

# TANKS PERIL NAZI ESCAPE ROAD

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### Weather News

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Max. (May 26) 77 Min. 45  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 7.70  
Normal 10.93 Last year 16.25  
Forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday.

### FIELD GUNS, TANKS POUND VIA CASILINA

#### Sezze Seized; Street Battle Rages For Artena

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY SOUTH OF ROME, May 27 (AP)—American tanks and field guns have highway six, the main German supply route, under fire near Valmontone, while other forces are threatening Velletri astride highway seven.

The battle for Artena, hillside town two and one-half miles from Valmontone and a vital road junction behind the German tenth army, is raging with a house-to-house assault by doughboys.

German reserves were thrown into the fight to keep the fifth army from blocking highway six.

Easy Shelling Range  
A blizzarding nine-mile drive yesterday brought American armor within easy shelling range of this artery. Over 100 enemy vehicles, ranging from mobile artillery to heavy trucks, were destroyed in the dash toward Artena from Giulianello.

Velletri, with the American attack approaching, was closely wreathed in smoke today from continual bombardment.

By NOLAN NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, May 27 (AP)—Fifth army troops occupied Sezze, 13 miles northwest of Terracina, today in a drive to join other forces widening a deep salient from the former Anzio beachhead, a penetration which already is within 23 miles of cutting the Via Casilina, main escape route for a major part of the German 10th army.

Sezze, a city of 20,000, is the largest town taken in the current offensive.

Cut-Throated  
Advance units of the beachhead force, pushing out 12 miles, threatened to cut the Via Casilina below Valmontone—a blow that would imperil the retreat of at least eight Nazi divisions battling desperately since the breakthrough of the Hitler line.

Capture of Sezze brought American forces squarely up against the latest defenses that two Nazi divisions tried to establish.

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#### Mass Bulgarian Desertions Told

BARI, Italy, May 27 (AP)—Mass desertions by Bulgarian troops in southeastern Yugoslavia were reported by the headquarters of the Yugoslav Partisan military mission today, with a spokesman asserting that morale is weakening noticeably as tension mounts in the Balkans.

Whole platoons and companies are deserting, the spokesman said.

Another report reaching here, which was unconfirmed, said the Germans had begun disarming Bulgarian troops in southern Serbia.

#### Reventlow Gets Court Order

LOS ANGELES, May 27 (AP)—Count Haugwitz-Reventlow, one-time Danish count, has obtained an order requiring his former wife, Barbara Hutton Grant, the wealthy dime-store heiress, to appear in court June 12 and show cause why she should not be enjoined from assertingly influencing their 9-year-old son against his father.

The order was signed by Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson, after Haugwitz-Reventlow filed a suit yesterday seeking to enforce a British custody order made in 1939 by which the former count says he was given control of the religious training, education and rearing of the boy, Lance.

#### "Super-Cabinet" May Be Formed

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—British, Russia and the United States may form a tri-power "super cabinet" soon to deal with international diplomatic problems as one step toward keeping the peace after victory, it was learned last night.

Creation of such a group would be in line with Prime Minister Churchill's recommendation in common for a "controlling council" of the greatest war victors, apparently to serve as a sort of board of directors over a world organization which would have force to back up its mandates.

While the necessity for such a tri-power cabinet has been urged for some time, just how far the idea has developed remains uncertain.

## 41,000 Workers Idle

### 5,000 PLANES BLAST HITLER RAIL SYSTEM

#### Chemical Plant Hit; Little Opposition Encountered

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Possibly 5000 allied planes smashed simultaneously into Germany and France from Britain and Italy today in one of the greatest coordinated blows ever struck at Hitler's transport system.

Up to 1000 Liberators and Flying Fortresses struck across the channel from British bases, pounding the German rail centers of Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Saarbrücken and aircraft plants in the French cities of Metz and Strasbourg.

#### Over Mediterranean

Simultaneously, other powerful formations swung over the Mediterranean, hitting two rail yards at Marseille, the rail center of Nîmes in the Rhone valley, and Avignon, 20 miles from the mouth of the Rhone. Enemy airdromes at Salon, 20 miles northwest of Marseille, and at Montpellier-Almargues, 15 miles southwest of Nîmes, also were pounded by the Italy-based bombers.

British-based bombers and their escorts, which raised the total force striking from the west to approximately 2000 American planes, apparently encountered only slight fighter opposition, the Berlin radio claim.

