

AMERICAN PLANES BOMB BULGARIAN CAPITAL

SOFIA RECEIVES FIRST TASTE OF ALLIED REVENGE

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(AP)—American B-25 Mitchell medium bombers ranged in force over Sofia yesterday, making the first air attack on the Bulgarian capital from this theater in a blow designed to dislocate traffic over the whole Balkan rail system, while ground in Italy the battle lines remained virtually unchanged.

Other bombers swept into France for their third crack at the important Antheor railway viaduct near Cannes, and light bombers shot up the harbor of Civitavecchia on the west coast of Italy.

Down 9 Nazi Planes
Escorted by P-38 Lightnings, the Mitchells dipped over Sofia's railway yards in two big formations, dropping tons of explosives on the target. Nine out of approximately 24 German intercepting fighters were shot down in a fierce battle.

"This successful opening of the Balkan offensive has a far reaching consequence," an official announcement said.

NEW OFFENSIVES REPORTED
London—(AP)—The American Fifth army launched a heavy new attack on German positions last night in a drive toward Cassino on the main inland road to Rome, the German-controlled Paris radio declared today.

Only Lose One Plane
In all the day and night air operations, including fighter sweeps over the battle areas and attacks in northern Italy and Yugoslavia, the allies listed one plane as lost.

Concerning the ground fighting across Italy, the daily communique said only that the Eighth army had carried out successful patrol actions.

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PRISONERS EXCHANGED AT BARCELONA—A group of German prisoners (left) march past British prisoners, mostly Australians and New Zealanders, during an exchange at Barcelona, Spain. Many had been in captivity for two years. Both groups are heading for the ships which will take them to their homelands.

Congressional Group Roundly Assails OPA For Its Use of Power

Washington—(AP)—The office of price administration (OPA) was roundly assailed today by a congressional committee which accused it of having promulgated "illegal, absurd, useless and conflicting" regulations and of having "construed its power to authorize it to sentence citizens of the United States to starvation."

The committee, headed by Rep. Smith (D-Va.) and created by the house to keep a check on activities of executive agencies, recommended changes in existing law to "retain and strengthen inflation control and at the same time eliminate the abuses and injustices now apparent."

Right and Wrong Ways
Conceding a need for "extraordinary governmental action" in time of war to mobilize the nation's economic as well as military resources, the committee said "there are right and wrong ways to accomplish these purposes, the wrong way being by the usurpation of power by executive agencies through 'misinterpretation and abuse of powers' granted by congress 'and the assumption of powers not granted.'"

There was no immediate official comment by OPA, but Reps. Scammon (D-Pa.) and McMurray (D-Wis.), chairman and secretary respectively of the Congressional Committee for the Protection of Consumers promptly issued a statement on behalf of this group attacking the Smith committee conclusions as "unfortunate, misleading and harmful to our national economic stabilization program."

"The Smith report is based upon questionable and in many instances, seriously biased interpretations of the statutory and constitutional powers of OPA," said the Scammon-McMurray statement, which asserted the consumers-protection committee had a membership of more than 60 congressmen "vitaly concerned with the effective operation of our price control and rationing program."

The reply said this group "does not hold that the OPA should be above criticism or that the OPA in the past has not made some mistakes," but added: "those forces in our country who have from the outset opposed effective price control and rationing will, in the Smith committee report, find comfort and a new weapon in their fight against our war government's anti-inflation program."

Against the OPA, the Smith committee made this charge: "The office of price administration has assumed unauthorized powers to legislate by regulation and See—OPA—Page 7

Sight Rifles Only at Quarry—Skillings
Deer hunters who wish to "sight in the old rifle" will be smart not to do so while standing on a likely looking runway, for instance, or on too remote a side road, advises Conservation Warden Vince Skillings.

The place to sight in your gun is at the Chase street quarry, says Skillings, and persons who do any pre-season shooting elsewhere in the community may find themselves in an embarrassing position.

Will Extend U-Boat Operations—Berlin
London—(AP)—The Berlin radio asserted today that the field of German submarine operations, "so far confined mainly to the Atlantic and adjoining waters," soon will be greatly extended. This extension of operational areas will force the enemy to transfer naval escorts, craft and airplanes to other seas," the broadcast declared. "A corresponding weakening of his convoy escorts will be the inevitable result everywhere."

Decline to Join
In a statement, issued last night, he confirmed reports that Count Carlos Sforza, pre-Fascist foreign minister; Benedetto Croce, noted Italian philosopher, and other political leaders had declined to join a government under a king they considered tainted by Fascism.

Badoglio now has abandoned efforts to form a representative government. He announced Saturday he would set up what was designated as a technical cabinet—a more government framework in which minor functionaries would carry on the necessary work until the capital is freed.

Badoglio's decision was a direct result of his refusal to take part in any government which unseats the aged king.

"When I was 17," the marshal said at a press conference, "I swore loyalty to the king and will keep faith as long as I live."

ASKS CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE RELIEF MONEY

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to authorize appropriations for United States participation in activities of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration.

