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GERMANS ABANDONING SICILY

Reds Pound Gates of Kharkov

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A REUTERS (British news service) dispatch today says the Germans are definitely GETTING OUT of Sicily. They have a fleet of 80 vessels plying across the Messina strait day and night under an umbrella of anti-aircraft fire that is reported to be growing steadily in intensity.

WE'VE heard quite a lot about "umbrellas" of air power. This is the first time an umbrella of anti-aircraft fire has entered prominently into the news. Its purpose, of course, is to FIGHT OFF our planes which otherwise would hash up the German retreat across the two-mile strait. If the Germans HAD ENOUGH PLANES, they'd use them instead. The implication is that they haven't enough.

PRESUMABLY the fighting in Sicily has served its purpose so far as the Germans are concerned—that is, it has given them time enough to occupy and fortify the Po valley, which includes about two-thirds of Italy's industrial resources.

THE Russians are reported today in the outskirts of Kharkov, which they seem to have practically encircled. One of their columns coming up from the south has cut the Kharkov-Poltava railroad, which is the last important communications line serving the much-fought-over city.

It's well to keep in mind that Kharkov, after having been devastated repeatedly by both sides, is relatively unimportant in itself. The big question is how much strength the Russians have and how far back they'll be able to drive the Germans.

The Germans mention again today heavy fighting in the Smolensk area, which the Russians have kept quiet about. If there's heavy fighting at Smolensk, it seems that the battle front has been vastly extended. If the Russians are deliberately EXTENDING the battle line, it's a sign they have confidence in their reserve strength.

IN Sicily, incidentally, our Americans have made another water-flanking attack, landing BEHIND the Germans again. This time they lacked the element of surprise but got ashore under the covering fire of warships and the bombing of planes and established their beach head.

They learned that trick from the Japs, who used it repeatedly in their campaign against Singapore.

HERE'S a lot of censorship mumbo-jumbo today about WHERE Churchill and FDR are to meet for their sixth personal conference. It's quite unimportant. Barring treason and sabotage on an altogether unexpected scale, they'll get together.

STALIN won't be present. So far as anyone has even hinted, the soviet government (which is Stalin) will not be personally represented in any way.

But we are told that Stalin is conferring in Moscow today with the American and British ambassadors. It is added that he will be furnished with complete and detailed accounts of the Churchill-FDR conferences, and will SEND his comments.

It is still significant that Stalin has NEVER been represented at ANY of these Churchill-Roosevelt confabs. It isn't lack of transport that prevents it, for in these days of world-circling planes that would be easy.

It isn't that he lacks the men. He could certainly spare a few (Continued on Page Nine)

Resigns Army Post



Brig. Gen. Robert Wood Johnson (above), chairman of smaller war plants corporation, announced in Washington he had resigned from the army and would become a "champion of civilian economy."

FORTS RIDE SUN TO HIT RHINELAND

Synthetic Oil Plants Struck; 25 Ships Lost

LONDON, Aug. 12 (P)—American Flying Fortresses attacked Gelsenkirchen, Wesseling and Bonn in Germany's Rhineland today and U. S. army air force headquarters said 25 of the big four-engined bombers were lost in the three-way daylight assault. The bombers shot down more than 20 enemy fighters, a communique said, and escorted Thunderbolts and Spitfires knocked down three others.

Oil Plants Hit

"Large formations" of Flying Fortresses attacked synthetic oil factories at Gelsenkirchen and Wesseling and struck at other industrial targets at Bonn, said the bulletin, issued jointly by (Continued on Page Two)

LSW Wins Election At Willow Ranch

In an election held yesterday at Willow Ranch, Calif., Crane Creek Lumber company employees cast 134 ballots, giving 89 votes to the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, and 43 no union. Two votes were challenged.

A run-off election will be scheduled some time this month at the Lovness Logging company in Canby. In an election Tuesday, 12 men voted for LSW-AFL, 24 men International Woodworkers of America, CIO, and 25 votes no union. Two votes were challenged.

