



# RAF CARRIES OUT RECORD ASSAULT ON BERLIN

## Quebec War Council Closes

### COMPLACENCY? NOT HERE, SAYS SEN. LAFOLLETTE

Interviewing and being interviewed by Wood county people in the courthouse here today, Sen. Robert M. LaFollette jr. expresses "high regard for the war job Wisconsin people are doing." Sen. LaFollette's stop here is one step in a tour which is taking him throughout the state.

"People who come to see me don't discuss the larger phases of the war, or of post-war peace," said the senator. "Rather they come to report—not to criticize—on their particular individual jobs. They need tires, perhaps, or some piece of farm machinery. Invariably their desire is for something to help them do their particular war job better, not some item to make their personal living more comfortable."

**An Impressive Job**

The sight of old men harvesting Wisconsin crops, of young boys and girls driving teams and tractors, of Wisconsin industry running full tilt—these were the things, Sen. LaFollette said, which impressed him with the war job Wisconsin people are doing.

"Anyone who tells you the Midwest is complacent about this war, that it isn't taking the war seriously—well, they haven't seen Wisconsin as I've seen it these last few weeks," said the senator.

"People are in a hurry these days, concerned with the job they are doing. Even in these interviews I am having throughout the state, people state their business quickly, report on their particular job or problem, then hurry away, back to the job. There is no idle chit-chat, no sitting around just to make conversation. There is a different feeling, a different tempo, in Wisconsin today."

**First Job to Win War**

Sen. LaFollette ventured no guesses regarding Wisconsin people's attitude towards a post-war world, a federation of nations, about rebuilding destroyed countries. "As I said, people discuss with me only their personal problems, problems connected with their

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### Air Fleets Hammer 2 More Key Rail Points Near City of Naples

**Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(P)—**Allied bomber fleets have hammered two more key railway points near Naples without meeting a single axis defender, while U. S. Liberators sweeping in from the middle east struck Bari on the southeastern coast, downing 14 enemy planes in a blazing air battle, it was announced today.

None of the Liberators were lost.

**No Enemy Fighters**

No enemy fighters rose to challenge U. S. medium Mitchells slamming a load of bombs by daylight into Battipaglia, south of Naples, nor British Wellingtons that pounded Bagnoli in Naples' environs before dawn today.

American Warhawks had a similar experience of no opposition in a sweep over Sardinia and a sharp raid upon enemy barracks and factory buildings at Cagliari.

**Rip Up Tracks**

Strings of bombs ripped up the tracks at Battipaglia.

RAF and RCAF Wellingtons concentrated the attack upon Bagnoli into a few minutes.

One allied plane was lost in all operations.

The Liberators hitting at Bari yesterday above the heel of the Italian boot met a heavy force of fighter planes, with their gunners claiming 14 of them. This raid was directed against the airdrome and freight yards, and hits were seen among hangars and rail yards.

**Raid Island of Rhodes**

RAF Wellingtons from the middle east attacked barracks at Lindos on the island of Rhodes.

While the air war thus continued in full swing an allied naval communique disclosed that two French

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### LEADERS LOOK AT THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

Quebec—(P)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill closed the Quebec war conference today with a statement hinting a tri-partite meeting with Russia and declaring that "necessary decisions have been taken to provide for the forward action of the fleets, armies and air forces" of Britain and the United States.

The president and prime minister brought their meeting here to an end at a press conference on the terrace of the citadel where they have been deliberating for eight days.

**Confident of Future**

Nothing of the strategy directives that have been sent to military commanders in the field was disclosed. But the two leaders spoke with utter confidence of the future.

In their formal statement, Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill said they had decided to confer again before the end of the year, "in addition to any tri-partite meeting which it may be possible to arrange with Soviet Russia."

"They said full reports of the decisions reached here, so far as they affect the war in Europe, would be supplied to the Russian government."