After the UNRRA meeting in Atlantic City ends, he said he would inform congress of its result and ask the appropriation of specific sums.

Determine Own Contribution
In a message to the legislators, the chief executive said that each nation would determine for itself the amount and character of its contribution, and that it was hoped "a small fraction of the national income of the contributing member states" would be sufficient to help liberated peoples to help themselves in rebuilding homes, factories and farms.

The UNRRA agreement, Mr. Roosevelt said, provides only a framework for giving "first aid" in liberated areas and the agency will make only a beginning in the tremendous job of aiding war victims. The liberated peoples themselves, he said, will assume the greater share of the task.

UNRRA, the chief executive asserted, will help furnish medicine, food, clothing, and basic necessities and services needed to restore the strength of liberated peoples.

Axis Destroys Everything
"They have been deliberately stripped by the enemy," Mr. Roosevelt said, "in order to support the axis war machine. More than that, the axis leaders have boasted that as they withdraw, they will leave only devastation—that they have not stolen, they will destroy."

"As our American soldiers fight their way up the Italian boot, we are discovering at first hand that the barbarism of the Nazis is equal to their boast. Their only rivals in this respect are the Japanese."

As occupied areas are freed, the president said, their peoples are being enlisted in support of allied armies. Already, he said, a new French army has been created and increasing numbers in Sicily and See—ROOSEVELT—Page 5

Fred Fiegel, 85, Dies, Funeral Rites Wednesday

Fred Fiegel, 85, a retired rural mail carrier, died at his home, 1330 Chestnut street, at 5:15 p. m. Saturday after a lingering illness. The Rev. A. W. Triggs will officiate at funeral services to be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Baker chapel. Interment will take place in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mr. Fiegel was born at Quincy, Adams county, on May 27, 1858, the son of John and Louise Fiegel, and had lived in central Wisconsin all his life. He married Margaret Gunderson at Strong's Prairie on July 1, 1896. Six children were born to this union, three preceding their father in death.

Besides his wife, and children, Gustav of this city, Mrs. Charles Hoechst of Milwaukee and Mrs. John Cliplef of Minneapolis, he leaves a brother, Frank of Opportunity, Wash., nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Fiegel served as a rural carrier for 50 years, first on the Strong's Prairie star route and then on a route out of the Wisconsin Rapids postoffice, retiring in 1928. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Friends may call at the Baker and Son funeral home to pay their respects.

Badoglio Says He'll Resign As Premier When Rome Falls

Italian Headquarters in Italy—(AP)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio's pledge to resign as head of the Italian government when Rome falls was quickly followed today by strong indications that King Vittorio Emanuele's abdication is only a matter of time.

Reflects General Attitude
Dr. Leopoldo Piccardi, who quit as minister of labor and commerce on the heels of Badoglio's statement yesterday, reflected the general attitude that the end is near for the monarch when he told friends he could not afford to be associated with the premier's proposed "technical cabinet" but, by inference, with the king.

By his statement that he would quit when the allies reach Rome, Badoglio reversed previous declarations he would stay in office until the Germans are driven from the country.

Reds Reach Point Only 35 Miles From Borders Of Russia and Poland

Moscow—(AP)—Masses of red army infantry, cavalry, tanks and self-propelled guns pouring into the hole west of Kiev to Baranovka have reached a point only 35 miles from the pre-war borders of Russia and Poland.

A 42-mile advance took the plunging Soviet columns into Baranovka since the capture of the rail junction of Zhitomir on Saturday.

Thirty-eight miles to the northwest of Baranovka is the town of Gorodnitsa, just inside the old Russian border. Fifty-two miles directly west of Baranovka is Ostrog, just inside the old Polish frontier. 35 Miles Away

The old line of demarcation slanting to the northeast from Ostrog comes within 35 miles of the present red army lines.

The German high command announced today that Russian Cossacks and tanks, in a sweeping drive west of Gomel, had driven to Rechitsa, about 80 miles to the southwest on the railroad linking Gomel with Poland, but had been beaten back in attempts to capture the town itself.

Rechitsa's seizure would sever one of the two remaining rail lines over which the Nazi defenders of the old fortress of Gomel might fall back to escape the encircling Soviet movement.

The advance along the northern edges of the vast Pripiet marshes also threatened to split off the northern German armies from the forces of the central front.

Another Berlin broadcast acknowledged the German evacuation of Zhitomir, rail junction on the Nazis' last north-south railroad artery east of the old Polish border, whose fall threatened to cut the central Nazi forces off from the southern German armies.

Soviets Renew Attacks
The broadcast reported renewed Soviet attacks northwest of Kerch in the drive against German and Rumanian forces sealed off in the Crimea, and fresh Soviet attacks in the Dnieper bend.

The German-controlled Paris radio said that Russian assaults in the Krivoi Rog area in the Dnieper bend were developing into a large-scale offensive on a broad front.

Moscow said the red army, expanding its salient west of Kiev, was surging close today to the vital rail junction of Korosten, capture of which would give the Russians control of a 50-mile stretch of the Leningrad-Odessa railway system between Korosten and Zhitomir.

