

NAZIS POUNDED FROM 2 SIDES IN NEW DRIVE

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main front—had been evacuated. Between 500 and 700 heavy bombers and many other planes hammered at German troops and tanks and targets within a 50-mile radius of Rome in a thunderous spearhead for the beachhead offensive.

Valley Erupts
A battletfront dispatch declared "the whole Liri valley seemed to erupt today" as the eighth army crunched against Hitler line bastions some 40 miles east of the beachhead.

"The battle in Italy has started upon a new phase," allied headquarters declared. "An attack by the fifth army beachhead force started early in the morning May 23 in conjunction with an attack by the eighth army against the Hitler line and continued action by the fifth army on the coastal sector."

No Details
No details of today's fighting are available yet, headquarters added.

A Berlin broadcast declared "It appears that the Anglo-United States command in south Italy intends to force success at all costs in the course of today." The German high command said the beachhead offensive opened after intensive artillery drumfire, with troops, tanks and planes thrown into the assaults hitting southwest and west of Aprilia, and in the Cisterna-Littoria sector.

Headquarters Moved
General Clark moved his headquarters to the beachhead to direct this new phase of the Italian campaign. His beachhead force is composed of both

American and British divisions, part of the fifth army.

The beachhead's military strength had been built almost to the bursting point for the attacks, with the aid of the British and U. S. navies whose warships also have supported land operations with heavy shelling.

The Swiss radio said the two fifth army forces now were only 20 miles apart.

Bombers Active
Facing the beachhead, allied light bombers and fighters bombed Nazi concentrations on an eight-mile stretch of dry river bed near the rail line north of Cisterna, German fortress city in the center astride the Apennian way, and swooped low to strafe the Germans.

(The Swiss radio said the allies, hitting on the eastern edge of the beachhead, had reached Lake Fogliano, and that an attack was "developing successfully in the direction of Littoria" due north of the lake).

WHITE HOUSE GETS SIMPLE TAX BILL

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means committee, accepted technical senate amendments. The measure rearranges the whole individual income tax structure, discarding the two-year-old wartime "victory" tax and setting new normal and surtax rates and exemptions—while keeping actual tax burdens at substantially present levels for most persons.

Withholding System
Effective next January 1, the withholding system would be adjusted to take the full tax liability for wage and salary persons earning up to \$5000. Thus the withholding levy would become the actual tax, beginning next year, for 30,000,000 taxpayers. They would owe no more at the end of the tax year.

No change would be made in amounts withheld from pay envelopes this year, but the government itself would compute the taxes on 1944 income for those with wages and salaries of \$5000 and less.

Adds Taxpayers
The measure would add some 150,000 new taxpayers earning between \$555 and \$624, while re-shifting to the status of income taxpayers approximately 9,000,000 persons now subject to the victory tax but with incomes not large enough to come under present income levies.

Early in the war, Editor I. J. Doerr decided every Oroville lad in uniform should receive the Gazette—free. Soon this meant 300 copies a week . . . roughly one-third the circulation.

Oroville folks said it was too much. They offered to chip in on the cost. Editor Doerr said "No"—that was his contribution. He could use some help, though. So, one night a week, members of the Lions Club help fold, wrap and mail papers.

Their reward is hundreds of letters from Oroville boys the world over. Letters like this! "Before we moved up we had to burn all papers; I never hated to destroy anything so much in my life as the last issue of the Oroville Gazette!"

This is a grand thing, all around. Furthermore, it shows how much their home town papers mean to Americans . . . whether at home or away. And no wonder! Every item they print is about those intimate, personal things where freedom counts the most.

John Brown is serving on the jury . . . Miss Smith has signed up to teach at the Corners again next year . . . Henry Farmer is ploughing his South Forty . . . Molly Jones, whose twin brother Jim is in Italy, has returned to State University . . . Pastor Good announces a cake sale to help pay for the church furnace.

It's to preserve these things, reflected by items in the home town paper, that we're fighting today. Our fathers fought for them, too. Only they called them trial-by-jury, free-education, freedom-of-worship. And what could be more worth fighting for than a country where, taken together, these things mean home!

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40 OREGON, WASHINGTON PLANTS DOWN

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AFL-affiliate, will meet Saturday in Portland in an attempt to end the walkout. The Seattle local meets Friday night.

Thousands were idle; estimates of the number off duty ranged from 13,000 to 15,000; the walkouts—in protest against a wage increase denial—were spreading rapidly and more mills may close tomorrow in eastern Washington around Spokane where a mass meeting was scheduled tonight.

Tacoma Mills Down
All mills in Tacoma, where around 4500 are employed, were closed, including the St. Paul-Tacoma Lumber company, one of the world's largest Douglas fir operators. About 800 workers suddenly picked up and left their work to close that mill.

