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Stalin Avers Nazi Summer Push Smashed

Russians Advance Three To Five Miles To Tighten Vise On Orel

PRaises Generals

Russian Chief Says Nazis Have Lost 70,000 Men In The Campaign

By JAMES M. LONG
 LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—The Russian vise on Orel squeezed tighter tonight with gains of three to five miles from the south as Premier Joseph Stalin announced that Germany's abortive summer offensive was smashed completely with a loss of 70,000 of the 300,000 men of the Nazis had hurled against the Red Army beginning July 5.

After Stalin had congratulated his generals for proving in the third year of war that German summer offensives are not automatically successful, a special Russian communique announced that Soviet troops in their own counteroffensive had captured a number of villages outside Orel, including Znievka, 14 miles west of the Nazi bastion.

Other Columns Advancing

Other Red Army columns were reported smashing at the Germans less than nine miles northwest of Orel and eight miles on the east.

The communique emphasized the premier's statement by announcing that in the Bzgorod direction, south of the Orel sector, the new Red Army offensive of the Russians there had "completely restored positions which they occupied before the offensive of the German Fascist troops began."

The special war bulletin, broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the Soviet monitor, called fighting in the southwest of the Donets basin, in the area south of Izium and southwest of Voroshilovgrad — engagements of "local importance". Positions southwest of Krasnodar in the Caucasus have been improved, it added.

Wreck Equipment

On all fronts yesterday Russians continued to wreck German equipment including 43 tanks and 94 planes.

In the third year of war, the Red Army for the first time has withstood and then rolled back the tide of German summer conquest, and thus Stalin said, "the legend that the Germans always are successful in their summer offensive."

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Cab Driver Killed Here In Argument Over Fare

SHIPWORKER IS HELD
Shotgun Blast Takes Life Of Milton Jackson On Lake Village Street

An argument over an alleged ten-cent overcharge in taxi fare yesterday resulted in the shotgun death of a 19-year-old cab driver here, and Joseph Dewey Hinson, 26, young shipyard worker is in jail without privilege of bond for the shooting.

Milton Buster Jackson, Jr., native of Wilmington and employee of the Coastal and Victory Cab Company, died almost instantly when a 12-gauge shotgun blast ripped into his chest following the argument in front of Hinson's home at 41 Terrace walk, Lake Village.

Investigating Officers E. B. Murray, E. J. Hale and H. E. Fales said the shooting occurred about 2:40 p. m., and that when they arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, Jackson was found dead, lying across the death way.

Murray quoted Hinson as saying that he caught the taxi, driven by Jackson, at Second and Market streets, and when they arrived at Hinson's home, the 75-cent fare was requested by Jackson. An argument arose, with Hinson asserting that there was a ten-cent overcharge on the fare, and, according to Hinson, Jackson secured a large jack from the back of his cab and threatened him.

At that point, according to witnesses, Hinson entered his home and returned with the shotgun, and ordered Jackson to leave. Jackson hurled the jack at Hinson, hitting him on the right leg, and continued advancing until he was shot down at very close range.

Even after being shot, Jackson grabbed the gun and took it from Hinson but died a few seconds later and fell on the gun, officers said.

Runs Down Street

Hinson immediately started running down the street, but was stopped by a neighbor, W. B. Jackson (no relation to the dead man) of 714 Greenfield Street. Hinson is said to have asserted that he was going to surrender at police headquarters. Jackson then

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CASHING OF WAR BONDS CONDEMNED

Wilmington's banks, issuing agents of War bonds and stamps, condemned Saturday the cashing of bonds except in extreme emergency cases, declaring the practice is the "equivalent of taking food, clothing, ammunition and other badly needed equipment from our men in uniform."

"It would be far better not to buy bonds than to buy and then surrender them for cash, both operations adding tremendously to the cost of fighting the war, without any beneficial gains," it was pointed out.