Three Defy Congress; On Jobs As Usual

Washington—(AP)—Three federal employees defied congress today by reporting for work as usual.

The lawmakers, in a rider attached to an appropriation bill last summer, decreed that their salaries should be stopped today because of alleged affiliation with subversive organizations.

Goodwin Watson and William E. Dodd jr., were at their desks in the federal communications commission here. Watson is chief of the analysis division. Dodd, son of the late ambassador to Germany, reported around mid-day for his customary shift editing news monitored from foreign broadcasts.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes already has said that Robert Moras Lovett would continue at his post in the Virgin Islands after November 15 and sue for his salary. Lovett was government secretary of the islands when congress took action against him, and was appointed by Ickes last month to another position with similar duties, executive assistant to the governor.

Report Petain Has Suffered a Stroke

Bern, Switzerland—(AP)—The newspaper La Suisse, in an editorial note to a Vichy dispatch on the failure of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain to appear on a balcony before crowds yesterday, said today it had reliable information, "naturally unconfirmable," that the aged marshal had suffered a stroke. Another unverified rumor from the French frontier said partisans had made an attack on Petain.

RAILROAD ASKS \$56,860 AS COST IN TRUCK CRASH

Damages totalling \$56,860.29 are alleged in a civil case the trial of which was begun today before Judge H. J. Severson in circuit court here. Plaintiff in the action is the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad company, which claims that the damage was caused September 21, 1942 when a truck owned by the defendant company, the Nekosoa-Edwards Paper company, ran into a train on a siding at Millston, Jackson county, Wis.

"Detail Several Cars"
According to the complaint, the plaintiff alleges that the truck knocked several cars off the track, also derailed cars from a second train which was on an adjoining track, to derail and damage a total of 27 cars.

The jury men, chosen this morning to hear the trial, are Estella Houston, Marshfield; Howard Bender, Auburndale; Ione Tomfohrde, town of Arpin; Helen Hentjes, town of Rudolph; Otto Marti, town of Auburndale; Alpha Tiffany, town of Remington; Isla Thomas, town of Sherry; Ben O. Gleue, Wisconsin Rapids; Henry Yetter, Wisconsin Rapids; Perry Hamm, town of Rapid; Violet Haefner, town of Grand Rapids, and Agnes Olsen, town of Richfield.

Formal Statements Made
Attorneys made formal opening statements to the court this morning, planned to begin actual trial of the case this afternoon. Brazeau and Graves of this city are presenting the defendant's arguments, while John F. Baker and John E. Kruger, both of Milwaukee, with A. J. Crowns of counsel, Wisconsin Rapids, are presenting the plaintiff's case.

Mrs. John Johnson Succumbs After Lingering Illness

Mrs. John E. Johnson, 58, of 1940 Eighth street south, died at 5 p. m. Saturday at Riverview hospital following a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 16, at 1:30 p. m. from the Krohn and Berard chapel and 2 p. m. at the Gospel Tabernacle with the Rev. H. B. Pencovic officiating, assisted by two sons-in-law of the deceased, the Rev. R. A. Reiben of LaCrosse and the Rev. Emmett Strehlow of Plattville. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson, nee Oline Olson, was born in Sarsberg, Norway, on December 9, 1884, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olson. She came to the United States in 1906 and had lived in this community since. Her marriage to John E. Johnson took place on May 4, 1907, at Shiocton, Wis.

Surviving relatives include the husband and six children, Joseph of Oak Park, Ill., Mrs. R. Reiben of LaCrosse, Mrs. Emmett Strehlow of Plattville, George and Marjorie at home and Russell with the U. S. army at Jackson, Miss.; three sisters in Norway, and five grandchildren.

Friends may pay their respects at the Krohn and Berard funeral home until time for services.

Will Announce Pickup Of Waste Fats Soon

Wisconsin Rapids housewives are asked to join housewives throughout America in stepping up the home fat salvage from 120 millions of pounds in the past year to 280 millions of pounds in the next 12 months.

Salvage committees here soon will announce the plans for waste fat collection, says Bruce Biechl, salvage chairman for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is assuming the salvage collections in the south Wood county area.

Farm butchering and rendering at this time of the year makes especially important the waste fat collection now, he points out. The used fats are a source of glycerine, which in turn is a source of explosives.

Salvaged fats make shells, bombs, synthetic rubber, drugs, insect repellents and a score of other war-scarce materials, the national fat salvage committee points out.

Reject O'Mahoney's Poll Tax Resolution

Washington—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee rejected 9 to 8 today a resolution by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) calling for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the collection of a poll tax as a qualification for voting for federal officers.

The committee previously approved a bill to prohibit the collection of such taxes.

U. S. Sinks 6 More Jap Merchant Ships

Washington—(AP)—The navy today counted a total of 496 enemy vessels sunk or damaged by U. S. submarines with the report of six more Japanese merchant ships and two other merchant ships hit.

America's submarines thus far have sunk 346 Japanese ships, possibly sunk 36 others and damaged 114.