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AMERICAN TROOPS STAB DEEPER INTO SICILY

Face Long War, Navy View

LIBERATORS RAID JAPANESE BASE OF PARAMUSHIRO

Washington—(AP)—The navy announced today that Liberator heavy bombers, winging over the Japanese side of the north Pacific, had bombed the enemy base of Paramushiro Monday, starting fires and scoring near hits on shipping.

The big army planes were described as "a formation," which may have been a dozen or so. They apparently operated from the American base of Amchitka in the western Aleutians. It is 861 nautical miles from Amchitka to Paramushiro.

Move Closer to Japan

This is the first raid in which bombers of the American north Pacific force have struck so closely to Japan proper. Paramushiro is at the northern end of the Kurile chain, which runs south like an arrow pointing to Tokyo about 1,200 miles away. The attack puts pressure on Japan's northern defense positions in coordination with the offensive against New Guinea positions far to the south.

There were reports here last week that American planes had delivered their long expected attack on Paramushiro and Secretary Knox was asked at a press conference whether he would comment. He declined to affirm or deny the reports.

Japs Bomb Canton Island

The communique announcing the precedent-setting raid also disclosed that in the central area of the south Pacific Japanese planes bombed Canton island Sunday without causing personnel casualties or material damage.

Canton previously had been attacked in a night raid March 25. It is in the Phoenix group southwest of Pearl Harbor.

Also on Tuesday a formation of army heavy and medium bombers attacked the Japanese positions on Kiska island in the Aleutians. The blows were directed at the enemy's main camp area and his defenses about Gertrude cove. Due to overcast, results were not observed.

Have Clear Weather

A spokesman, discussing the Paramushiro raid said the fliers got a great break in the clear weather. They were able to pour destruction on their targets with precision.

What the Japanese have at Paramushiro never has been reported. Presumably they have installed airfield facilities, since during the battle of Attu their planes twice swooped up to attack American shipping and must have come from the vicinity of the northern Kuriles.

Equally as important as any direct military damage, in the opinion of observers here, is the psychological value of not only threatening but actively attacking the Japanese along the northern arch of their defenses as well as in the south.

Find No Clues to Sabotage Attempt in Adams County

Adams county's Sheriff Sam Stone, together with an agent from the federal bureau of investigation, have reported no clues to the sabotage recently reported on the H. L. Woodward truck farms in the town of Leola, where the crank cases of three tractors were found to be filled with sand and metal filings.

The attempted sabotage was discovered in time to have the machines taken apart and cleaned before much actual damage was done. A big diesel caterpillar and two farmalls were loaded with the corrosive substances.

It is believed the sabotage attempt was made by persons who had worked on the Woodward farms in the past.

In the meantime the siege of heavy rains a fortnight ago made it impossible to work with the truck crops in the muck, and although the Woodward farms' extensive acreages of onions, carrots and Russian dandelion are growing very well, the weeds are prospering also.

The peatland truck farms need much hand labor now and are getting it. Jamaican workers, with wheel hoes and by hand, are slowly covering the vast acreage. Federal officials express themselves as well pleased with the Russian dandelion acreage on the Leola marshes. The crop is grown as a source of synthetic rubber.

GIRAUD IN ENGLAND

London—(AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud, co-chairman of the French committee of national liberation, arrived in Great Britain today from Canada.

Axis Propaganda Paints Picture of Destruction Inflicted Upon Rome

London—(AP)—While axis propaganda beat the drums of indignation today over the American bombing of Rome, the official Italian communique acknowledged "very great damage" in yesterday's attack and placed the toll of victims at 166 killed and 1,659 injured.

"Even buildings sacred to faith and science are reported heavily hit and some of them partly destroyed, as well as workers' dwellings in the Prenestina and Latina districts," the communique said, but it made no mention of the damage to military objectives.

Air Raid Warnings Again

(A Berlin broadcast, recorded by U. S. government monitors in New York, reported today that air raid warnings were sounded in Rome again last night but said the city itself was not attacked.)