In Seattle and Portland the situation was almost the same. Only the U. S. Plywood corporation was running in Seattle; 1000 AFL members and 1300 CIO workers quit in Portland, closing all but one plant and leaving another running part time.

Reports from Everett, Roy, Eastonville, Hoquiam and Aberdeen, Wash., told the same story. "Unrest is rife among lumber workers in Oregon and other mills are likely to follow," declared John Christensen, president of the Northwest AFL-Lumber and Sawmill Workers union.

Portland Men Quit
In Portland a union spokesman said "men are walking out faster than we can keep up with them."

The CIO rank and file in Portland voted to "go fishing." Union officials termed the walkouts "wildcat" and spokesmen issued public statements in an attempt to keep the men on the job.

The walkouts began after the war labor board denied last week requested wage increases. The AFL union asked a 15-cent hourly wage increase to \$1.05; the CIO Lumber union also asked an increase.

Thus far the walkout has affected only mills; loggers are still on the job.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23 (AP) John D. Galey, vice president of the west coast lumber commission, said today he expected the war labor board to take a stand on the northwest's lumber walkouts within a few hours.

Galey telegraphed a complete report on the spreading work stoppage to the WLB last night. A proposed \$1 daily bonus, one of several issues not decided by the WLB at the time the wage increases were rejected, is still before the WLB.

Bodies Recovered From Laird Plane

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 23 (AP)—The bodies of 2nd Lt. Jack T. Laird, Klamath Falls, Ore., and his nine fellow crewmembers were recovered by rescuers ten miles west of Larspur last night. The men, occupants of a Flying Fortress, had been missing from the Clovis, N. Mex., air base since February 28. The search and rescue section of the second air force located the crashed plane yesterday after nearly three months' search.

Laird, bombardier on the plane, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Laird, 530 Main street, Klamath Falls.

Ward's Labor Record Exposed

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Gerald Reilly, member of the national labor relations board, asserted today that the Montgomery Ward company had a long record of violating labor laws.

Appearing before a special house committee investigating government seizure of the company's plant at Chicago, Reilly said the asserted violations were in the Kansas City, Portland, Ore., and St. Paul plants, and "undoubtedly this background of unfair practices played a large part" as a precipitant to the celebrated Chicago strike which led to seizure.

Fisherman Lands Trout of Dreams

LACONIA, N. H., May 23 (AP) Fisherman Archie White reports success—he's landed the trout he's been trying to get for three years. It weighed 10 pounds 8 ounces. The "monster" square-tail, described by witnesses as "the grand-daddy of them all," was taken in Hubbard brook, West Thornton.

How does White know it's the same trout? Well, this is a fish story.

The late Lieut.-Gen. John Lejeune was the only U. S. marine corps officer to command an army division.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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the Japs' B33. Our boys down there are selling their lives at a high price.

(THIS is a good time to remember that our boys on all the fighting fronts are GIVING THEIR LIVES. What we do of the easy, in many ways softer and pleasanter than ever before home front are giving to match their sacrifices is sometimes hard to figure out.)

RAINS SLOW BURMA PUSH; RADIO MUM

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along the Assam-Bengal railway, southeast Asia headquarters said.

British Mop Up
Around Kohima in eastern India the British were mopping up, and the tone of a headquarters announcement was confident: "Progress has been made in all sectors of the Assam front . . ."

Another southeast Asia report said 213 Japanese planes were destroyed against a loss of three allied fighters in the last 10 weeks of the Burma campaign.

In the southwest Pacific Wake's airstrip—seized only a few days ago—started receiving planes bearing troops called to reinforce Americans on the flanking New Guinea mainland.

The Japanese were bitterly resisting this latest allied leap up the island's northwest coast.

Peace Hit Again
For the 15th time this month allied planes Friday bombed Ponape in the Carolines, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters said.

Chungking acknowledged the fall of Lushin in the north Honan battle and said the Japanese were driving toward Tungkwang.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Army, navy and marine fliers joined in one of the heaviest batterings ever given Wotje atoll in the eastern Marshalls Sunday night, hitting that enemy base with 230 tons of bombs, the navy announced today.

Hard pounding almost equaled the attack delivered May 14 upon Jaluit, another of the enemy held atolls in the eastern Marshalls, where 240 tons of bombs were used to blast enemy installations of all types.

Eleven Killed In Iowa Storms

DES MOINES, May 23 (AP)—A Red Cross representative estimated today that storms of the past five days, which claimed at least eleven lives, caused damage amounting to \$2,345,000 to buildings in 15 Iowa counties.

Still to be surveyed were 12 other counties hit by floods or tornadoes.

M. A. L. Gardner of Washington, Red Cross national building advisor, pointed out that the estimate, made after a survey of part of the stricken area, did not include livestock losses or damage to property other than buildings.