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### Tulelake Jap Beaten in Home

NEWELL—Koru Nagani, 50, resident of Tulelake center, was attacked and beaten in his home last night, Friday. He was removed to the center hospital where it was reported he had suffered from fracture of bones but was not in a critical condition.

The victim of the beating was born in Hawaii before that territory was annexed by the United States, but Nagani gained United States citizenship by serving in the U. S. army during the first World war. He was employed in the Newell center employment office.

Tatsuo Yokoyama, 33, was placed under arrest by evacuee police and charged with the assault. He was tried before Project Director Ray R. Best and found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in the Klamath county jail. The trial ended after 12 o'clock noon Saturday and Yokoyama will probably be moved to Klamath Falls later in the day.

Officials said that the beating had no relation to the Wednesday shooting which resulted in the death of Shiochi James Okamoto, 30, Tulelake segregee, by a soldier, but was the outcome of a personal grudge.

## Allies Edge Toward Myitkyina; Chinese Chase Tatangtzu Trap Japs, Grab Warong

BY DEAN SCHEDLER  
Associated Press War Editor

Allied troops have advanced a mile and a half toward the Japanese North Burma base of Myitkyina, bringing the inevitable defeat of the outnumbered Japanese ever nearer, Southeast Asia headquarters announced yesterday (Friday).

The Chinese have scored additional victories over Japanese forces by capturing the North Burman town of Warong, 12 miles northeast of Kamaing, and seized a supply dump in the Mogaung valley. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japs.

#### Chase Japs

Chinese are in pursuit of retreating Japanese who escaped with severe losses from a trap at Tatangtzu, "the highest battlefield in the world," on the Salween front, the Chinese high command announced.

Tatangtzu is 29 miles north-



Lt. Beaufort G. Swancutt, above, was convicted Friday by an army court martial of murdering four persons in a shooting fray last March. It was recommended that he be hanged.

### 106 LUMBER PLANTS HIT BY WALKOUT

#### Understanding Lack Charged WLB By AFL Union

PORTLAND, May 27 (AP)—The AFL Northwestern Council of Lumber and Sawmill workers today accused the war labor board (WLB) of "a complete lack of understanding of the lumber situation" which has sent from 25,000 to 30,000 northwest workers on protest walkouts.

In a telegram sent the WLB, the union demanded immediate action "at once, and out here where men can have some confidence that the board has seen for itself what the situation is."

AFL and CIO leaders were meeting here today to consider the WLB's declaration that walk-out cease before wage increase appeals would be considered. The walkouts, which have cut production an estimated 11,000,000 board feet daily, have been described as "wildcat" by union officials.

By The Associated Press  
Labor disputes, new and old, kept an estimated 41,000 of the country's industrial workers away from their jobs today and there was no indication that settlement of the controversies was imminent.

The chief troubles along the nation's labor front centered in the Pacific northwest lumber industry and in Detroit's war industrial area. There were more than 100 lines of lumbering operations in Washington and Oregon, affected by the disputes, with from 25,000 to 30,000 employees idle.

#### Chrysler Strike

In the Detroit area, a fresh labor controversy arose as pickets appeared at the Chrysler corporation's Highland Park plant, keeping 1500 employees from going to work yesterday.

After the pickets appeared President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (UAW) said that the instigators faced possible imprisonment.

#### Jap Death Probe In Third Day

CAMP TULELAKE—The military board of inquiry, hearing testimony in the fatal shooting of Shiochi James Okamoto, 30-year-old Tulelake segregee by a guard on Wednesday, completed its third day of investigation Saturday. The board will probably continue on into the coming week.

Lt. Col. Verne Austin said that no statement was forthcoming at this time and that when findings were complete they would be forwarded to the 9th service command, Fort Douglas, U. S., and from there would probably be sent to Washington D. C.

Conditions at the center were described as "normal" Saturday. Family of Okamoto had not yet announced funeral arrangements.

### Allies Merge On Two Fronts



Arrows indicate allied drives in Italy, where the two battlefronts (black lines) were merged when American patrols from Anzio and the eastern front met at Borgo Grappa. Germans were reported retreating to positions (broken line) north of the Apennine way. Today the allies had widened their salient and pushed on to shell highway six after taking the town of Sezze. The Via Casilina is the Germans' main escape route and cutting this road will seal the Nazis off.

### FEPC Money Bill Sent to Senate

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Saved from abolition by a four-vote margin in the house late yesterday, proposed new money for President Roosevelt's fair employment practices committee (FEPC) headed today for the senate and a new challenge from southern legislators.

