

Blackout Signal

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ROME DECLARED "OPEN CITY"

Reds Smash Into Kharkov Nazis Retreat

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THERE'S a lot of news today—nearly all of it extremely significant.

BADOLIO'S government decides to declare Rome an open city.

The details are still hazy as this is written, but seem to fall into an understandable pattern. The decision appears to have been made on July 31, and was announced to our side through the Holy See.

Thereafter there were delays, and it is quite probable that we suspected the Italians of stalling to give the Germans all the time possible. So, day before yesterday, we bombed Rome again.

That, apparently, brought results.

(ALL this, please understand, is guesswork, but it does at least seem a reasonable guess. Badoglio has obviously been stalling to give the Germans time.)

CONDITIONS for permitting Rome to assume the status of an open city will undoubtedly include closing all railroad tracks used for moving axis troops through the city, removal of the Italian war government, ceasing manufacture of war supplies and admission to Rome of an allied commission to see to it that all the open-city obligations (as prescribed by international law) are carried out.

Badoglio, presumably, has agreed to these conditions.

GERMAN resistance in Sicily is collapsing at all points, and it is obvious today that Germany's sole remaining aim is to escape to the Italian mainland with as many troops and as much war material as possible—a la Dunkerque.

The dispatches give us only a glimpse of what is happening, but we can construct the picture pretty accurately for ourselves. The Germans, obviously short of planes, are undertaking to cover their retreat across the Messina strait by means of artillery. Large numbers of 15-inch rifles have been placed on the toe of the Italian boot to command the Sicilian side, and these are supplemented by huge numbers of anti-aircraft guns.

Over the umbrella of "flak" rising from these guns our bombers are buzzing like angry bees, pouring every variety of bomb up to two-tonners on the retreating enemy. British warships are pouring in shells from the edges.

IT'S Dunkerque over again, under somewhat more favorable circumstances due to the narrowness of the Messina strait, and you may be sure that the British, many of whose troops were on the receiving end at Dunkerque, are wading in with grim determination to GET EVEN.

THE Germans still on Sicily appear to be fighting coolly to the end to protect the withdrawal operation over the Messina strait.

A question occurs at this point:

Why do they fight to the death in Sicily when they surrendered (Continued on Page Four)

JERRIES PUSH EVACUATION OF SICILY WRECK

Randazzo's Capture Caves in Center Of Line

By RELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 14 (AP)—Pelted by everything from block-busters to machinegun bullets from the air and artillery fire from the sea, the German army has begun a full-scale evacuation in an effort to save as much material and manpower as possible from the wreckage of Sicily for the battle of Italy.

With their center caved in by the allied capture of Randazzo, north of Mt. Etna, the Germans put their evacuation machinery into full swing, it was officially announced today. They were retreating behind a strong rearguard which fell back rapidly in front of victorious British and American infantry attacks.

Piraino Falls Sweeping to within 34 miles of Messina in virtually all sectors, the allies captured Piraino on the north coast, Floresta in the central sector, and Riposto, Giarre and Milo on the east coast.

All Mt. Etna is now in allied hands.

An allied commentator, con- (Continued on Page Eight)

FDR Reaffirms Pledges Made in Atlantic Charter

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt, declaring the allies now "stand upon the threshold of major developments in this war," reaffirmed his belief today in the Atlantic charter pledges to establish world freedom.

In a formal statement commemorating both the second anniversary of the signing of the charter and the eighth birthday of the U. S. social security law, the chief executive came out again for extension of that act's benefits to many groups not now covered and also for health protection.

He said the allies are determined to gain "total victory" over the axis and recognize as enemies not only Germany, Italy, and Japan, but all "forces of oppression, intolerance, insecurity and injustice."

Russians Open Summer Offensive With Greatest Artillery Barrage in History

By HENRY C. CASSIDY WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE BRYANSK FRONT, Aug. 14 (AP)—It can now be told that the red army summer offensive was opened by a tremendous artillery barrage rated by the soviet command as the greatest in history.

The bombardment of the German lines touched off at 3 a. m., July 12, was estimated at least 10 times heavier than the fire at Verdun. About 3000 gun barrels were massed in each mile of the front for the breakthrough. (Artillery so concentrated would form two or three lines hub-to-hub.)

Rolls West The offensive now is rolling steadily westward from Orel toward Bryansk while later at-

Rescue Crooner



Paradena police officers had a workout as they were forced to restrain hordes of young admirers of Crooner Frank Sinatra, center, who arrived in southern California to star in an RKO-Radio movie and appear in Hollywood bowl. "Goah!" said Sinatra dazedly after running the gauntlet of youngsters who met him at the train.

SOUTH, MIDWEST TO GET LESS GAS

East Promised More; Pleasure Ban to Be Lifted

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Less gas for the midwest and southwest, a promise of more for the east and, in time, abolition of the pleasure-driving ban was decreed by government authorities today.

