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MESSINA FALLS TO AMERICANS; SICILIAN CAMPAIGN FINISHED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SICILY is finally a closed incident—as it was apparent yesterday it was about to be.

THE Germans have had their Dunkerque, and according to their accounts it ended short of complete disaster. They claim to have got ALL German and Italian troops across the Messina strait, together with their heavy arms, tanks, guns, motor transport and equipment.

It is probable that the German claim is much too optimistic, as field reports today say axis forces bottled up in a tight pocket on the east coast of Sicily below Messina are still fighting British 8th army troops.

At any rate, Sicily is ours. Another severe German defeat has been chalked up.

WHAT next in Italy?

That is a question that can't be answered offhand by any outsider, but the report that the Germans are carrying out demolitions on the south coast of the Italian mainland is interesting.

It suggests that instead of trying to make a stand they are planning to move right on up the peninsula—as rapidly as they can, fighting a rear guard operation all the way, hoping to reach the defense line that has been established in the Po valley.

SWISS dispatches say the situation in Italy is "grave, with the possibility of radical changes from one moment to the next"—but as yet there is no sign of an Italian bid for peace.

One suspects naturally that Badoglio and little Victor Emanuel are scheming to get the Germans out of southern Italy as cheaply as they can. It isn't improbable that some sort of deal to that effect was made with the Germans when Badoglio took over from Mussolini.

RAF bombers from Britain have hit northern Italy for the third successive night, turning their attention last night to Turin. They had previously wrecked Milan.

As soon as we are able to convert Sicily into the great air base it is capable of becoming, we'll be hammering northern Italy from relatively close at hand.

THE Russians are moving steadily forward. Today's dispatches report that the fall of Kharkov is believed imminent. The red forces that took Karachev are now reported to be only 15 miles from Bryansk, the next German strong point to the west.

There is no sign as yet that the Russians have been seriously checked.

LONDON reports an atmosphere of tense expectation of big events to come.

All non-residents have been cleared from the coastal areas of Britain. Huge fleets of allied daylight raiders are carrying on an air offensive against the continent—which, of course, would be the first step of an invasion.

It seems likely that if we're going to invade the continent from Britain this year we'll get going soon—while the good weather lasts and while the Russians are at the peak of their offensive power.

There is every indication that the news of the next few days (Continued on Page Two)

Yanks Grab Vella Lavella From Japs in Surprise Move

By C. YATES M'DANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 17 (AP)—Japan's holdings throughout the central Solomons are virtually doomed and the enemy bases still barring the way to his fortress of Rabaul are gravely menaced as the consequence of a surprise invasion of Vella Lavella island.

United States forces in considerable strength seized it Sunday in a move so unforeseen by the enemy that the invaders accomplished the hitherto unheard-of feat of capturing 350 Japanese alive, and unarmed. Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed the new move in today's communique.

Break-Up Tried

(In a delayed dispatch from Leif Erickson, Associated Press war correspondent, who went ashore from a landing barge with the troops, first disclosure was made that waves of Japanese planes tried to break up the invaders after the first boats had been unloaded. He said the dive-bombers, escorted by Zeros, failed to hit a single boat but did succeed in strafing some of the last ships taking part in the landing operations.

FORTS SWOOP AT GERMANS BY DAY

Friedrichshafen Hit After Night Raid On Italy

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Swiss radio said today that American Flying Fortresses raided the German city of Friedrichshafen by daylight and that violent anti-aircraft fire was seen from the Swiss side of Lake Constance. The broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, said two of the Fortresses made a forced landing in Switzerland.

Large formations of allied aircraft—including many twin-engine American planes—blasted at western Europe by daylight today after the RAF's big bombers had hammered Turin in their third successive night assault on northern Italy.

Continue Assault

Reports from the British southwest coast said that squadron after squadron of planes headed out across Dover Strait in mid-morning to continue a great offensive which has been under (Continued on Page Two)

Across-the-Road Feud Ends in Woman's Arrest

A flare-up in across-the-road hostilities between two southeast families led to the arrest of Elaine West, 23-year-old farmer's wife, on a charge of threatening to commit a felony.

Specifically, Mrs. West is accused of pointing a shotgun at her neighbor, L. L. Wrenn, who is the complaining witness against her.

Sheriff Lloyd Low arrested Mrs. West after Wrenn told a story about an incident of last Sunday morning, and signed the complaint.

Wrenn's story was that as he started to leave for having Sunday (Continued on Page Two)

Quebec Talks Designed to Harry Nazi Nerves; FDR, Hull May Be Guests Soon

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

QUEBEC, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Earl of Athlone, Canada's governor general, and Princess Alice arrived today from Ottawa for a one-day stay in the Citadel, and will entertain tonight at a dinner at which it was believed President Roosevelt would be a guest.