Most controversial item in the \$1,033,358,367 omnibus bill which carries funds for almost a score of home front war agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1, the \$500,000 FEPC fund was tentatively killed by the house by a vote of 141 to 103 or by a count of 123 to 119.

Both votes were by teller, individual votes being unrecorded. Southern democrats led the fight against the agency they claimed was promoting racial disunity and provided most of the 58 votes cast against the entire bill on final passage. Not a single item in the overall measure was changed.

### Soviets Attack Nazi Troopships

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—The Russians reported today an air attack on German troopships in the Barents sea north of Norway. It was the first time in months large-scale German troop movements had been noted in Arctic waters.

The midnight war bulletin from Moscow said two transporters and a destroyer were sunk and three other ships damaged. Whether the ships were carrying new German forces to Norway or withdrawing some was not specified.

Earlier the Germans claimed to have shot down 69 of the 80 attacking red fleet air force, but the Russians said only seven bombers were lost and 10 German planes were downed.

### Woman's Body Found in Lake

DURHAM, N. C., May 27 (AP)—Durham Police Chief H. E. King announced today a woman's body had been found weighted down in Eastwood lake near Chapel Hill where a search was being made for Mrs. Edward M. Jewett, wealthy Booneville, Mo., woman, reported missing since May 10.

King said the body was located by a diver who reported it was held down by heavy blocks. It was left under the water pending the arrival of the Orange county coroner.

Meantime, Mrs. Jewett's 24-year-old grandson, Edward Jewett Martin, remained in the Durham jail. A grand jury indicted him on a murder charge Thursday in connection with the disappearance of his 87-year-old grandmother.

### DNB Tells About Commando Move

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—The German DNB news agency said today that British commandos landed on the island of Miljet, off the Yugoslav coast, the night of May 23-24 but have now withdrawn leaving four dead and several wounded and captured.

### PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

A program which is of interest to the community has been arranged for Tuesday, Memorial Day, by Fred A. LaForge, general chairman, and Colman O'Loughlin, chairman of the Citizens Memorial committee.

Following is the schedule for the day:  
7 a. m.—Decorations of veterans' graves by Legion and auxiliary.

9:30 a. m.—Parade participants gather at Link river bridge conducted by Chaplain A. M. Oliver, naval air station.

10 a. m.—Parade to the courthouse memorial shaft. Marching groups to include detachment of marines from barracks, sailors and WAVES from Klamath naval air station. Reviewing stand at Elks temple.

10:15 a. m.—Memorial service at shaft for those who have made the supreme sacrifice. Conducted by veterans organizations and memorial committee. All marching organizations asked to remain march formation to continue on to cemetery. Those having flowers to place at the base of the shaft are requested to group themselves directly in front of the memorial.

Memorial service will include massing of colors by veterans' organizations, national anthem, invocation by Rev. T. P. Casey, talks by Colonel E. Dubel, Marine Barracks, and Lt. L. E. Messenger, Klamath naval air station. Placing of wreaths on shaft and tomb of unknown soldier. Thirty seconds of silence in respect to the dead, firing squad, and the sounding of taps.

Parade to the cemetery from (Continued on Page Eight)

### Airmen Blast Matsuwa Island

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—American airmen, reaching far down the North Pacific Kurile island chain, blasted Matsuwa island only a little more than a thousand miles from Tokyo Thursday.

The navy gave no details today in reporting the raid carried out just before dawn by big Liberator bombers of the 11th army air force. No opposition was encountered.

### Berlin Plans Invasion News

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Berlin radio told its listeners today it would give "quick, reliable and elaborate" reports on the invasion of western Europe.

The station said that since presumably the main front would be in western Europe, "Werner Lojewski, who hitherto has held an important post in the Berlin head office, will take over reporting as a special correspondent from France."

(In New York the CBS listening post recorded a Berlin broadcast of an article by Propaganda Minister Goebbels in which the latter declared the entire reich "has to work in these weeks and months as if it were a matter of life and death," and then added: "No sign of weakness or resignation shall have a place among us. We fight for our naked existence.")

### Goebbels Flays "Terror Fliers"

STOCKHOLM, May 27 (AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels writing in the Volkischer Beobachter declared today that the Nazi government no longer would give allied airmen bailing out over Germany police and military protection against wrathful civilians.

"Anglo-American terror fliers," he wrote, "in recent weeks, besides bombing at random residential quarters, have openly and directly without showing any respect for international war conventions, started an attack on the German civilian population, firing at them and murdering them cold-bloodedly."