Kimball Funeral Set For Wednesday At Whitlock's

Final rites for Jackson F. Kimball, pioneer timberman who died Sunday at his home, will be held from the chapel of Earl Whitlock Funeral home Wednesday at 11 a. m. with Rev. Victor Phillips of the First Methodist church officiating.

Commercial News Broadcast Ban Eyed by Committee

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—A ban against the commercial sponsorship of news broadcasts was included in a series of sweeping amendments to the federal communications act presented for consideration today to the senate interstate commerce committee.

Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont.), who said the proposal evoked "plenty of controversy" in a closed committee session, declared the tentative billdraft as the handiwork of himself and Senator White (R-Mo.) who have held conferences looking toward a compromise of their views on an overall domestic radio policy.

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D-DAY TENSENESS GRIPS ENGLAND

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in the Berlin Borsen Zeitung conceding the allies would excel in power and weight of equipment in the opening phases of the assault but said "fast armored forces are standing by for counterattacks against any threatened points and to isolate penetrations. The allies hardly will be able to out-tank us immediately after the landing."

News Reports
U. S. army field commanders were in possession of a 24-page booklet from headquarters urging their full cooperation with war correspondents in sending an accurate report of the fighting speedily back home to counteract Nazi propaganda.

The booklet stressed that war correspondents were sharing the dangers of the war along with the troops to get news of their activities to the folks at home.

Code Road Signs
In the wake of a broadcast appeal yesterday by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's invasion headquarters for European patriots to be ready to act as guides for allied troops, the German radio today said that the only road signs left in France are in code.

"France is like a steel hedgehog now, with fortified villages, barricaded roads and soldiers everywhere," the radio asserted.

In the past few days British papers have printed pictures from Stockholm showing narrow streets in French coastal villages blocked by barbed wire.

Stops Bridge Traffic
The Danish radio said the German military commander in Denmark had barred all traffic across main bridges during the blackout period—even to military traffic except in extraordinary cases.

On the heels of yesterday's assertion by President Roosevelt that the allies would strike blows at Europe from the east, south and west, the German-controlled Vichy radio said: "German reconnaissance has revealed large concentrations of troops on Corsica. It is possible these portend an attack on the Italian coast opposite the island."

3500 PLANES BASH FORTRESS EUROPA

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The American daylight raid, one bomber and three fighters failed to return. The British night attacks cost 35 RAF planes.

Targets of the American attacks included rail yards at Epinal and Chaumont and airdromes at Avord, Orleans-Bricy, Bourges, Etampes-Mondesire, Caen and Chateaudun, all in France. Targets within Germany were not identified immediately.

Opposition Down
The great force of American fighters—more than 1000 escorted the big bombers on the morning mission—kept German opposition at a respectable distance and the headquarters announcement said that only one bomber formation encountered German fighter opposition and this was scattered by the P-38 Lightnings, P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs.

In all the night and daylight attacks, some 1700 heavy bombers, 1500 fighters and 500 miscellaneous types were estimated to have borne the equivalent of an American division of 15,000 men deep inside Hitler's invasion fortress.

Radio Off Again
The Vichy radio network left the air again early tonight, signaling perhaps a last-minute pick-up of the day's assaults which may make them among the war's heaviest.

Late this evening the German radio also was still broadcasting warnings of allied planes over western Germany.

RED FRONT QUIET

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—Small-scale German reconnaissance attacks in the area of Tiraspol in the lower Dnepr river valley were reported today by Moscow as a lull continued along the rest of the long eastern front—a lull which military commentators on both sides again predicted would end soon.

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Quads Born In England

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—Mrs. Daisy Moxham of Southend, wife of an RAF flying officer, has given birth to quadruplets—three boys and a girl—it was announced today. Mother and children were reported well.

The babies, born last night, and their weights are: Brian, 3 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces; George, 1 pound, 13 1/2 ounces; Daisy, 2 pounds, 14 ounces, and William, 3 pounds, 6 ounces. Quadruplets were born last February 28 to Norah Rose Carpenter of Heaton, Derbyshire, and Staff Sgt. William Thompson Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa. One of the children died three days later.

This afternoon the condition of the 38-year-old Mrs. Moxham was described as "not so satisfactory." She is the mother of five other children, ranging in ages from five to 16 years. Her husband is 39.

Elimination of steel springs in furniture saves 30,000 tons of steel annually.

The Russo-Japanese war of 1904-1905 was the first war in which battle wounds killed more than did disease.

Nazis May Try Allied Pilots

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—German pilots shot down by allied fighter-plane attacks on the ground and communications in Sweden, a German broadcast said today.

Ever since the German fighter sweep over Germany charged that the allies made mainly against training flying women and children, that pilots shot down in their fields.

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