to Crater lake, and on Saturday they were guests at a lawn and swimming party at the Howard Barnhisel place on Conger avenue.

Excellent Spirits Commandos and others who have accompanied the visitors on these journeys remarked upon their excellent spirits and appearance of well-being in spite of their experiences. Not only wounded, but suffering from tropical diseases, the visitors were uncomplaining and eager for every phase of the entertainment program carefully prepared for them.

Nazis Garrison Points North of Po River Line

By CHARLES FOLTZ MADRID, Aug. 2 (AP)—A German army estimated at 18 divisions garrisoned points in northern Italy today with apparent confidence that, if Marshal Pietro Badoglio surrendered anything, he could surrender only that part of Italy lying south of the Po river line.

Nazi troops have been on the move all during the last week of shilly-shallying by the Badoglio government, according to advices to Madrid.

Strong German units were reported today to have occupied the upper Adige river valley—the scene of furious fighting in the first World War—both above and below Trento, itself 70 miles south of the Brenner pass.

A Swiss dispatch said that Milan, the industrial heart of North Italy, had its first air raid rehearsal in six days yesterday and that heavy anti-aircraft fire and searchlight activity indicated the German specialists who have manned the equipment throughout the war were back on the job.

Italian divisions along the Dalmatian coast were reported to have begun to concentrate at Zara and move toward the port of Fiume, which is now largely in German hands.

RED STEAMROLLER CRUNCHES AT OREL

Nazi Counterattacks Repulsed; Many Towns Taken

LONDON, Aug. 2 (P)—Russian forces continuing their offensive against Orel advanced today between three and one-half and six miles in individual sectors of the front 200 miles south of Moscow, a soviet communiqué said tonight. More than 70 inhabited localities were captured.

Attacks Repulsed The war bulletin, broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by The Associated Press, said that in the Donets basin, southwest of Voroshilovgrad, "our troops continued successfully to repulse attacks by large forces (Continued on Page Two)

Liquor Men Grab Three in Drive On Bootlegging

Three persons have been arrested by state liquor commission agents on charges of an unlicensed sale of liquor in what appears to be an attempt to stop a rising bootlegging business here.

May A. Kingsley, 539 Commercial street, pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100 or 250 days plus \$7.20 costs. She paid the fine.

Not guilty pleas were entered by Charles Leon Derocher and James Guerin. They are out on \$500 property bonds. Trial has been set for some time after August 15.

U. S. Balentine is attorney for Derocher, a bartender, and Guerin, a taxi driver.

Glider Smash in St. Louis Claims Life of Mayor, City Officials, Manufacturer

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2 (P)—Before a large crowd of horrified Sunday spectators, a troop-carrying army glider, its right wing gone, plummeted nose down for 15,000 feet and smashed like a strawberry box near a runway at Lambert-St. Louis field, carrying to their deaths 10 persons including Maj. William B. Robertson, pioneer airplane manufacturer whose company built the glider.

Mayor Killed Mayor William Dee Becker, three other city officials, and Thomas N. Dysart, president of the chamber of commerce, were killed in the crash which occurred during the army's first public glider demonstration here.



Wounded service men, visiting Klamath Falls as guests of the Commandos, discovered the real meaning of rest and relaxation in the placid setting pictured above. The picture was taken Saturday afternoon at the lawn and swimming pool party for the visitors given by Mrs. Howard Barnhisel on Conger avenue. The wounded men went to Crater lake Sunday and to Tulelake and the Lava Beds Monday.

NORTH FLANK CRUMPLED BY U. S. ADVANCE

San Stefano Seized; British Push On Catania

By RELMIN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 2 (P)—Allied forces "have started an offensive" in Sicily, with U. S. troops seizing San Stefano to crumple the north flank of the axis and the British Eighth army reported making a big push against Catania.

An official statement declared the offensive had begun, and British, American and Canadian armies obviously were making an all-out drive to fold up the Messina bridgehead.

Naples Hit Flying Fortresses shattered Naples in a heavy assault following up the Saturday ultimatum to Italy to quit or be bombed, and allied warships have hammered Italy's aching foot as great knockout blows were aimed by allied land, sea and air might.

San Stefano is the northern anchor of the axis Etne line, and its loss threatened to roll the axis armies rapidly back in the dwindling Messina bridgehead.

New Catania Positions Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army has gained important new positions near Catania—the other anchor of the axis defenses on the east coast—in a series of furious assaults, the French and German armies admitted.

The allied communiqué failed to mention this eighth army drive. (A message by Montgomery indicated his troops were in action.)

500-Pound Bombs Powerful formations of fly (Continued on Page Two)

"Tag Day" To Commemorate Molly Pitcher

Molly Pitcher, the famous woman soldier in the Revolutionary war, will be commemorated on national tag day this coming Saturday, it was announced today by the American Legion and auxiliary.

The Legion is taking charge of all bond and stamp sales this month. The program will be outlined and completed at a meeting on Tuesday evening, August 3, at the Legion hall at 8 p. m.

Klamath Falls people will be approached on the streets Saturday by Legionnaires and women of the auxiliary and asked to buy war stamps. All who buy will be given a tag and it is the goal of the organization to have everyone on the streets on Saturday wearing one of these tags.

It was announced by chairman of the bond drive that all Legionnaires are needed to help sell bonds this month and put the August sales over their quota.