"It is only possible to protect the life of an enemy pilot shot down after such an attack with the aid of armed force as they would otherwise be lynched by the affected population," Goebbels said, then added:

"It would be asking too much of us if we were expected to employ German soldiers to protect the murderers of children against parents seized by panic and rage."

The article did not say whether German civilians had attempted to attack British or American airmen forced to land in the reich.

### More Invasion Instructions Out

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Europeans were warned today to keep off the roads when allied armies of invasion strike into the continent.

A spokesman from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters gave these instructions in the fourth of the series of instructional broadcasts beamed to the European underground:

"When the uniformed forces arrive the fighting may pass through your district. This will be the time when you will be able to give them the most trouble and obstruct their progress."

"In the common interest therefore at that time do not on any account leave the neighborhood of your village or town."

"Do not let the Germans entice you onto the road. It is there that the greatest dangers lie. They will as always use you for their own purposes."

### Estelle Taylor Leaves Husband

HOLLYWOOD, May 27 (AP)—Wed a year ago tomorrow, Actress Estelle Taylor and her third husband, Agent-Producer Paul Small, have separated, she says.

"We have been friends and Paul has managed my stage career for five years, but I'm afraid I'll have to say that the reason it has not worked out is incompatibility," Miss Taylor asserted last night.

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### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
GAIN the Italian fighting holds the spotlight to the exclusion of everything else on the European war fronts.

THERE is an exciting note in the news today. "Reconnaissance units are reported only two and half miles from Valmontone, the Rome end of the Casilina road. Reconnaissance units are moving forward in advance of the main force. Light forces are getting through they are likely to be followed by heavy forces."

The point is that we're GETTING FARTHER BEHIND the German armies fighting south of Rome.

There are three good routes between the Cassino area, where the fighting is heaviest, and Rome. One of these, the Casilina way, we've ALREADY LOCKED pretty completely. On the Casilina way, we're pinning at Valmontone.

That leaves only the Liri valley route, much narrower and much longer around. If we can get the Apennine and the Casilina routes near Rome, the Germans to the south will be forced to use the longer Casilina route through the narrow columns will be open to terrific punishment.

These three routes (well supplied with both highways and railroads) run through more or less parallel valleys in the high mountain ranges in between. There are no good connecting routes through these mountain ranges. The situation is fairly clear by a map and will be found on this page.

ALREADY our planes are doing terrific damage to German transport columns. In the last three days they have destroyed or damaged 2650 German vehicles. (From the practical standpoint, a truck damaged in battle is as good as destroyed.)

KEEP in mind that this force is cutting the German escape routes comes from our own beach head. There were no months when Anzio looked like a flop. It is coming in mighty handy right now.

THE prisoner bag today is reported to "exceed" 13,000. It is going up steadily, but still doesn't indicate German demoralization. Throughout this whole war, the disciplined, skilled Germans have been good at getting out of traps. It remains to be seen whether they can get out of this one.

AN interesting straw in the wind comes from Moscow today. The Russians say that GERMAN TROOPSHIPS in the Barents sea, north of Norway. The Germans admit there has been a light of some sort up there.

Are the Germans GOING IN FOR COMING OUT?

THERE is still no report of a break in the pro-German line-up of the scared neutral and satellite countries.

THE Chinese on the tropical Salween front in Burma are fighting today in passes so high that the rain (in a latitude about the same as Mexico City and southern Cuba) is turning to sleet and ice. These Chinese have been largely supplied and equipped by us.

The news from Honan still is too good. Chungking is still today that Loyang, up on the Yellow river, has probably fallen to the Japs.

EUGENE BURNS, AP correspondent back from the Pacific for a rest, says today the Jap defensive perimeter (meaning the ring of islands guarding the Jap mainland) is so weak that our navy "could slice through it at will." He adds that the Japs are "operating everywhere on a shoestring."

That is very very good if true, and recent events make it seem almost credible.

WE shouldn't entirely ignore the Chinese idea that the Japs are planning, if the going gets too tough, to RETIRE (Continued on Page Eight)

### Chicago Food Poison Probed

CHICAGO, May 27 (AP)—More than 115 persons, 103 of whom were discharged or were scheduled for early release from hospitals today as city and health department inspectors investigated several eating places of a Loop restaurant chain.

Those afflicted had eaten at the establishments yesterday. Thirty navy inductees, only 11 of whom were treated in the city sick bay at navy pier and 24 others were hospitalized, as were at least 16 civilians.