The Italian bulletin, declared the attack by "American formations of hundreds of four-engine planes" lasted three hours and that eight of the raiders were downed.

Among the places partly destroyed, the communique said, were the San Lorenzo Basilica, Verano cemetery, University city and hospitals of the Policlinic institute.

Claim Time Bombs

A German broadcast recorded quoted a correspondent of the Transocean propaganda agency as saying that time bombs dropped by the American fliers in the outskirts of Rome have "exploded one by one since Monday night."

The Berlin radio also reported that the supreme commander of Italian military police and his chief deputy had been killed during the Rome raid.

Another broadcast by the Berlin radio, which reported previously that Pope Pius XII had visited the Basilica immediately after the raid, said Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, Vatican under-secretary of state, had interviewed American Charge D'Affaires Harold Tittman in the Vatican. It quoted DNB, German news agency, as assuming that a protest had been handed to Tittman. The report of the conference was not confirmed elsewhere.

Axis propaganda, which apparently was caught flat-footed by the allied methods in yesterday's assault, began pulling out all stops today in attempts to stir indignation against the allies in neutral and Catholic quarters.

Typical Outburst

One typical outburst came from a German radio commentator, Otto Krieg, who said "throughout the See—PROPAGANDA—Page 7

FBI Searches Cause Of Train Explosion

Monroeville, O.—(AP)—Federal bureau of investigation agents today sought the cause of the derailment and explosion of a munitions-laden Wheeling & Lake Erie freight train which showered this city of 1,200 with shell fragments and brought local civilian defense workers into action to protect the citizenry.

Train officials said one of three "transients" seen riding the train before the explosion was killed and that another was missing and believed dead.

The explosion occurred late yesterday when the munitions cars left the tracks, dragging 14 others along.

A series of rapid-fire explosions followed, raining spent shell fragments on the village. Civilian defense officials said no damage resulted and residents were hurried to shelter.

Brown Cracks Back At Auto Assn. Charges

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FBI Arrest Plugs Axis Platinum Leak

Washington—(AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said today that Harold Ebury, 45, a British subject, had been taken into custody at Monterey, Calif., and that the arrest had plugged a leak through which the axis was believed to have obtained in recent months more than 7,000 grams of platinum. Hoover said the metal, essential for war uses, had been purchased illicitly in Latin America and sent to Buenos Aires. He accused the man under arrest of "heading a nationwide platinum smuggling ring."

FEEL JAPS WILL LAST AT LEAST UNTIL 1949

Washington—(AP)—Vice-Admiral Frederick J. Horne revealed today that the navy is planning for a war against Japan to last at least until 1949.

The vice chief of naval operations, appearing at a press conference at which Secretary Knox strongly deplored current optimism over winning of the war in a hurry, declared he still have "tremendous distances to go in the Pacific and we have to build bases from the ground up as we advance."

Questioned about the time required to win victory in Europe, Horne said that his opinion was "entirely a guess" and he gave no date. He declared however that there is a "good deal of wishful thinking in expectation of a collapse of Germ.-ny."

No Morale Collapse

He predicted there will be no such "morale collapse in the army" as there was in 1918 because, he said, German soldiers have been trained in Hitlerism and have been separated from the family connections through which a spirit of defeat was transmitted in the last war.

Horne and Secretary Knox virtually joined in forecasting that the victory march in the Pacific, long though it may be, will never stop short of complete surrender by the enemy.

"I expect we won't be satisfied with the fall of the Japanese fleet," Horne said. "I expect to see our people in Tokyo before this thing is over unless we want another war within a generation."

"We must make this so expensive for them," Knox said, "that they won't want another one."

Calls Sicily An Outpost

Knox described the fighting for Sicily as the conquest of an outpost and said American troops face in Europe an army of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 men.

"All talk about an early ending of war is wishful thinking," the secretary declared emphatically.

"It has caused a letup in production and we're already feeling the effects of this," he added. "It's just criminal to do it. We have immense armies to equip and get into the field."