Declaring that "should our fighting men retreat without good cause, we call them quitters," the bond issuing agents asked "what

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Tobacco Producers Vote Three-Year Crop Control

ATLANTA, July 24.—(AP)—Growers of flue-cured tobacco in the southeastern belt apparently voted overwhelmingly in favor of federal crop control for a three-year period in a referendum today, but in Georgia the margin was close.

On the basis of partial returns from Georgia, the vote in favor of continuing the program was 3,790 to 2,091 against. With a two-thirds vote required to make the extension effective, the favorable Georgia votes were only a shade over 64 per cent.

This closeness was not apparent from incomplete returns in other states, however, North Carolina farmers giving a tremendous

majority on a heavier vote. In that state the vote was 882 for a one year extension, 32,908 for a three year extension, and 2,281 against the program. Other states were running in practically the same proportion as North Carolina.

In the last cotton control referendum, carried by the south as a whole, Georgia planters failed to give the plan the two-thirds vote.

The tobacco vote by states:
 Georgia: For one year, —; for three years, 3,790; against, 2,091.
 Florida: For one year, 184; for three years, 2,073; against, 381.

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Marauders Wing Over Rome



A flight of Martin Marauders wings over Rome, their bays full of bombs which shortly fell on Ciampino airfield. Smoke from fires set by the Flying Fortress attack on San Lorenzo railway yards is faintly visible beneath the tail of the foreground plane (upper right). This Northwest African Air Force picture was transmitted from Algiers via Signal Corps radiophoto.

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Navy Reveals Joint Sea-Air Raid On Kiska

Latest Bulletin Indicates Heavy Battering Of Japanese Garrison

ENEMY FIRES BACK

Allied Bombers Continue Blows Against Vital Pacific Bases

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—In a communique containing fresh evidence that the hour of doom is rapidly nearing for 10,000 Japanese troops holding Kiska island, the Navy disclosed today that the Thursday assault against the invader's Aleutians outpost was a joint sea and air operation.

The latest war bulletin on the action suggested that the Japanese probably took a heavier beating on Kiska that day than ever before in the 13 and a half months they have held that bleak and rocky island.

Starts With Air Raid

The attack started with an air raid by Army four engine Liberator bombers, Mitchell twin engine medium bombers and swift Lightning and War Hawk fighters. These planes heavily bombed and strafed Japanese coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas.

This first air attack was followed immediately by the naval bombardment in which heavy and light guns of the U. S. Pacific fleet poured tons of steel and explosives upon the same targets. Then the aerial squadrons returned to the scene and mopped up.

The communique reported, with what was regarded here as great conservatism, that these terrific air and surface onslaughts started numerous fires and observers of the attacks saw at least one terrific explosion. The attacking groups included American War Hawks piloted by flyers of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The Japanese fired back with coastal batteries and anti-aircraft

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REPORT OF POPE'S PROTEST IS DENIED

Pontiff Does Not Believe Pilots Intended To Damage Holy Places

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—The Vatican radio, in a German language broadcast beamed to Germany, tonight branded as "entirely unfounded" German and Italian news agencies reports that Pope Pius XII had protested to President Roosevelt over Monday's bombing of Rome, and also said that the pontiff did not believe that American pilots intentionally set out to damage holy places.

The broadcast, which emphasized that the pontiff is impartial in the war, denied the Axis statements that after the raid the Pope called to the Vatican U. S. Charge D'Affairs Harold H. Tittman, Jr. A partial text as reported by the Associated Press:

"Reports put out by DNB (German official news agency, according to which the Pope had made a personal protest to President Roosevelt about the bombing of Rome, as well as a report that United States Charge called to the Vatican on the evening of the day the bombing took place, are both entirely unfounded."

"As the holy father's movements after the bombing of Rome have been subject to many incorrect reports, it is necessary to recall what had

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COUNTYS ASSETS TOTAL \$5,910,604

School Lands, Buildings And Equipment Top Orrell's Annual Report

New Hanover county's assets for the fiscal year ending June 30 total \$5,910,604.35, according to the report of County Auditor J. A. Orrell, who said Saturday the land, buildings and equipment of the county schools, amounting to \$2,866,363.63, topped the list of assets.