**Jap War Important**

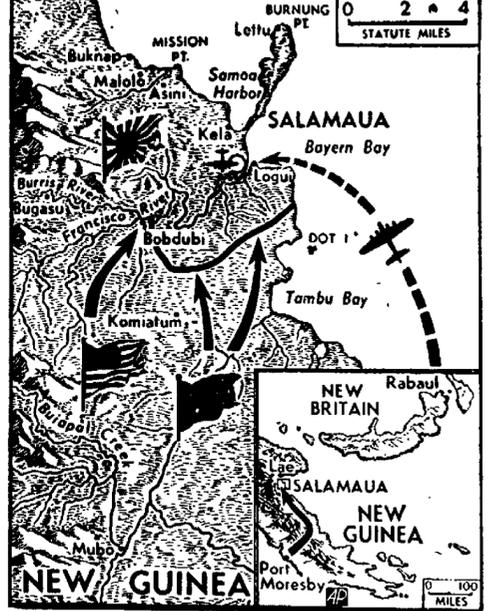
Churchill made it clear that the war against Japan had held an important spot on the Quebec conference agenda. Russia is not fighting Japan, and the prime minister left the definite impression that she had not been invited to send representation here for that reason.

The two allied leaders disclosed also that consideration had been given to the question of the French committee for national liberation and said announcements might be expected in that connection over the week-end from many governments.

**Survey "Whole Field"**

Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill said

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ALLIES PUT SALAMAUA UNDER SHELL FIRE—Arrows indicate advancing American and Australian troops which have reached a semi-circular front (line) enabling Japanese-held Salamaua and its airport to be brought under artillery fire. Allies also raided Logui village. Inset details progress of allied column from a point 44 airline miles from Fort Moresby virtually to Salamaua.

## 58 Bombers Are Listed as Missing In Historic Attack

London—(P)—RAF squadrons smashed at Berlin last night in a raid twice as heavy as any capital ever suffered, casting down more than 1,800 long tons of explosives and incendiaries, and opening of the supreme offensive to "Hamburg" Hitler's seat of power was indicated.

Fifty-eight bombers went down before German anti-aircraft defenses in this historic assault, the air ministry announced, the largest number ever lost by the British in any one night.

Devastation was plainly on a scale comparable to the power of the attack. One returning pilot said the smoke boiled up three miles.

**"Very Great Strength"**

The air ministry's story of the operation did not mention the size of the raiding force except to say that the assault was twice as heavy as any made before on any capital and that it was "in very great strength."

The previous heaviest raid on any capital was the March attack on Berlin in which 900 long tons—the British standard of 2,240 pounds—were dropped.

**7 Canadian Planes Missing**

RAF and Canadian crews and some American volunteers participated in the assault, and RCAF headquarters announced that the full weight of the Canadian bomber group was thrown into the attack. Seven of the missing planes were Canadian.

Two of the bombers apparently from the Berlin raid came down in Swedish territory, one in flames after a running battle with a German fighter which also landed in Sweden. Preliminary reports said nine of the 14 crewmen of the two ships were accounted for.

"Explosive and incendiary bombs caused destruction in residential quarters and to public buildings and hospitals," a German communique said. "The civilian population suffered losses."

The air ministry communique said the assault, was delivered in clear weather just before midnight and preliminary reports indicated that the bombing was highly concentrated.

**55 Previous High**

Fifty-five bombers were lost on the double attack on Pilsen in Czechoslovakia and Mannheim, Germany, the night of April 16.

The Germans, in a series of nervous broadcasts, clearly indicated the size of the Berlin attack by telling of high explosives and incendiaries falling over a wide area

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### Youth Drowns In Icy Spring Near Hewitt

Auburndale, Wis.—Richard W. Kuse jr., 23, whose home is near here but who had been working on the Charles Schroeder farm near Hewitt the past four years, drowned at 8 p. m. Monday night in Squaw creek near Hewitt. The body was recovered three hours later.

Kuse, in company with Norman and Arnold Panzer, was operating a minnow seine on Squaw creek at a point two and one-half miles east of Hewitt, where the creek is shallow excepting for a deep spring. Kuse apparently stepped into the spring and dropped quickly.

His body did not come to the surface again until it was dragged out by an improvised grapple hook at 11 p. m. As Kuse's body disappeared into the spring hole the Panzer brothers stood in the shallow water at the edge of the hole, ready to grab their companion when he bobbed to the surface again. But that he failed to do. Neither of the Panzers were swimmers.

Help was summoned, after a few minutes of anxious waiting brought no sign of the body, and for hours four swimmers took turns in diving into the 20 foot depths of the ice cold spring hole. County Traffic Officer Tony Hansen directed the search, and finally the grapple hook, made from cultivator teeth, brought the body out of the water. Deputy Coroner R. H. Wink took charge of the body.