Father Draft May Be Slowed by New WMC Announcement Slated for Sunday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (P)—Action which may retard and minimize the drafting of fathers is expected to be announced Sunday by war manpower commission-selective service officials. The line to be taken probably will be aimed at adapting draft operations to the manpower problem by giving draft-eligible men an inducement to shift into vital war production work. It was described as about the ultimate WMC move short of a general labor-draft.

Proposes Removal But even as this was developing, Senator Davis (R-Pa.) proposed that congress remove se-

DAIRYMEN ASK HIGHER PRICE ON BUTTERFAT

Disposal of Milk Cows Threatened Unless Raise Granted

Unless butterfat prices here can be raised from 85 cents to \$1 a pound by the time dairymen start feeding operations about 30 days hence, an orderly disposal of milk cows throughout the Klamath milk shed can be expected, it was brought out at a meeting of dairymen and distributors held at the chamber of commerce offices Wednesday night. Deciding on \$1 a pound as a price on which they can "squeeze by," the dairymen voted to work with distributors in an attempt to get OPA to raise the price ceiling. The proposed butterfat increase would mean a boost of about 2 cents a quart in the retail price of milk, it is understood.

Business Difficulties Numerous dairymen reported at the meeting they cannot stay in business at present prices, in view of the cost of labor and feeding. The situation, it was brought out, is particularly bad in cases where dairymen must hire help. Those with a few cows, who do all the work with the help available in their own families, are "getting by" better than larger producers.

Cut Herds It was indicated that unless relief is obtained, some of the larger operators will start cutting their herds to a size where the work can be done within their families. Others definitely declared their intention of getting out of the milk producing business entirely. Dairymen pointed out that (Continued on Page Two)

Local Lieutenant Escapes Injury In Plane Crash

Crashes in the San Francisco Bay area cost the army two fighter planes yesterday, but the pilots escaped serious injury. Second Lt. James E. Barlow, 25, of Klamath Falls, piled up in a field 200 yards from the Bayshore highway near San Mateo. Barlow is the son of Edward Barlow, 707 South Sixth street. He is now stationed at Hamilton field, Calif., and just returned there Tuesday after visiting in Klamath Falls. Barlow attended Oregon State college for two years, where he majored in civil engineering. He worked for Weyerhaeuser Timber company before entering the army.

The other pilot, Second Lt. John R. Weldon, 21, crashed on Tubbs Island, five miles north-east of his Hamilton field base. He was from Lindsay, Calif.

Turkish Bath, Rubdown, Too—

Cleanliness is next to godliness. At least that was the opinion of two Indian squaws who happened to be spending the night at the city jail. They decided to take advantage of the comforts and conveniences offered by the city and get clean at the same time. Fully clothed, they turned on the shower full blast and covered the water trap with an old cardboard box. The police discovered them standing in water which covered the floor six inches deep, sans clothing, trying to dry off. Trustees were still mopping water this morning while police were considering their complaint that the creeks are still too cold on the reservation.

NELSON CALLED TO AID WFA PROGRAM

New Assistant Will Hold Regulations To Minimum

By OVID A. MARTIN WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (P)—Food Administrator Marvin Jones has called in a one-time associate in congress, former Rep. William L. Nelson (D-Mo.), to help rebuild the wartime food program along lines which would, Nelson said, give "the folks back home more to say about what's to be done." The Missourian, who was one of the democrats swept out of office by the farm belt uprising at last fall's election, has been named special assistant to Jones. He will serve as the connecting link between the food administrator and the state and local agricultural war boards.

Agriculture Committeeman Nelson, whose home is at Columbia, served nine terms in the house, and for many years was a member of the agriculture committees headed by Jones. The new assistant told an interviewer that it was his and Jones' intention to "give the folks back home" greater responsibility in running future farm programs.

"Regulations issued from Washington," he said, "will be held to the very minimum." **Decentralization** Nelson said the decision to decentralize the food program re-

Rogers Named OPA Assistant Manager

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (P)—James G. Rogers was appointed assistant general manager of the office of price administration today and James F. King was named deputy administrator in charge of information. The appointments were announced by Chester Bowles, OPA's general manager.