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the war production board, backed up Knox's reports on production. A visitor at Knox' press conference, Wilson said "we ought to have produced 8,500 planes this month, but it seems now that we won't get anything like that."

Production is falling short, Wilson declared, even though the air See—LONG WAR—Page 7

Guadalcanal, July 18—(Delayed)

—(AP)—A young American fighter pilot, shot down behind the enemy's lines in New Georgia, struggled five days in the jungle and, aided by a life-jacket, swam 16 hours to escape the Japanese who sometimes were so close he could hear them talking.

Through phenomenal luck and tenacious courage, First Lieut. Edward Whitman jr., 25, Garrison, Md., at last neared a marine outpost.

Finally Rescued

The marines sighted Whitman and two sailor-survivors of the destroyer Strong, the only American warship lost in the early phases of landing operations in the New Georgia group. The three men, weakened by exposure and worn by strain, were drifting in a small boat when they were rescued.

Whitman told the story of his experience at the quarters of the general commanding army fighter plane units in the Solomons. His broken left arm was braced in a case. His right cheekbone was fractured and his right eye blackened.

The P-39 fighter pilot grinned with enthusiasm when he told of his rescue.

A Happy Sight

"I'll never forget seeing that marine's red head sticking out of the patrol boat when they came to pick us up," he said.

Until he could see the marine's red hair, he and his two sailor companions feared that the patrol boat putting out from shore might have been Japanese.

"We'd decided we were going to fight it out," the injured pilot added. "We had our rifles ready."

Flying in a fighter patrol covering American invasion troops on See—RESCUE—Page 7

Posse To Round Up Harvest Help, Warning

Fitzgerald, Ga.—(AP)—If it comes to that, Judge O. T. Gower says he will have the sheriff deputize able-bodied citizens to harvest crops in this labor-short south Georgia community.

He will issue a "posse commitment," says the superior court judge, and send the sheriff out rounding up harvest workers. This legal writ is an instrument designed to meet major emergencies such as riots, insurrections or great fires, Judge Gower said.

U. S. BOMBS TONKING (By The Associated Press)

The Tokyo radio reported in a Hanoi dispatch today that the United States air force in China had bombed the Tonking area of French Indo-China on Sunday and Monday.

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—and they are never disappointed when the Want Ads are used. Here is another advertisement that brought quick results:

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THE ETERNAL CITY FROM THE AIR—This is a panoramic air view of the ancient Italian capital city of Rome where railway marshalling yards were blasted by a heavy force of American bombers in a follow-up to the Churchill-Roosevelt ultimatum to the Italian people to get out of the war. Refugees have doubled the 2,500-year-old city's normal 900,000 population. Circular building is the Colosseum. Large structure at right is the Victor Emmanuel II monument.

Rome Bombing Attack Termed "Outstandingly Successful;" Only 5 of 500 Planes Lost

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(AP)—Allied headquarters described yesterday's shattering aerial assault on Rome as an "outstandingly successful operation" today and disclosed officially that more than 500 American bombers carried out the raid with a loss of five planes.

Aerial reconnaissance showed heavy damage to all targets and a 9th U. S. air force communique from Cairo said the Littoria railroad yards "were completely destroyed."

"Very severe damage" was caused to the vital San Lorenzo rail yards, also within the limits of the Imperial city, while grounded aircraft and hangars were destroyed at the Rome airbase.

Meet Slight Opposition

The Tabonelli Steel plant and a large chemical works were battered by the waves of American raiders which swept over Rome for two and a half hours, challenged by what was described officially as only "slight opposition" from enemy fighter planes.

Two enemy interceptors were blasted out of the air by Lightning fighters which escorted the heavy and medium bombers on the war's first aerial attack on the Italian capital.

Lieut. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the northwest African air forces, sent congratulations today to Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the strategic air force, for the success of the attack.

"It is one of the many accurate attacks which your forces have carried out during the present battle, all of which had a marked significance in their successful outcome," Spaatz said.