The Kuse youth was born December 23, 1919 at Marshfield, attended the Sunshine school in the town of Auburndale and the Lutheran school in Auburndale village. For awhile he was employed in a cheese factory near his home, but for the past four years he has been working on the Schroeder farm.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 1:15 p. m. at the Kuse farm home in the town of Day, just over the Marathon county line, with services at 2 p. m. at St. John's Lutheran church, Auburndale, the Rev. S. E. Rathke officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, Auburndale.

Besides his father and mother, the Richard Kuses sr., Richard is survived by five sisters and four brothers.

### 6 More Danish Towns Under Military Rule

Stockholm—(P)—Increasing difficulty in subduing a "people's revolt" against the German occupation caused six Danish cities to be placed under a state of emergency today, it was reported here today.

Riots between the Danes and German soldiers and more sabotage against transport lines and factories serving the Nazis resulted in emergency decrees for Aarhus, Aalborg, Odense, Svendborg, Middelfart and Korsor, said dispatches reaching the Swedish press.

The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said that over the week-end the Germans rushed tanks, armored vehicles and about 40,000 soldiers into Copenhagen in anticipation of general disorders.

Latest reports said clashes between Danish soldiers and the Germans in Odense resulted in at least 50 deaths. Twenty Germans were reported killed in Svendborg.

### Short-Lived Revolt Occurs in Ecuador

Quito, Ecuador—(P)—Armed guards patrolled the town of Puna today following the suppression of a short-lived revolt against the government of President Arroyo Del Rio by a group of sailors.

The sailors, firing shots and shouting "down with Arroyo Del Rio" and "long live Velasco Ibarra," a former president, unsuccessfully appealed to the townspeople for aid, an official announcement said. Troops from the garrison quelled the revolt.

### Hornet No. 2 Will Be Launched On Aug. 30

Newport News, Va.—(P)—The navy's second aircraft carrier Hornet will be launched Aug. 30, to replace the fighting flat-top from whose flight deck Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle and his army fliers took off to bomb Tokyo in April of last year.

The new ship's predecessor was sunk in Santa Cruz islands after striking savage blows at the Japanese for five months.

### Memorial Service for Milladore War Hero

Milladore, Wis.—A memorial service for Pfc. Alexander M. Hinek, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinek, who was killed in action in North Africa July 12, will be held here Wednesday morning, August 25.

The service, in St. Wenceslaus Catholic church, will be in charge of Charles Hagerstrom, post No. 9, American Legion, of Wisconsin Rapids. Full military honors will be paid to Pfc. Hinek.

### Paper Says Welles Has Submitted Resignation

Washington—(P)—The Evening Star said today Sumner Welles had submitted his resignation as undersecretary of state after 10 years in the state department.

An article by Constantine Brown, the newspaper's writer on foreign affairs, said Welles' letter of resignation was on President Roosevelt's desk and that it would be acted upon soon after the president returns from Canada.

The Star story said that "according to his friends," Welles resigned at the request of Mr. Roosevelt.

"There has been no misunderstanding between the two men," the article said. "But there have been increasing and apparently unsurmountable difficulties between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and his No. 1 assistant."

### WINS HONORS AT FAIR

Clarence Gotz, Auburndale, won honors in sheep showmanship at the Wisconsin state fair today, and also placed ninth in the junior fair dairy showman competition, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Milwaukee.

### Stefani Reports Steps Being Taken to Demilitarize Rome

London—(P)—Italy formally has advised the British and American governments of steps taken to demilitarize Rome with the view of having the Italian capital treated as an open city, a Stefani broadcast said today.

A Rome radio broadcast Aug. 14 said the government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio had decided to declare Rome an open city without further delay.

The broadcast added that such a decision had been communicated to the allies through the Vatican two weeks previously.

**Caused by Air Attacks**

It said the decision had been made because of the repetition of allied air raids on the city. American bombers first attacked the Italian capital July 19 and returned August 13.

Today's Stefani broadcast declared that steps already had been taken to neutralize defensive installations and orders had been given to anti-aircraft batteries not to fire on planes over the city, while Italian interceptor planes were directed not to defend the capital.

Stefani added that the Italian government had asked "the Swiss government and the Holy See to notify the governments of London and Washington that the Italian government had adopted the following measures:

"Defensive installations of the city of Rome have been put out of action and the order has been given to the anti-aircraft batteries not to open fire and to the fighters not to operate over Rome.

**Troop Transfer Under Way**

"The transfer of the Italian and German commands as well as troops is under way so that only a garrison charged with the maintenance of public order will be left in the city.

