

ROOSEVELT MAKING MAJOR INSPECTION TOUR

Close Down on Rommel's Aerial Lifeline

Travels Through Southeast States by Train, Motor

Allied Delegates to Deal With Post-War Agricultural Problems

Washington—(P)—Chairman Fulmer (D-S.C.) of the house agriculture committee announced today that the United States delegates to the coming united nations food conference would "submit their program" to the house and senate agriculture committees before the sessions begin.

REDS REPULSE NAZI ATTACKS

Moscow—(P)—Large-scale German attacks have increased in the Kuban delta area of the Black sea coast, and reports today said the Germans had attained numerical superiority in some places, but despite the weight of their attacks they were reported to have gained neither any major success or new territory.

DOWN 96 AXIS PLANES IN 48 HOUR PERIOD

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(P)—The allied aerial offensive, continuing its scorching pace against the axis air ferry route and airplane nests, cut down 24 more enemy planes yesterday, bringing the 48-hour total to 112, of which 70 were Junkers-52 transports, a communiqué from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today.

Smash 58 transports

Raising its total on the flaming Sunday battle over the Sicilian straits, when troop-loaded German transports tumbled out of the sky like leaves in a forest fire, allied headquarters said three more enemy fighting planes had been accounted for by American pilots and their RAF South African allies from the desert air force. This put the total of enemy losses in that single battle at 58 transports and 19 fighters.

The fierce, but somewhat slackened offensive was continued yesterday against Marshal Erwin Rommel's aerial ferry route and resulted in the destruction of 12 more Junkers-52's and eight fighters, the communiqué said.

Four more axis planes destroyed in other fighting yesterday, and 11 in assorted actions Sunday brought the two-day toll to 112.

Allies Lose 23 Planes

Against these losses, the communiqué said the allies had 12 planes missing yesterday. Eleven were announced missing the day before, a two-day total of 23.

Sharp midnight assaults gave them a wedge in Soviet positions in an undisclosed sector but the Russians said they had thrown the Germans out. The Germans lost 400 dead in one sector, said the midday communiqué.

The Nazi attacks were mounted from near the sea of Azov to the heights of Novorossisk and the German air force continued to lend the ground troops heavy support. The Germans were met, however, by determined Russian air resistance and effective anti-aircraft fire, which combined to down 17 enemy planes since yesterday.

(A German broadcast said strong air formations struck at Soviet positions, troop concentrations and supply dumps south of Novorossisk Sunday night and "again inflicted great losses of men and material.")

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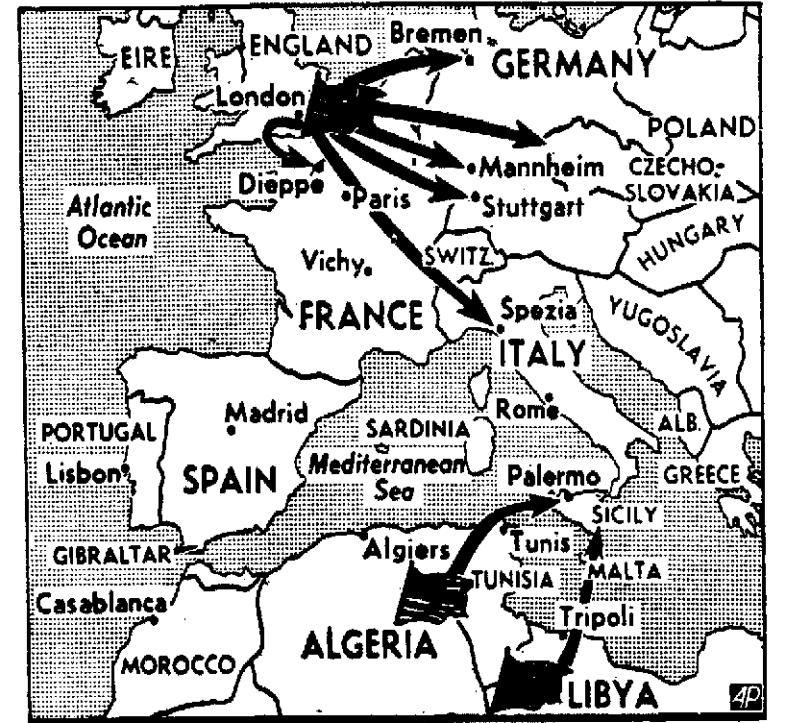
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'ROUND THE CLOCK BOMBING BY ALLIES — In 'round the clock bombing of axis military objectives and arms plants on the European continent, British-based planes pounded Spezia in northern Italy, after U. S. bombers from North Africa blasted Palermo, Sicily, and battered shipping in the Mediterranean. British bombers of the desert air force also struck at Catania, Sicily. Recent allied targets included Stuttgart, Mannheim, and Bremen in Germany, and Pilsen in German-occupied Czechoslovakia.

Appropriation Funds for 1944 Agriculture Approved by the House

Washington—(P)—The house approved a 1944 agricultural appropriation of \$715,099,662 today with a limitation that none of the funds shall be used for incentive payments to encourage greater production of war crops.

A. EMERSON, 45, DIES SUDDENLY

Andrew A. Emerson, 45, honorably discharged from the U. S. army last month after seven months' service, died suddenly at 10:10 p. m. Monday at his home here, a few minutes after being stricken with an acute heart attack. He was this city's first veteran of World War II to die of natural causes.

Emerson was unmarried and resided with his mother, Mrs. L. Emerson, at 150 Fourth avenue north. He was employed by the Milwaukee railroad as a car-checker since returning here from the army, and had worked Monday as usual.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services, with full military rites in charge of Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9, American Legion, are to be held at 9 a. m. next Monday at St. Peter & Paul Catholic church. The Wisconsin State Guard will provide a firing squad. The Rt. Rev. William Redding will officiate and burial is to be in Calvary cemetery.

The body will lie at the Krohn & Berard funeral home until Friday night, when it will be taken to the home until the time of the services. Legionnaires will post a guard of honor at the funeral home. Prayers will be said at the residence Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

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Emerson was inducted into the army August 17, 1942, and served at Camp Wheeler, Ga., Camp McCoy, Wis., Fort Meade, Md., Camp Carrabelle, Fla., and Camp Livingston, La. While in Florida last December he was stricken with pneumonia and was in the camp hospital about two weeks. He received his honorable discharge, because of his age, at Camp Livingston on March 5.

Born at Loyal, Wis., February 20, 1898, Emerson attended school and grew to manhood there. He came to Wisconsin Rapids with his family in 1922 and had since resided here.

He is survived by his mother, a sister, Mrs. Leonard Pantar, and a brother, Peter, all of this city. Another brother, John Emerson, died a year ago.

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