Liberators Do Their Part

The middle east communique said four-engine Liberator of the 9th U. S. air force alone dumped nearly 330 tons of high explosives for their part in the mammoth assault.

"String after string of bombs criss-crossed yards and photographs indicate that an area of 400 yards by two miles long is a mass of twisted steel rails, gaping bomb craters and wreckage of rolling stock and buildings," the bulletin declared.

BBC today broadcast a Swiss dispatch on the American bombing of Rome saying that Premier Mussolini "spent the entire raid in a shelter constructed specially for him."

The official pictures of the havoc created by the bombers showed that the Ciampino airport was damaged severely, with a number of hangars blasted or set afire and a large number of parked aircraft nearby hit by See—ROME—Page 7

Mussolini, Hitler Talk Over Crisis

(By The Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler and Premier Mussolini "met in a north Italian city for discussion of military matters," the Berlin radio announced tonight in a Berlin dispatch.

The meeting occurred yesterday. A communique issued from Hitler's headquarters today said: "The fuhrer and Il Duce met Monday, July 19, in a city in upper Italy." Military questions were discussed.

The two axis leaders last met April 7 to 10 at Hitler's headquarters, where, it was announced they reached "complete agreement on all measures to be taken in any respect."

Both Hitler and Mussolini have remained silent as new disasters came upon their people—the fall of Tunisia, the bombing of the Ruhr and the invasion of Sicily.

But the increasing portents of doom clearly forced a new meeting.

Germany Threatens Retaliatory Bombing

(By The Associated Press)

Dr. Paul Schmidt, German foreign office spokesman, was quoted by the Berlin radio today as threatening axis retaliation for yesterday's bombing of Rome and saying: "The enemy will then appeal in vain to the conscience of the world or to humanity—as he will also point in vain to cultural monuments and institutions of Washington, New York or London."

The broadcast quoted Dr. Schmidt as saying: "The day will come for which everyone in Germany and Italy is waiting—the day which we are determined will come: the day of revengeful retaliation when the cup of hatred will finally overflow."

Arpin Farmer, 39, Is Hurt in Grain Binder

Arpin, Wis.—Vern Schonke, 39, Arpin, Route 2, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Marshfield, today with wounds which physicians termed "multiple, deep lacerations of both legs," the result of a farm accident. Schonke's legs became entangled in the moving parts of a grain binder. Physicians this noon pronounced his condition good.

U. S. Hires Fewer As Result of Probe, Boast

Washington—(AP)—Chairman Ramspeck reported today that since establishment of the house civil service investigating committee last November, the average of government hirings had dropped 57,000 a month. He said this represents an eight-month saving in salaries of about \$500,000,000.

Ramspeck (D-Ga.) said that for the first 10 months of 1942 the government hired an average of 103,000 new civilian workers a month, but this declined to 46,000 a month after establishment of the special committee.

ITALIANS REBEL, KILLED

London—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm quoted a Swedish dispatch today as reporting that German SS troops (elite guards) killed 20 Italian workers who demonstrated at a synthetic rubber factory and demanded to be sent home.

BRITISH SHATTER DESPERATE NAZI TANK ATTACKS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(AP)—American troops are stabbing deeper into western and central Sicily against weakening axis resistance by Italians reported mutinying against German officers, and British forces in the battle for Catania have smashed back desperate German tank attacks, it was announced today.

Allied troops were within artillery range of Enna—the central Sicily stronghold commanding main roads and railroads east and west—and pounding at the gates of Catania, the prop of all eastern coast defenses.

Front dispatches said U. S. troops had advanced 10 miles west of Agrigento on the southwest coast.

Many Italians Give Up

"There are many indications of mutinies by Italian troops commanded by German officers," and hundreds of Italians are surrendering to American troops striking ahead westwards, the allied communique said.

Among those captured was General Giulo Porcinari, commander of the 54th Napoli (Naples) division, the fourth Italian general there to fall into allied hands.