"The railway center of Rome will no longer be used for military transport or for entraining and detrainig of troops. Preparations are being made for the transfer of military installations and of arms and munitions factories out of the city."

## Name Himmler Chief of Reich Administration, Minister of the Interior

London—(P)—German home affairs fell wholly under Gestapo rule today with the announcement that Adolf Hitler has appointed Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi secret service and German police, to serve also as minister of the interior and "chief of the Reich administration."

The announcement came in a DNB dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio.

## ARMY TO TAKE 446,000 DADS

Washington—(P)—Only the possibility of a congressional stop order remains to prevent the drafting this year of seven out of every 100 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in the nation's dwindling manpower reservoir.

With a congressional review of the entire subject expected soon after the lawmakers return Sept. 14, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey told local draft-boards yesterday that they were expected to supply 446,000 physically-fit fathers to meet anticipated army and navy quotas up to Jan. 1.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Rebecca Levin Wednesday

Funeral services will be held at the Krohn and Berard chapel on Wednesday, August 25, at 10:30 a. m. for Mrs. Rebecca Levin, 65, of 411 Saratoga street, who died at Henrotin hospital in Chicago at 1:30 p. m. Monday following a lingering illness. Rabbi Curt Beach of Stevens Point will officiate. Interment will be in the Jewish cemetery at Wausau.

Mrs. Levin was born in Russia on April 6, 1878, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph, and came to the United States in 1890. Her marriage to Julius Levin took place in Chicago in 1897 and they came to Wisconsin Rapids in 1900. Mr. Levin preceded his wife in death on June 1 of this year.

Surviving relatives include the four children, David of Chicago, Frank of Milwaukee, Mrs. Esther Wirtheimer of this city and Mrs. Dorothy Egel of Chicago; five grandchildren; two brothers, Albert Joseph of Horicon and Louis Joseph of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Levin was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

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

## Legionnaires to Hear Convention Reports

Reports of delegates to the state convention at Rhinelander will be given at an important meeting of Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9, American Legion, to be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at Lloyd's recreation parlors here. Harry Sorenson, a member of the post, who leaves Thursday for Portland, Ore., will be honored at the meeting.

## Gen. Von Brauchitsch Is Poisoned, Report

London—(P)—Tass' London bureau said today it had received a report that Field Marshal Gen. Walter von Brauchitsch, former commander in chief of the German army, had died of poisoning.

The Soviet news agency gave as its source, "Berlin military circles." There was no immediate confirmation from other quarters.

**ATTACK PARIS REGION**

London—(P)—A Paris radio broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said American bombers attacked the Paris region this afternoon.

## German Army Thrown Into Full Retreat

Moscow—(P)—The red army drove west and south through the smoking ruins of Kharkov today pushing the Germans who were thrown into full retreat back from the recaptured former capital of the Ukraine.

Frontline dispatches said the Germans ejected torches to Kharkov before being expelled from the city yesterday and also carried out wholesale demolitions, leaving behind them only a city of hollow walls.

## ALLIES 2 MILES FROM SALAMAUA

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific—(P)—Australian troops, emerging into the Francisco river valley after months of mountain fighting, probed the enemy's prepared defenses today within two miles of the Salamaua, New Guinea, airdrome.

Today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported the Australians crossed the river north-east of old Boddubi to a position due west of the air strip.

## Japanese Shipping Raided By Allies

New Delhi—(P)—Allied bombers and fighters ranged over Burma and as far afield as the Nicobar islands, off north western Sumatra, to attack Japanese shipping, communications and installations, RAF and U. S. air force communique announced today.

An attack on Nicobar was carried out by American heavy B-24 Liberators. A 10th U. S. air force communique said a 300-foot freighter was left ablaze and a landing barge was believed to have been sunk.

British planes destroyed or damaged more than 60 river craft in widely-spread attacks on the enemy communications system in Burma.

No allied aircraft were lost.

## Rotarians Will Hear Of Air Training Here

Rotarians of this city will learn Wednesday something of what the army air forces technical school at Tomah, Wis., is doing at the airport here, when Capt. Ned K. Walker, training director at Tomah, talks at the Rotary luncheon here. Subject of Capt. Walker's talk is "Establishment of a Training School at Wisconsin Rapids for the Training Command of the Army Air Forces."

## THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday forenoon. Thunder showers in north and extreme west portions.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 85; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 60; temperature at 7 a. m., 63. Precipitation, trace.