The sweeping dictum on motor fuel was issued last night by the office of price administration (OPA) and promptly seconded by Interior Secretary (Continued on Page Eight)

Steel Company Men Vote to End Strike

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 14 (AP)—Striking employees of the Republic Steel corporation's Buffalo plant today voted to end immediately a walkout which, a company official said, had paralyzed the mill's steel production.

Joseph T. McNichols, district director of the CIO United Steelworkers of America said the 2300 employees voted unanimously to end the stoppage which began Wednesday night in one department and spread throughout the mill yesterday.

Envelops Karachev

West of Orel, the red army is enveloping Karachev from the south along the Nazhet river, closing the last escape gap for the enemy fleeing the former Orel salient. The gap through Karachev, now only three miles wide, is under artillery fire and a number of

German tanks are being pressed around Kharkov and between Bryansk and Smolensk.

SOVIET VISE SQUEEZES ON UKRAINE CITY

Defenses Menaced by Smash Through at Spas Demensk

LONDON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Soviet troops drove forward four to five miles and captured over 20 populated places in their new offensive from Spas Demensk toward Smolensk, and in the Bryansk push captured more than 80 towns and villages in gains up to five miles. Moscow announced tonight.

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (AP)—The red army has battered its way into the streets of Kharkov from several directions and obtained a firm vise-like hold about that Ukraine steel center, front line dispatches said today. To the north where Russian forces had piled on another offensive in the gradually developing summer campaign, two other German defense hubs, Bryansk and Smolensk, were menaced by the smashing of strong fortifications in the Spas Demensk sector.

When the northern Russian group reached the vicinity of Spas Demensk a southern group began attacks and, in the first day, broke through to the city. The final assault and capture of the city was carried through when a third Russian group came to the assistance of the first two.

The soviet midnight communi- (Continued on Page Eight)

Milk Producers Get Increase in Butterfat Price

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP)—Central Oregon milk producers today were granted a butterfat price increase of 5 cents a pound by the regional office of price administration, San Francisco, Dr. Blair Stewart, district OPA price officer, announced.

This raised the ceiling price from 85 to 90 cents. The producers had asked a \$1 ceiling. The order allowed an increase in the wholesale ceiling price of milk from 11.75 to 12.25 cents a quart.

The retail ceiling price of 133 cents a quart remained unchanged, but retailers were permitted to discontinue quantity discounts.

Klamath producers are seeking a jump from 85 cents to \$1 in butterfat ceiling prices, the same as the central Oregon request.

Rides Truck

I rode out to this front in an American three-quarter-ton bucket-seated weapon-carrier truck. In the headquarters tent over which red air force planes dropped constantly to and from the front, I heard an analysis of the offensive by Maj. Gen. Peter Petrovich Sbornikov, (Continued on Page Eight)

Youngsters Take Over Tank



The 250-horsepower tank brought here from Camp White as an advertisement for the premiere benefit show "This Is the Army" was taken over by local youngsters soon after its arrival Thursday afternoon. Friday when this picture was taken there was not even standing room left inside the tank and those who couldn't get in were investigating the outside. Tickets to the premiere are going rapidly. However, there are about 300 seats still available in all three price ranges.

Salamaua, Vital Jap Base, Devastated by U. S. Bombs

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 14 (AP)—Much of Salamaua, Japan's vital air base on north-eastern New Guinea, lay in smoking ruins today, devastated in 45 minutes by 177 tons of bombs dropped from Liberators, Flying Fortresses and Marauders.

Debris littered the waterfront of the one-mile long isthmus on which Salamaua juts into the Huon gulf; the big airfield, two miles inland, was the scene of widespread damage; Chinatown and the village of Kela, which faces Salamaua across a bay, were covered with dust and smoke.

Whether this Friday, the thirteenth, raid presages capture of Salamaua by American and Australian jungle troops, now only five miles to the south at Doh-dubi, remains to be seen. But, it was just such a concentrated aerial blasting—108 tons of bombs dropped in less than 45 minutes July 7 on an enemy jungle position known as Observation Hill—which preceded the last decisive ground triumph scored by the allies in the New Guinea sector. That was the capture in mid-July of Mubo,

Presage Capture

CLEVELAND, Aug. 14 (AP)—A first degree murder charge was filed today against Henry Hagert, reform school parolee, in the slaying of James and Charles Collins, 13-year old twins. The charge was brought in juvenile court by Detective Inspector Frank W. Story.

Gov. John W. Bricker pledged the state's aid in curbing delinquency as authorities checked further into the case of the parolee, who's mother declared: "He wasn't a bad boy, just wild; he was very difficult since he had brain fever."

"We want to assure the officials of Cleveland that the state welfare department will do anything in its power to help them find the answer to the problem," Gov. Bricker said.

The twins, James and Charles Collins, who had been shot through the head, were found yesterday in a wooded section of suburban Bay Village.

Story quoted Henry Hagert as admitting he killed the twins "just for the heck of it" and because "I didn't like them."