On the smoke-covered Catania plain, British Eighth army advance guards shattered a series of Nazi tank assaults launched in desperate defense of the great seaport. Catania 3 Miles Away

With several bridgeheads established over the network of three rivers in the Catania plain, the British stolidly held a line running from the sea westward in the direction of Ramacca. They were within at least three miles of Catania.

The German Goering grenadier regiment and Nazi parachute troops used with infantry were thrown into the continuing battle and suffered heavily, it was reported.

Some headquarters observers did not view the British pause outside Catania as a temporary check, but as a buildup for a knockout blow to carry through that port to Messina 50 miles up the coast. Take 35,000 Prisoners

Possibly explaining the wholesale Italian surrenders and reports of See—INVASION—Page 7

Allies Hit East Indies Again

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific—(AP)—For the second time since the Japanese overran the Netherlands East Indies, allied bombers have made a daring, long-distance attack on the enemy's major base at Macassar.

A great fleet of Liberators flew 2,000 miles, round trip, Sunday night and left many fires towering above the big harbor city on Celebes. Some of the fires, started along the waterfront, in the factory area, and on the airfield, could be seen 80 miles away.

Enlarge Beachhead Near Munda

At the other end of the long southwest Pacific battlefield, American troops enlarged their beachhead with a limited advance at Lilio, about three miles east of the Japanese key central Solomons airbase at Munda. The communique said 179 Japanese were killed. American losses were described as light.

Avenger and Dauntless bombers pounded Japanese positions north of Munda airbase and at Bairoko on Kula gulf, while Mitchells swooped low and machine-gunned the enemy on the beaches between Munda and Lambeti.

Wipe Out 82 Japs

On New Guinea, allied ground forces cleaned out another Japanese strong point on the slopes of Mount Tambora, near Salamaua, wiping out 82 of the enemy.

Heavy and medium bombers again pounded the Kabil and Balala airbases in the Buna-Faisi area, starting three large fires. Latest reports on the heavy blow struck there Sunday said 21 enemy fighters were shot down against a loss of 10 of our planes. First accounts listed enemy losses at 13, ours at four.

How many planes participated in the Macassar mission was not disclosed but the number was great enough to keep bombers over the target for five hours.

Large Holding Co. May Liquidate

New York—(AP)—The Journal American today said it had learned that a plan for liquidation of the billion dollar North American Co., one of the largest public utility holding companies, was being prepared for presentation to the directors late this month.

The proposal, the Journal American said, was somewhat like that worked out for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Co. 30 years ago when the big company was broken down into regional units, with securities of the regional companies distributed to stockholders.

Naval Board Here to Interview Applicants

A traveling board from the Office of Naval Officer Procurement at Milwaukee, headed by Lieut. Anson McArthur, is at the Wisconsin Rapids postoffice today, interviewing applicants for commissions in the United States naval reserve.

Medical officer with the board is Lieut. Commander I. J. Ricciardi. Here also is Ensign Dorothy Ziegenmeyer of the WAVES, to interview women interested in joining the naval auxiliary.

The traveling board invites visits up to 9 o'clock tonight from persons who have the qualifications for naval commissions. From here the board goes to Wausau, where it will be at the Hotel Wausau on Thursday and Friday.

To Hold Military Rites for Pvt. Elmer Blonien

Full military honors will be paid to Pvt. Elmer F. Blonien, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blonien, Rudolph, who died in a Japanese prison camp, when a requiem mass is conducted at 9 a. m. Thursday at St. Philip's Catholic church in Rudolph.

A funeral procession consisting of a firing squad, color guard, bugler and charman will march from the Blonien home to the church.

Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9, American Legion of Wisconsin Rapids and the Catholic Order of Foresters will have charge of the rites.

Pvt. Blonien was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Bataan peninsula capitulated. His parents were notified by the war department last week that he had died in a prison camp in the Philippines, but the time of death was not given.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Scattered thunder showers northwest portion tonight and extreme north portion Wednesday forenoon; little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday forenoon.

RAIN

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 87; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 61; temperature at 7 a. m., 66.