

NORTH CAROLINA: Cloudy and cool with drizzle or intermittent light rain Friday and east portion Friday night; partly cloudy to cloudy and considerably colder Saturday and in west portion Friday night.

TWO HIGHEST AWARDS FOR HERO



Mrs. Gerry H. Kisters looks proud as she fastens the Congressional Medal of Honor on her husband, Lt. Gerry H. Kisters of Bloomington, Ind., just after the 24-year-old officer received the D. S. C. from General George Marshall. Kisters, the first soldier in this war to receive both awards, won them for heroism in Tunisia and Sicily. Looking on are President Roosevelt and General Marshall during the ceremony in the White House.

OPA Orders Apartments Here To Restore Services

RALEIGH, Feb. 10.—Judge Isaac M. Meekins this morning signed a temporary restraining order here requiring the Cape Fear Apartments, Inc. of Wilmington to restore elevator services and to continue to furnish heat and water and other services as required by the OPA rent control regulations for the Wilmington defense rental area.

Gov. Bricker Unfolds Presidential Platform

Movie Comedian Wants GOP To Fight Roosevelt On Home Front Issues

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Charles Chaplin, white-haired and 54, and a dominant figure in the motion picture industry for the last 20 years, was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of violating the Mann act and defrauding 23-year-old Joan Berry, his former protegee, of her civil rights.

County Detention Home Is In Spotlight Again

The county's juvenile detention home was under fire again Thursday morning, as the Welfare division of the Council of Social Agencies, composed of representatives from the city's social welfare organizations, met and urged improvement "without further delay" of the present home.

Subsidy Ban Near Passage In The Senate

SEEK AMENDMENTS

Pepper Wants Wage Controls Relaxed, Service Benefits Upped

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—With Congress apparently set to approve a ban on consumer food subsidies, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) served notice today he will attempt to attach amendments relaxing wage controls and boosting benefits for dependents of service men.

Senator Clark (D-Mo.) announced he will propose broadening the subsidy ban to abolish also so-called "support prices" which farm bloc leaders in the anti-subsidy fight desire continued.

Through support prices, the government guarantees farmers a minimum price for certain products by agreeing to buy at that price irrespective of the market price.

"I'm opposed to all subsidies," Clark told the Senate. "I think if we are going to abolish all of them, we ought to abolish all of them."

Pepper said removal of consumer subsidies, whereby the government holds down retail food prices, would increase the cost of living three percent. Consequently, he said, he proposed to introduce amendments:

- 1. Directing President Roosevelt to the War Labor Board to revise the Little Steel Wage Formula so as to make possible an 18 percent increase in pay for workers over the January, 1941, level instead of the 15 percent to which the formula now limits increases.
2. Raise all Federal pensions and retirement benefits, wages of all government employees now receiving up to \$2,900 a year, allowances for officers in the armed forces, and benefits to dependents of service men.

Soldier Charged With Killing Pal

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Private Charles Lewis Reynolds, 19, recently on detached service at the Greensboro, N. C., air base, was charged today with the slaying of Private Lee M. Riley, 24, of the Blueenthal Air Base, Wilmington, N. C., whose nude body was found in a hotel room here yesterday with a sweat shirt twisted around the neck.

Pope's Summer Home Is Raided

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Vatican Radio said tonight that Castel Gandolfo, site of the Pope's summer residence near the Allies' Anzio bridgehead in Italy, had been bombed for the third time, causing "many casualties."

Stiffened American Resistance Slows Nazi Drive On Beachhead; 4 Enemy Planes Downed In Raid

SMASH BRUNSWICK To Return From Major Aerial Assault

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses, Liberators and long-range fighters smashed 84 German aircraft from the skies today during coordinated raids on the Nazi manufacturing city of Brunswick and the Gilze-Rijen airbase in Holland, from which 29 of the heavy bombers and eight of the fighters failed to return.

Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings of the fighter escort were credited by a U. S. Army communique with destroying 55 of the German interceptors which rose to challenge the raiders—a new record for a single day—and bomber gunners accounted for at least 29 more.

Fortresses escorted by fighters of all three types struck the new blow at Brunswick, an important German aircraft parts manufacturing city. The value the Germans put upon its defense was reflected in the communique announcement that the fighter opposition was heavy.

A later official statement said the Flying Fortresses ran into "one of the fiercest defenses the enemy has yet set against them," and crewmen estimated the Nazis had sent aloft between 200 and 300 fighters.

Thunderbolts screened the Liberators for the Gilze-Rijen raid, designed to lay out the extensive runways, hangars and repair shops of that major German base and keep the swarms of pursuit craft grounded.

Medium bombers hit once more at the Nazis' anti-invasion installations on the French coast.

The first of the returning crews said the Fortresses and their long-range escort battled it out for two and a half hours in a vicious running conflict even fiercer than that on Jan. 11 when an attack on Brunswick, Ochsersleben and Halberstadt cost 60 heavy bombers.

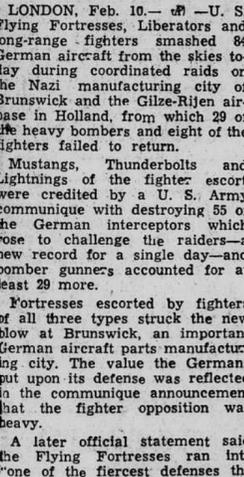
President Seeks U.S. Owned Shops

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Government construction of shops, stores and restaurants in war-congested areas is contemplated, it was disclosed today when President Roosevelt asked Congress for \$150,000,000 additional for the Federal Works Administration (FWA). Accompanying the Presidential request was a letter from Budget Director Harold D. Smith saying the money is needed to alleviate conditions which are conducive to absenteeism in war plants.