(The foregoing passed the Canadian censorship.) The Quebec war conference entered its second week today amid strong indications that the unique manner in which it has been handled has been designed to intensify axis nervousness

over the major military developments predicted by President Roosevelt.

Great Gathering

Meanwhile Dana Doten, representing the office of war information at the war councils here, described the Quebec conference as "one of the greatest gatherings of military experts ever held."

In addition to the highest ranking military officials of the United States and Great Britain, he said "the officers directly responsible for the practical planning of major allied operations (Continued on Page Two)

Byrnes Calls For Follow Up Of Victories

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The nation and the world had from one of President Roosevelt's closest confidants today a pronouncement that the initiative in the global war, now held by the allies, "is of no value unless followed vigorously with great forces."

Broadly implying the imminence of further grand scale operations against Nazi-held Europe, James F. Byrnes stressed the success of aerial bombardment to date, but said the president had authorized him to say that "the major battles lie ahead of us, not behind us."

Infer Air Attack

Some observers drew an inference from his talk that attack by air, rather than by sea and land forces against numerically superior odds, might continue to keynote offensive strategy, for the time being at least. There were indications that the decision in this connection may be reached in the Roosevelt-Churchill parleys at Quebec.

Meeting Set to Talk Highway Routes Here

Chamber of commerce officials, the city planning commission, the council, and highway officials are to meet with the county court on Wednesday to try to make some settlement about future routing plans of highways through Klamath Falls, it was announced at the city council meeting Monday night.

City and county officials are trying to work out something along this line so that they may continue working out a park system in Klamath Falls.

The recommendation of the planning commission was again read at the meeting. A resolution pertaining to the fencing of the "A" canal through town was read. Since the canal is United States government property, it will be necessary to have an act of congress to do something about the fencing. A resolution was adopted that copies of the fencing resolution be sent to the four congressmen and two senators from Oregon.

There was considerable discussion about the problem of the (Continued on Page Two)

Vila Airbase Blasted, But Vella Lavella Seized



American air forces were reported to have dropped 83 tons of bombs, some weighing 1000 pounds, on the Jap air base at Vila (above), on the southeast tip of Kolombangara island, 17 miles northwest from the Munda point air base, which allied forces recently captured from the Japs. Vila airbase was expected to be the next objective of allied forces in the Solomons, but Sunday the American forces in the South Pacific bypassed Kolombangara island on which Vila is situated and took Vella Lavella in a surprise move.

Speedy Russian Drive Nears Bryansk; Jerries Back Kharkov With Reserves

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Russian troops gain 2 1/2 to 4 miles in their drive on Bryansk today, occupying more than 60 towns and villages, and also gained in the Spas Demensk area, but around Kharkov they met strong German counterattacks.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP)—The drive on Bryansk, the hinge of the German front southwest of Moscow, is moving at the fastest pace of any of the three current red army thrusts, the Russian army newspaper Red Star indicated today.

With soviet troops meeting

stiff resistance in the battle for Kharkov, other Russian divisions were moving steadily ahead toward Bryansk supported by the push further north from Spas Demensk.

Reserves Used

Around Kharkov, Red Star said, the Germans were hurling large concentrations of reserves backed up by units of from 40 to 50 tank and air squadrons in an effort to improve their precarious position.

(The soviet monitor in London recorded a Moscow broadcast of a front line dispatch to Red Star which said that "very tense battles" were raging around Kharkov.)

The Germans were meeting with little success in the counter thrusts despite the use of picked troops, Red Star said, and the soviet army was throwing the nazis back and inflicting heavy losses.

Near Bryansk

The Russian troops driving through the shattered German defenses west of Karachev have approached to within 15 miles of the important nazi base at Bryansk, Moscow announced in a communique last night.

The war bulletin reported red

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	6	1
Detroit	4	13	0
Flores and Wagner; Trout, Gorsica (9) and Richards.			
	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	5	2
St. Louis	4	8	0
Hughson and Conroy; Niggeling, O'Neill (7) and Ferrell, Partee (7).			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	10	12	2
New York	4	11	1
Hausser, Shoun (7), Beggs (6), and Mueller; Chase, Adams (6), Mungo (9) and Mancuso.			
	R.	H.	E.
(First game)			
Pittsburgh	8	14	0
Boston	0	6	2
Gornleki, Odum (6) and Lopez; Andrews and Masl.			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	7	13	1
Philadelphia	5	9	2
Wyse, Prim (7), Derringer (8), and McCullough; Conger, Kimball (8), Eyrich (8), and Finley.			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	12	2
Brooklyn	3	8	2
Brazle and W. Cooper; Head, Webber (6) and Bragan.			

Blowup of Italy Predicted by Rickenbacker

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP)—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, home from a 35,000-mile inspection tour of the war zones, said today that Italy is being "bombarded out of the war" but that "Germany will not even crack before the fall of 1944 at the best, at the present rate of the war's progress."

