

REDS SMASH DEEP INTO UKRAINE TO CAPTURE LEBEDIN

ABOVE KHARKOV Russia's New Steppe Army Crashes Into Foe In Sudden Lunge

WINTER DRIVE MARK Latest Conquest Is High-water Level Of Last Year's Offensive

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 21.—(P)—Russia's new steppe army smashed deep into the Ukraine almost 100 miles northwest of Kharkov to capture Lebedin, highwater mark of last winter's offensive, Moscow announced early today, while London reports indicated the Red army had encircled all but 13 miles of Kharkov itself.

Lebedin is 100 miles from the starting point of the Soviet Ukrainian offensive near Belgorod and mid-way between captured Akhtyrka and threatened Sumy. The Russian column that took it apparently was aiming for the vital rail junction of Konotop on the Kiev-Bryansk railway 70 miles to the northwest.

Russians Attack Furiously The BBC quoted a Berlin broadcast as saying the Russians "are now attacking furiously at six widely-separated points along a 1,000-mile front" between Lenigrad and Murmansk in the far north.

A Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet monitor said a total of 6,100 Germans were killed yesterday on all fronts, including 1,400 in the Kharkov zone, 2,600 in the central front southwest of Spas Demensk, and 1,300 on the Bryansk front.

On the Bryansk front the Soviets acknowledged fierce German opposition as they pounded on from captured Karachev, 25 miles to the east. Farther north, in the Spas Demensk offensive, the Russians were moving between the two railroad lines leading to Smolensk roughly 75 miles northwestward.

In the Ukraine offensive over 20 towns and villages fell to driving columns northwest of Kharkov, said the communique. The Germans countered with fresh infantry and tanks in an effort to stem the Red army advance.

Opposing tanks crashed over the countryside in a weaving battle of armor but the Germans receded after 45 of their tanks were disabled by Soviet fire. Victorious Russians captured fuel and ammunition supplies as the Germans fled, the bulletin added.

Falla Poses For Lensmen



The canine world is represented at the important Roosevelt-Churchill conference at Quebec by the President's pet, Fala. The Scottie is giving his views on the strategy conference in canine language as he poses for newspaper photographers. (International)

Roosevelt Will Address The Canadian Parliament

QUEBEC, Aug. 20.—(P)—President Roosevelt will address an informal meeting of the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa Wednesday, following conclusion of the high strategy conference here in which he and Prime Minister Churchill are working in "complete harmony" and making excellent progress.

Plans for the speech were announced officially late today at the same time that a Citadel spokesman gave the first picture of how the chief executive and prime minister are putting in their time.

Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill set such a pace last night, by working until 2:30 a. m., that today they were completely caught up on current tasks.

This evening they swung back into conference routine at a dinner with Secretary of State Hull and Britain's Foreign Minister Anthony Eden. Hull joined the Quebec group during the afternoon, his presence here dramatizing half a dozen urgent political problems, directly grown out of the war.

Foremost among these problems, in the opinion of many here, is the matter of closer coordination with Russia in the campaigns—apparently soon to be undertaken for final victory in Europe.

Announcement of the president's Ottawa plans was made at a press conference by Canadian, British and American spokesmen. Stephen Early, one of President Roosevelt's secretaries, was authority for information about how the chief executive and prime minister worked until the small hours this morning to wipe their schedule clean of all matters requiring their attention up to that time.

Asked whether that meant "complete harmony" marked the endeavors of the two chiefs of state, Early replied that that was "entirely so."

Foggia Razed By Allied Air Bombardment

Italy's Railroad Sinews Blasted In Huge Block-buster Raids

AEOLIAN ISLES TAKEN

American Naval Forces Capture More Stepping Stones To Europe

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 20.—(P)—Allied air fleets slashing at Italy's railroad sinews of defense blasted the communications center of Foggia in saturation block-buster raids yesterday, while at sea American naval forces seized the Aeolian stepping-stone islands north of Sicily.

The raid on Foggia, 20 miles inland from the coast opposite Naples, was described officially as the heaviest of the Mediterranean war, and although the total number of planes participating was not specified, it was greater than the total hurled against Rome in the first attack on the Italian capital.

Seven hundred planes—500 bombers and 200 fighters—were used by the Allies in the Rome raid.

Strategic Defense Point The city is one of the master bastions in any Axis blueprint for the defense of southern Italy.

The important industrial and communications center was left a seething mass of flame by three different types of bombers that attacked by daylight and darkness on a scale unparalleled in both size and ferocity in the Mediterranean war.

Flying Fortresses in double waves, followed by formations of Liberators, struck the first blows. Their strings of bombs interlaced the freight yards, squarely hit a railway bridge and knocked out repair shops, warehouses, military barracks and set fire to a large number of freight and passenger cars.

Sheets of flame shot upward from locomotive repair shops and the railway station itself, and explosion hurled bits of wreckage and rubble filled the air as the last of the big bombers swept past.

JAP JUNGLE TROOPS IN FULL FLIGHT AT SALAMAUA FRONT

NOW FALLING BACK

Machine Guns And Artillery Abandoned By Retreating Enemy

CRACK CAME RAPIDLY

Foe Has Long Been Without Proper Supplies Due To Allied Raids

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Saturday, Aug. 21.—(P)—Japanese jungle troops are in full flight from the mountain ridge defenses before Salamaua, New Guinea, and are falling back on the inner defenses of the air base, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"The enemy is in full retreat to his inner citadel of defenses at Salamaua itself," a new communique reported. Machine gun and artillery have been abandoned along with more than 350 buried dead.