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for occupational deferment to certain jobs and to certain industries engaged in direct production of war goods and materials. **Have Incentive** Thus, draft-age men would have an incentive to get out of non-deferrable jobs to avoid speedy induction. Although this would not alter plans for drafting fathers, it might slow up the drafting of fathers in this way: Fathers now in other jobs, especially those designated as non-deferrable, would be spurred to take jobs in war industries and thus replace non-fathers now (Continued on Page Two)

SOVIETS POISE THREE-SIDED ENVELOPMENT

Chugueyev Captured; Rail Lifeline Slashed

LONDON, Aug. 12 (P)—Russian troops advanced to within five miles of Kharkov from the northeast today while other columns driving up from the southeast captured Chugueyev, 22 miles away from the Ukrainian manufacturing center, Moscow said tonight. The Russians, preparing to envelop Kharkov from three sides, captured more than 20 hamlets in their advance despite German resistance and counterattacks, according to a Russian communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the soviet monitor.

Slash Along Rails Northward, in the drive on Bryansk, the red army slashed along the railway from Orel to within 33 miles of Bryansk. They captured one village 4 1/2 miles east of Karachev, an important way station which is 28 miles east of Bryansk.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Aug. 12 (P)—The Russian stranglehold on Kharkov tightened today as red army troops drove within seven and one-half miles of the big Ukrainian city from the northeast and severed the Poltava-Kharkov railway, main lifeline of the defending nazis, over a 10-mile stretch west of the nearly encircled bastion. (The British radio reported that Kharkov already was under fire from Russian guns. The broadcast, recorded by CBS, quoted a late message from the front.) The big drive against Bryansk (Continued on Page Two)

Kurile Islands Target in Long Distance Raid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (P)—The navy announced today that ninth Army Liberator bombers had attacked enemy installations in the Kurile islands which guard the northern approaches to the Japanese homeland. At least five enemy fighter planes were shot down while two American bombers are missing. Navy communique number 458 said:

"North Pacific: "1. On August 12, at about 8:11 a. m., East Longitude time, a formation of nine Army Liberator (Consolidated B-24 heavy bombers) attacked Japanese installations in the Kurile islands. Numerous hits were scored in the designated target areas. About 40 enemy fighters intercepted of which five were shot down and others probably destroyed or damaged. Two of the United States bombers are missing." This raid, which was accomplished at about 3:11 p. m. (PWT) yesterday, was the second air attack on the Kurile islands which lie almost 1000 land miles west and slightly south of the American Aleutians air base on Amchitka island. The first attack was carried out on the morning of July 29.

Premiere Army Show Half Sold Out

"This Is the Army," the Irving Berlin production to have its premiere showing at the Pelican theatre August 18 as an army relief benefit, is about half sold out, the theatre management announced this afternoon. Ticket sales started at the Pelican box office Thursday morning.

Held in Kidnap Investigation



Mrs. Catherine Wright (right), 26, was held at Albany, Ore., charged with child-stealing in the kidnaping of 2-day-old Judith Gurney. Her husband, Sgt. Jesse Wright (left), was held as a material witness, but released to his commanding officer at Camp Adair Wednesday. The Wrights are shown shortly after their wedding in 1942.

Accused Baby Kidnapper's Marital Status Puzzles; Annulment Believed False

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 12 (P)—Whether the accused kidnaper of Baby Judith Gurney is Mrs. Catherine Wright or Mrs. Harry Morgan (or Moran) became a puzzle of increasing complications for authorities today. District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick said developments in the weird case of the 26-year-old woman, who admitted stealing the two-day-old infant from a hospital crib, caused the question: Is she the wife of an army sergeant or of a Long Beach, Calif., cafe worker?

False Document Weinrick said he had a document purporting to substantiate her story that she obtained an annulment of her marriage to the Long Beach man, but he believed it was false. The document, Weinrick said, was a certificate of copy attached to a paper authorizing the recording in Multnomah county, Ore., of an annulment decree granted Kathryn Moran from Harry Moran as of March 23, 1942, in Honolulu.

Erasures Weinrick said, however, all the original names except "Harry" appeared to have been written in over erasures. Weinrick said the woman had used Kathryn and Catherine as her first name and Morgan variously was known as Morgan and Moran with the first names Harry and Woodrow.