A surplus of \$3,857,934.99 was reported, and outstanding among the liabilities are school bonds amounting to \$1,143,001 and other bonds totalling \$138,600, Mr. Orrell said.

Other include half interest in county Walker Memorial hospital, amounting to \$247,317.30; courthouse and land, \$347,201.54; re-

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WEATHER FORECAST

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

No change in temperature Sunday.

Station	High	Low	Prec.
Asheville	88	60	0.00
Atlanta	82	75	0.00
Birmingham	88	64	0.00
Detroit	85	62	0.00
Chicago	80	70	0.00
Cleveland	85	67	0.00
Galveston	95	78	0.00
Kansas City	89	81	0.00
Little Rock	88	77	0.00
Louisville	88	86	0.00
Miami	88	74	0.25
Mobile	96	78	0.00
New Orleans	86	80	0.17
New York	87	69	0.00
Norfolk	83	65	0.00
Richmond	88	68	0.00
St. Louis	83	66	0.00
Washington	87	66	0.00
Wilmington	86	74	0.00

AMERICAN BOMBERS BATTER NAZIS' BASE AT TRONDHEIM; ALLIES HIT MT. ETNA LINE

MARSALA SEIZED

Annihilate Axis Armies In All Of Sicily Except Northeast Corner

TAKE MORE PRISONERS

Reuters Reports Allied Fighters Have Entered Trapani Naval Base

By DANIEL DE LUCE
 ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 24.—(AP)—Allied troops in 14 breath-taking days have annihilated axis armies in all of Sicily except the northeast corner—trapping 110,000 enemy soldiers—and converging a shattering land, sea and air attack on the last enemy bastion, the Mt. Etna line.

American troops seized Marsala in the lightning mop-up of the western part of the island, headquarters announced today, and it was the official estimate that 50,000 more prisoners would be added to the 60,000 already in allied hands. Americans captured 40,000 of this first 60,000.

(Reuters reported allied troops had entered Trapani, the last major city in western Sicily, today. The naval base, half way between Marsala and Palermo, had been expected to fall at any moment as it was cut off from aid. The deep water harbor will provide excellent facilities to speed unloading of American supplies and cut off the main home base from which axis submarines have been operating in the Sicilian Strait.)

Stab Nazi Flank

The formidable British Eighth army still is battering at furious German resistance around Catania, while Canadian troops are stabbing at the Nazi flank by land and allied warships ranging the coast hammered the axis positions from the sea in unceasing bombardments.

American armor and motorized infantry meanwhile has cut the vital north post road at a point officially described as "well east of Palermo"—and therefore much nearer Messina—and they are obviously in position to strike via the back door of this final axis stand in all Sicily.

(A Berlin broadcast describing a clash with the Americans at Termini on the north coast, indicated that the Seventh army had advanced at least 18 miles east of Palermo. Other clashes were reported with Americans and Canadians in the neighborhood of Leonforte, about 37 miles west of Catania.)

Thus were the remnants of the Italian and German Sicilian armies being hemmed in, by land and sea.

Occupy Airbases

All the splendid system of 10 major airbases on the island was either occupied by the allies or completely neutralized. Allied planes beat in wave upon wave upon the enemy.

"A rapidly diminishing portion of the island is all that remains to the axis," today's allied communique declared.

But this section, from Catania past Mt. Etna to Messina at a point northeast tip of Sicily, was being stubbornly defended and "south of Catania the Germans are fiercely resisting the Eighth Army's pressure," the Bulletin said.

(Alfred Wagg of NBC, aboard

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THREE KILLED, SIX HURT IN A. C. L. TRAIN WRECK

NEAR FAYETTEVILLE

Section Of Streamliner Plows Into Observation Car At Pass Track

FAYETTEVILLE, July 24.—(AP)—The pullman coach section of the Atlantic Coast Line streamliner, Tamiami Champion, plowed into the observation car of the forward section at a pass track one mile north of here today, killing three passengers and injuring six.