"Our troops are mopping up." The Japanese troops, their supplies low as the result of Allied air attacks on coastal barges and their air support virtually wiped out on air-dromes above Salamaua, suddenly gave up positions from which they long have held off Americans and Australians.

Defense Cracks Open Today's communique disclosed that their defenses cracked wide open. All at once, they gave up Orodrubi, five miles southeast of Salamaua, the nearby stronghold of Komiatum and the Goodview junction and Mount Tambu areas near the coast.

The day before General MacArthur's communique had announced the capture on the Francisco river of Bobdubi ridge, only three miles from the Salamaua airdrome whose possession would lie within easy fighter plane range of big Japanese holdings on New Britain.

The new successes enabled the Allies to forge a solid line for their advance upon the airdrome and the town, built on an isthmus connecting the mainland with Cape Parsee in the Huon gulf.

In intensified attacks, given solid artillery support, the Americans and Australians won strong connected positions running inland from Roosevelt ridge on Tambu bay in a curve running north and west across the Francisco river.



Where Invasion Blows May Fall Patriots in occupied Europe (shaded area) have been told to prepare for an Allied invasion (arrows) which observers declared could fall from the Mediterranean area or from England—or both. The broadcast was directed primarily to France. Swiss reports said German plans to fight a delaying action in Italy and will make a determined stand at the Brenner Pass in the north.

Italian King's Message Refrains From War Talk

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(P)—Italy was plainly a sick belligerent tonight, with her king issuing to the people of Sicily a proclamation which was silent about any intention to go on fighting the war.

Although it is far too early to play the bugles of conquest over the Italians, King Vittorio Emanuele's curious and timorous message to the people and the loss of seven more Italian islands to the U. S. Navy—the Aeolian group off the west coast—were immensely heartening to the Allied world.

What the king told the people of Sicily in effect was that although they now are "cut off" from the rest of Italy and have for the present nothing but gains to gripe about, they should hold fast "in a better future."

In his future, he said, Italy—and he presented the country as a wounded nation with more hope for the future than reasoned confidence for the present—would await her "resurrection."

"The future will bring a reward for your sufferings," the king said in the proclamation, which was broadcast by the Rome radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

"I have lived with you this terrible moment," the king told the Sicilians. "I have heard your voice. I have understood your sufferings. Sicilians of Sicily, your king is near to you."

ALLIED PLANES HAMMERING AXIS

Shuttle Of Craft Of Dover Strait Signals Continuing Air Attacks

LONDON, Aug. 20.—A shuttle of Allied planes over Dover strait and the distant rumble of gunfire today signaled the sixth day of virtually non-stop Allied aerial attacks concentrated on enemy airfields in western Europe.

An Air Ministry communique announced tonight that Mitchell medium bombers with Spitfire escort attacked enemy aircraft and a factory at Flushing in the Netherlands and that Boston mediums also escorted by Spitfires bombed railroads and marshalling yards at Abbeville, France.

"One bomber is missing but the crew is safe," the communique added. The attack on Flushing followed yesterday's Flying Fortress raid there.

Squadrons of planes renewed the assault today after RAF Mosquito bombers struck at Berlin last night and fighters pounced upon air fields and railway targets on the continent.

Fifteen German airdromes had been hit in 26 attacks from Sunday morning to Thursday evening.

Danish Leaders Meet To Consider Prospect Of Revolt Against Foe

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20.—(P)—Danish political leaders met in Copenhagen today to consider whether the government would bring an open rebellion of the people against the Nazi occupation and war services, or yield part of its justice administration to the Germans.

The government of Premier Eric Scavenius appeared to seek a show-down between the rising public clamor for a new government with a more militant attitude toward Germans and the Berlin demands for a more submissive Denmark.

Attacks on Nazi soldiers and sabotage against factories producing German war materials have been reported rampant for a week.

Details of the swelling campaign against Nazi rule were brought here by travelers arriving from Denmark today.

French Underground Movement Against Foe Reported Sputtering With Some Violence

MADRID, Aug. 20.—(P)—The underground movements of France—the fuse to what may be a powerful bomb under the German forces of occupation—sputtered angrily today with increasing though sporadic acts of violence.

Writing in the atmosphere of Chief of Government Pierre Laval's capital, the Vichy correspondent of NEWS agency said that the French officials "live in perpetual dread inspired by terrorist elements whose acts sometimes appear in the form of destruction

'MEATLESS DAY' TERMED SUCCESS

Officials Of Commerce Group Sav Plan Working In Restaurants

Meatless day, observed here Friday for the first time, with uptown eaters consuming only non-rationed meats, was handled successfully by restaurants, cafes, and cafeterias, officials of the Chamber of Commerce declared Friday afternoon.

All the participating eating establishments adopted the plan voluntarily. Perhaps the only confusion resulting from the meatless day program issued from the fact that some concerns did not know whether or not the rule applied to sandwiches.

The measure was inaugurated to assist restaurants in the conservation and even distribution of meat ration point, which in many cases have proved inadequate.

Operators signified their approval of the meatless day at a meeting in the courthouse a week ago when R. B. Roberts, district OPA food rationing officer, addressed them. Final plans were laid at a committee meeting early this week.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast data for various locations including Wilmington, North Carolina, and surrounding areas.