The document carried the number 144-200, Weinrick said. **Number Checked** At Portland, Multnomah county seat, County Clerk A. A. Bailley said case No. 144,200 in his files carried the title Caroline Mayer vs. Harry Mayer. This, (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T
St. Louis	4	9	0
New York	1	3	2
M. Cooper and W. Cooper; Chase and Lombardi.			
Chicago	2	7	1
Boston	3	11	1
Wise and McCullough; Javery and Klutz.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Boston	10	9	1
Chicago	6	12	1
Ryba, O'Neill (5), Brown (7) and Conroy; Dietrich, Wade (4), Swift (8) and Tresh.			
Philadelphia	3	10	0
Cleveland	4	10	3
Arntzen and Wagner; Bagby, Heving (9) and Rosar.			
Washington	3	5	0
Detroit	10	14	0
Wynn, Miller (4), Mertz (5) and Early; White, Orrell (9) and Richards.			
Norwegian Vessel Torpedoed by Axis			
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (P)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized Norwegian vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the South Atlantic early in July. Survivors have landed at New York.			

FLANKING SEA ATTACK CLIPS NAZI DEFENSE

American Amphibians Land Beyond Lines At Cape Orlando

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE Associated Press War Editor German troops were reported today to be abandoning Sicily in a full-fledged evacuation under a tremendous anti-aircraft barrage over the Messina Strait, and U. S. troops in another sea-lans vault behind nazis lines have landed east of Cape Orlando, forcing the enemy back along the north coast. The Germans were waging a powerful defense across the base of the Messina triangle as their troops withdrew in a flotilla of at least 80 boats crossing the strait night and day, Associated Press Correspondent Noland Noxgaard reported.

Troops Ram Ashore The second daring landing by U. S. seventh army troops rammed combat forces ashore before dawn near the cape under cover of American warships that helped in repulsing fierce nazis counterattacks. Allied planes assisted the attack. These troops and other American forces fighting westward made contact and closed a seven-mile gap between them, forcing a German retreat. This amphibious flank attack followed one three days earlier when seventh army units cut in behind San Agata to collapse enemy resistance there.

Counterattacks The troops fought through the night, after rolling back three German counterattacks and taking prisoners, and other American units battling forward from the west closed the seven-mile gap between them, Associated Press Correspondent Harold V. Boyle, with the seventh army, reported. Reuters reported the German evacuation of Sicily was in full swing.

Cape Orlando is some 40 air miles from Messina on the coastal road in Sicily where the American land advance is slowed by wrecked bridges and strong enemy hill positions. The cape is nine miles east of San Agata. **Warships Support** Warships supporting the landing Wednesday morning have turned back serious German counterattacks, headquarters said. Tanks were landed with the doughboys in the pre-dawn murk.

The landing was made near the mouth of the Naso river and the bridgehead successfully established. The audacious stab threatened German forces with (Continued on Page Two)

Italy Out in Ten Days, Says Diplomat

LONDON, Aug. 12 (P)—Radio France in Algiers said in a broadcast tonight that the secretary of the Italian embassy in Istanbul, Turkey, had declared publicly that Italy in ten days would no longer be in the war.

Stalin Talks With British, American Ambassadors in Moscow; Churchill Travels

LONDON, Aug. 12 (P)—Premier Joseph Stalin conferred with the American and British ambassadors in Moscow yesterday in talks which appeared to be closely linked with the forthcoming meetings between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. In making the announcement, the Moscow radio offered no comment, but the timing of the meeting, coinciding with preparations in Canada for the sixth Roosevelt-Churchill war conference, left little doubt here as to its nature. **Soviet Informed** It had been previously announced that Moscow was being informed closely of all developments in the Italian situation. The Yorkshire Post, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's newspaper, reiterated that the soviet premier was being informed "almost hourly" of all developments. President Roosevelt told a press conference at Washington there would be no Russian participation in the new conferences although he said this did not mean he would not be awfully glad to have the Russians present. **Produce Hope** Prime Minister Churchill's trip to Canada to continue his (Continued on Page Two)