The dead:

Sgt. James H. Ledford, Kersey, Colo.; Charles Chester Foley, a soldier of Pittsfield, Mass.; and Mrs. William E. Lucas, the wife of a soldier believed stationed in Charleston, S. C.

The bodies of Foley and the woman were taken from the wreckage, about 20, who had not been identified tonight.

Injured

The injured were listed in hospital records as:

J. M. Hanberry, Florence, S. C.; Virginia Dorothy Kass, Richmond, Va.; Albert Ross, Paterson, N. J.; Lt. James Smith of Camp Van Dorn, Miss.; Paul Neivill, a sailor, Huntington Rd., Chester, Mass., and Mrs. J. W. Sandor, Norfolk, Va.

Both trains were en route from New York to Miami, Fla. The forward section, composed of day coaches, was at a switch of the pass track when the pullman section crashed into it from the rear. None of the cars were derailed.

Officials of the railway came here and tonight were investigating.

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English, Greek Planes Widen Raids On Crete

CAIRO, July 24.—(AP)—British and Greek warplanes, more than 100 strong, widened their attacks on the invasion stepping-stone island of Crete in a bold daylight assault yesterday, blasting German encampments, gun positions, ammunition dumps and wireless stations in addition to the usual pounding of airfields.

Seventeen Allied planes were lost in what was officially described as "a large-scale offensive operation."

(The scope of the attack, one of the biggest ever made on Crete, indicated that it might be the start of a softening-up campaign as prelude to invasion.)

RAF and Hellenic Air Force Hurricanes, Beaufighters and Baltimore bombers hammered targets throughout the Nazi-occupied island, which lies off the southern tip of Greece, with Greek fliers taking part in their first major operation against the enemy on their native soil.

(A Berlin broadcast said the raid was "obviously made for the main purpose of probing Axis defenses in Crete." The Germans asserted 10 attacking planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and many more damaged and said the raid was "unsuccessful.")

A Middle East headquarters communique said the raiders bombed and machine-gunned factories engaged in Nazi war production and strafed enemy trucks on the roads. Several German staff cars were shot up.

While the Hellenic Air Force carried out its biggest vengeance mission to date.

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RECORD FLIGHT

Fortresses Leave U-Boat Base Mass Of Exploding Bombs, Big Fires

ALSO RAID HEROYA

Seventeen Nazi Craft Destroyed In First U. S. Attack On Norway

By JAMES M. LONG
 LONDON, Sunday, July 25.—(AP)—In an unprecedented 1,800-mile round trip to the edge of the Arctic Circle, a strong force of American Flying Fortresses pounded Trondheim in Norway by daylight yesterday, leaving that big German U-boat base a raging mass of exploding bombs, flaming oil tanks and black smoke which mushroomed up several thousand feet.

The attack, announced early today in a U. S. Army headquarters communique, was the first American one on Norway, and one Fortress formation also smashed an aluminum plant at Heroya in southern Norway.

A French colonel who rode to Heroya said the factory there went "poof" after the American precision airmen had planted their bombs on it. This formation made a 1,200-mile roundtrip to reach its target.

Results Good

The communique said bombing results were "good at both targets."

Seventeen German fighters were destroyed by the Americans.

One American bomber failed to return out of the big force used in the operation. It landed in Sweden safely and its crew of 10 was interned.

The returning flyers were practically unscathed after catching Nazi defenses off guard.

Photographs of the damage at Trondheim, called the German "Gibraltar of the north," confirmed that submarine repair shops, docks and other naval installations were heavily damaged by many thousands of pounds of high explosives, a jubilant intelligence officer said.

"We really hit it on the button," he said, for pictures showed that not a single bomb was wasted. Trondheim, sheltered by its fjord approach, is the lair for Nazi warships and submarines that prey on the northern supply route to Murmansk. It was the last reported haven of Germany's great battleship, the Tripit, and the two 10,000-ton cruisers of the Admiral Hipper class.