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Where Major Battle Brews In Italy



In an all-out attempt to smash the Fifth Army's 100-square-mile beachhead below Rome, German forces are intensifying their pressure on the semicircular line with artillery fire from superior positions in the hills. Arrows show where strong ground attacks have been turned back as the invasion action develops into full-scale battle.

Huon Peninsula Climax Is Near Finally Occupied In Dnieper Bend

By The Associated Press Five months of hard, persistent fighting bore fruit in the Southwest Pacific as Australian and American invasion forces joined near Sador to complete occupation of Huon peninsula in New Guinea.

The bulk of a Japanese force of 14,000 men, including six infantry, artillery and engineering regiments, was destroyed. The Yanks and Aussies joined at Old Yagoni, on the northeast New Guinea coast, yesterday morning (Thursday).

For four successive days American warships and aircraft have bombed or shelled atolls still held in the Marshalls by the Japanese. Pacific fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor announced yesterday that 14 tons of bombs plastered unidentified atolls in the Marshalls in raids on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In the same period warships shelled two enemy-held atolls.

(Sunday, unidentified Marshall island atolls were bombed by American forces.)

The Navy announced another bombing raid on Wake island, north of the Marshalls, from which 11 American planes (Coronado Flying boats) returned safely. They scored hits on the air field and barracks area. The raid Tuesday night was the 12th by American planes since the Japanese captured Wake.

Tokyo radio yesterday claimed that eight American heavy bombers attempting a raid on Wake were turned back by anti-aircraft fire.

Continued air strikes were carried out against Japan's two principal islands (Thursday).

Badoglio Given Old Authority

NAPLES, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Allies tonight restored to Marshal Pietro Badoglio's government the administrative authority over southern Italy, including Sicily and Sardinia, on condition that all officials be of "lived sympathies" and that the Allies have no commitments to the Badoglio-King Vittorio Emanuele regime after the capture of Rome.

ARTILLERY BLASTS

Foe's Inroads Hammered By Heaviest Artillery Barrage

By REYNOLDS PACKARD Representing the Combined American Press (Distributed by The Associated Press)

THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD FRONT, Feb. 10.—The German drive which started against one sector of this beachhead last Monday night appeared today to have been slowed down as American resistance tightened and held.

Inroads which the Germans made into this small beachhead have been hammered by the heaviest artillery blasts ever turned against the Germans since the landings.

I have seen during the past 24 hours "time crashes" in which hundreds of shells landed on a single enemy target within a period of two minutes.

These artillery blasts were repeated at frequent intervals so that where the enemy had entrenched himself in new positions he suffered heavy casualties.

A number of these "time crashes" also were carried out in conjunction with air bombing and naval shelling.

Capt. Andrew Lowndes, a British artillery officer, who has been helping concentrate the guns on given targets said that during the past two days we had been directing terrific artillery blasts on short notice, despite the many hundreds of guns involved and without any elaborate planning for each blast.

Yesterday the Germans broke into the British-American radio frequencies and tried to get the Allied artillery to cease firing.

"Some Germans who spoke perfect English gave out orders in what was supposed to be our code, telling us to cease fire," he said. "Needless to say they didn't succeed."

As the result of a tour of the front made partly by jeep and partly by foot, I am convinced today that our defensive position is improved considerably, resulting in (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

News Flickermen Will Visit Camp

CAMP DAVIS, Feb. 10.—Interest of the newsreel world will center on the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center Friday as all major news "flicker" cameramen train their lenses on a demonstration of anti-aircraft guns firing at high-speed targets.

National interest was recently focused on this training center with revelation that anti-aircraft artillerymen for a number of months had been sharpening their aim against high-velocity targets.

Newsreel companies to be represented here, according to the public relations officer, are Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Fox Movietone, Pathe, Universal, and Paramount.

Several times before movie newsreel cameramen have recorded various phases of training at this camp, and the releases have been shown in the nearby towns of Wilmington, Kinston, Wilson, and New Bern. The recordings will shortly again be shown to the movie fans of communities near this Army post.

Holly Shelter, celebrated hunting ground of North Carolina sportsmen in other years, will be the scene of the unique target practice demonstration to be staged for the benefit of the visiting newsreel men.

Greek Factions Declare Truce

CAIRO, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Cessation of fighting between two leading bands of Greek guerrillas—in effect putting a lid on the main part of the German-fostered civil war that has been raging in that country—was announced officially today.

British Battle With Yugoslavs

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—British forces were declared tonight to be fighting side by side with the Yugoslav Partisans against the Germans on the island of Hvar off the Dalmatian coast.

How they entered the struggle was, as yet, a mystery. A communique from Partisan headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) described them only as "British units." The implication was that they were Commandos or other amphibious forces.

Tito said they were operating successfully at Veliko Bragljevo on Hvar, which is one of the biggest islands off the Yugoslav coast.

With Brac, just above it, the island commands the southern approaches to the major German-held harbor of Split.

No qualified military source in London could confirm officially the presence of British combat forces in the Yugoslav arena, although British liaison officers have been active there.

The present forces appeared either to have gone ashore in some as yet undisclosed landing operation or may be former prisoners of the Italians who escaped through the Balkan underground to join Tito.

Tito's communique said British units sank four German sailing vessels off the Dalmatian coast and captured 85 Germans in the operation.

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