The inspector added that the youth, who will be 18 next month, also confessed to a criminal attack Wednesday on Jack Buchanan, son of City Food Inspector E. B. Buchanan.

Man Held For Poisoning Wife

TACOMA, Aug. 14 (AP)—William Archer, 59, of Puyallup was placed under arrest this morning for investigation in connection with the poisoning of his wife, Mrs. Anna Archer, 44, and his daughter, Rosina, 20, Pierce County Prosecutor Thor Tollefson said.

The women were taken to hospital yesterday morning suffering violent illness after drinking coffee. Investigation by the prosecutor yesterday revealed arsenic had been placed in grounds in the coffee pot which the women had used.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 9 9 0 Brooklyn 2 9 2 Riddle and Mueller; Head, Webber (6), Sayles (8) and Bragan.

First game: Pittsburgh 8 14 0 Philadelphia 2 5 2 Klingner and Lopez; Kraus, Karl (5), Eyrich (7) and Moore.

Second game: Pittsburgh 2 5 1 Philadelphia 1 7 0 Butcher, Gornicki (6) and Baker; Gerheuser, Kimball (8) and Finley.

Chicago 2 6 1 Boston 3 9 0 Hanyzewski, Prim (8) and McCullough; Salvo and Klutz.

St. Louis 11 14 0 New York 1 0 4 Mungler and Odes; Wittig, Mungo (2), East (8) and Lombardi.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 2 9 2 St. Louis 1 2 0 Zuber and Sears; Muncie, Caster (8) and Hayes.

Philadelphia 9 12 2 Cleveland 12 17 0 Fagan, Ciola (4) and Wagner; Dean, Naymick (5), Salvesson (6), Heving (6) and Rosar.

LIBERATORS SOCK WIENER NEUSTADT

Messerschmitt Plane Works Hit in Day Raid

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (AP)—A strong force of African-based Liberator bombers of the U. S. 9th air force plastered the huge Messerschmitt aircraft works at Wiener Neustadt, on the Danube river 27 miles south of Vienna, in a heavy daylight raid yesterday, middle east headquarters announced today.

The planes, which attacked from a high altitude, flew a round trip of nearly 2500 miles to drop nearly 350,000 pounds of high explosive bombs.

No Immunity Wiener Neustadt is only 200 (Continued on Page Eight)

Pioneer Relic Displays Get Much Attention

Many interested spectators stopped to look at the window displays of pioneer relics shown in several of the downtown stores Saturday in commemoration of the Old Oregon Trail Centennial which is being celebrated here as well as all over the state next week.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the provisional government in Oregon, the coming of the first covered wagon train to the Willamette valley and Fremont's expedition through central Oregon.

A large number of the ar- (Continued on Page Eight)

Chiefs of Allied Military Machine Open Quebec Talks

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL QUEBEC, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Quebec military conference entered its second and most significant stage today as the top men guiding the destiny of the United States' mighty forces began war councils with their British counterparts.

The sessions were preliminary to a forthcoming conference here sometime soon between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. Neither has yet arrived. Churchill left earlier in the week for an unannounced destination.

Eden Speculated Meantime speculation was heard here that Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, might

ITALY MOVES TO SAVE CITY FROM BOMBS

Americans Batter Rail Installations Two Times

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Italian government announced today that as a result of yesterday's American raid it had "decided publicly and formally to declare Rome an open city without further delay and the Italian government is taking the necessary steps according to international law."

The announcement, made over the Rome radio, said such a decision first was communicated to the Vatican two weeks ago and that the government "has been waiting to know the circumstances in which this declaration would be accepted by the allies."

Decision Reached In view of the repetition of air raids on Rome, it added the decision had been reached to take the action without further delay.

A British government spokesman intimated a London announcement on the subject might be forthcoming later.

There was no confirmation in official circles here, however, or in the text of a Stefani News agency announcement from Rome as to whether the declaration was actually in allied hands or that the Italian government's proposals would prove acceptable.

Must Be Satisfied Obviously the allies would have to be satisfied that Rome—still the seat of Badoglio's "continuing fighting" government—is actually stripped of all military installations, cleared of the government, and closed as a transit point for troops and supplies before they would accept it as an open city.

The Berlin radio as well as the (Continued on Page Eight)

Canal Fencing Move Has Strong Local Support

The Eagles lodge is finding strong local support in its effort to remove the serious drowning hazard at the A canal in Klamath Falls, according to President Jack Henry of the lodge.

Henry talked at some length to Congressman Lowell Stockman about the matter, and received assurances from Stockman that he would help out in any way possible. Henry said Stockman told him he would be willing to sponsor a bill for fencing the government canal in the city.

The local Moose lodge has gone on record as favoring the project, and the Junior chamber of commerce will consider it on Monday night. Big Lakes local No. 25-11, AFL, voted to support the movement. The legislative committee of the Railroad Brotherhood is behind the project.

Henry said communications will be sent to all fraternal groups in town asking for support.