Reluctant To Attack

Returning crews said they encountered a fair amount of anti-aircraft fire but only about 25 enemy fighters challenged them. The majority of the German pursuit planes seemed reluctant to attack.

The longest previous flight by Britain-based American bombers were raids on La Pallice and Bordeaux U-boat bases, each approximately 1,400 miles round-trip.

Three formations flew to Norway, but one, finding heavy clouds prevented accurate aiming, returning to its base with its bomb loads in order to avoid indiscriminate bombing.

Heroya is within a hundred miles of the Norwegian capital of Oslo.

The attacks involved round-trip flights of more than 1,200 miles. One formation hit the target at

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HATCH SAYS F. R. WILL BE RENAMED

Predicts Renomination Less War Is Ended In Next Few Months

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—Senator Hatch (D-NM) predicted today that President Roosevelt will be the democratic party's nominee for a fourth term unless the war ends and peace negotiations are concluded in the next few months—a series of events he regards as improbable.

Thus adding his name to the list of legislators who have come to regard the President's renomination as almost inevitable, Hatch told an interviewer:

"If we are in the midst of war, or even in the midst of peace conferences, the democratic party cannot and will not nominate anybody but Roosevelt, under those circumstances I would support the President for a fourth term."

This latest pronouncement for a fourth term was coincidental with another development generally interpreted as having political implications.

At Detroit, Vice President Wallace told reporters that he intends to spend the time he formerly devoted to the Board of Economic

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TRAIN, BUS MEN POSTPONE STRIKE

F. R. Promises To Reopen Wage Demands Of West Coast Workers

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—(AP)—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen called off a scheduled strike of operating employes on the Pacific Electric Interurban Lines today on the promise of President Roosevelt that the whole issue of the union's wage increase demands will be reopened.

The walkout, which would have tied up an extensive electric railroad and motor bus system serving a vast region of diversified war industries in southern California, was cancelled after Alexander F. Whitney, international brotherhood president, had telephoned local officials that he had the personal assurance of the president that a committee will be named to study the union's wage demand anew.

William P. Nutter, president of the local grievance committee, expressed satisfaction that a tie-up of the Pacific Electric had been averted, and voiced gratitude "to the President and those who have been sympathetic with us in our endeavors to effect a fair settlement."

President Roosevelt told Whitney, Nutter said, that Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilization director, will name a committee of

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New City Budget Shows Increase Of \$262,322.63

The City of Wilmington's budget for the fiscal year 1943-44 shows an increase of \$262,322.63 over last year's budget, J. R. Benson, City Clerk, announced Saturday.

At a meeting to be held on August 18, the City Council, which has already tentatively adopted the budget, will again consider it and is expected to pass an appropriation resolution for its formal adoption.

Chief among the increases included in this year's budget are salaries for employes of the police, fire, sanitary and trash departments and the highway workers. Allocated to the police department will be \$165,873, in comparison to the \$147,786.41 received by that department during the past year, while the fire department will receive \$173,090 in comparison to last year's \$129,179.47.

For the highways this year, the amount has been increased from \$79,611.79 to \$128,680, and the sanitary and trash department will receive \$138,978 instead of last year's amount of \$119,747.58.

A slight increase has also been made in appropriations for health and hospitals for the new year, last year's amount of \$76,630.47 being increased to \$79,137.34.

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REYNOLDS ACCEPTS POST OF RECREATION DIRECTOR

Reynolds Accepts Post Of Recreation Director

Jesse A. Reynolds, of Richmond, Va., has accepted the position as director of recreation for Wilmington. He was named by the city manager, City Manager A. C. Nichols announced Saturday.

His job will be to direct the recreation program of the city, for which the city council has provided \$16,000 in the new budget, Mr. Nichols said. It is hoped that supplementary funds may be secured through the Lanham Act funds.

For five years, from 1936 to 1941, he was director of recreation for the WPA recreation program for the State of Virginia. In the next two years he was superintendent of recreation in Richmond, and comes to Wilmington from that position.