"Germany still has a vast army, tons of materials, millions engaged in slave labor and she is relieving men from her own forces for additional labor and in addition the Germans are courageous and intelligent," he said at a press conference. "I am not a fanatic on air power, but I firmly believe that Germany must be broken from the inside out, not from the outside in."

He said "Anything can happen in Italy—any day. I think it will be a complete blowup."

"Second Front" Talk Rumbles Again as Britain Clears Shores for New Action

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Great Britain began clearing all non-residents from her barricaded coastal areas today as a conviction gripped the nation that the hour is near for a powerful new blow at Adolf Hitler's European fortress.

Invasion talk was heard everywhere amid cries in both Britain and Russia for speedy opening of a second front.

From every angle new moves appeared directed at invasion, but whether in the Mediterranean, the Balkans, or across the

English channel was the allied war chiefs' secret.

Developments

Significant, however, were these developments:

1. Heavy and repeated American air raids on axis airfields in France—natural targets as a prelude to any new offensive.

2. Declaration of a state of siege in Norway by apparently jittery German occupation authorities.

3. Virtual isolation of Italy by severance of that country's telephone and telegraphic communications with Switzerland, giving

"Long Toms" Fire On Mainland as Nazis Retreat

By RELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 17 (AP)—An official announcement from allied headquarters said American troops captured Messina early today and that the enemy is now shelling the city from the Italian mainland.

The announcement said the Sicilian campaign was now ended.

The American seventh and British eighth armies, which had been converging on Messina, made contact, it was stated, but there was no estimate on the number of prisoners captured.

FORTRESS RAID

The finish of the 38-day campaign was marked at the same time by a dramatic development of allied striking power in a new direction, with a large formation of Flying Fortresses raiding southern France for the first time.

Istres le Tube and Salon, northwest of Marseille, were attacked in raids from new Mediterranean bases which involved a round-trip flight of at least 1000 miles.

The German radio declared the last German and Italian soldiers had been evacuated to the mainland.

SMASH RESISTANCE

In the scarred streets of the sprawling hillside port of Messina doughboys of the American third division smashed at lingering enemy resistance in hand-to-hand fighting after reaching the southside at 8 o'clock last night.

They were the first to reach the city, but eight miles to the south British commandos, after landing from the sea in defiance of the enemy's guns on both sides of the strait, had cleared the way for the approach of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army.

Fire Across Strait

American "Long Tom" artillery had already opened fire on the enemy in Italy across the two-mile wide strait.

Fearful of immediate allied amphibious attacks against the exposed Italian toe, axis forces were observed carrying out demolitions in the Calabria region across the narrow waters.

This first indication of a possible enemy withdrawal up the Italian peninsula came as British naval batteries built a wall of gunfire around the foot of Italy to within 100 miles of Naples.

Enemy Concedes

The enemy conceded the end of the Sicilian campaign although allied headquarters at 3 p. m. (6 a. m., PWT) had been waiting for hours for official confirmation that all enemy resistance had ceased.

In the darkness before dawn the enemy struggled to extricate his last troops from embattled positions inside Messina and speed them by 15-minute motor boat trips across the straits.

Navy Guards

Even though American naval forces guarded the northern entrance to the strait and British light surface forces sallied into the channel waters repeatedly during the night the enemy evacuation could not be broken up.

The complete occupation of Sicily, the entering wedge in the fortress of Europe, was only a matter of hours as the Americans on the east coast of the island wiped up hapless Italian forces left stranded by their German allies.

American doughboys fought hand-to-hand with the enemy (Continued on Page Two)

SICILY WEDGE IN EUROPEAN BASTION

Island Seen as Base For Hop Into Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 17 (AP)—The wedge-shaped island of Sicily is the entering wedge driven into the fortress of Europe.

Tactically, the Mediterranean doors are wide open now.

With the completion of Sicily, which won't take many more hours, the allies possess a big advance base from which they can hop over into the Italian (Continued on Page Two)

Badoglio Torn Between Peace, German Demands

AT THE SWISS-ITALIAN FRONTIER, Aug. 17 (AP)—The three-week-old Badoglio government was described in reports reaching here from Italy today as squeezed between the increasing pressure of the demands of its people for peace and the adamant stand of its German ally that Italy remain in the war.

The government's problem of feeding and sheltering hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of bomb-blasted Milan, Turin, Genoa (Continued on Page Two)

Situation Grave

(Dispatches from the Swiss border town of Chiasso quoted the Swiss Telegraphic agency as saying that the situation throughout Italy "remained grave, with possibility of radical changes from one moment to the next.")

4. The British war cabinet was reported in constant session all day yesterday, keeping in direct (Continued on Page Ten)