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## Historic Shuttle Raid From Italy To Russia Hits Romanian Target

### FRENCH COAST POUNDED HARD

5,000 Allied Planes Drop 7,000 Tons Of Bombs On Hitler's Europe

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—Forging a powerful new link in Allied air superiority, U. S. Flying Fortresses and escorting Mustangs made an historic shuttle raid on Romania today and landed in Russia as part of a massive two-way aerial assault in which more than 5,000 Allied planes dropped nearly 7,000 tons of explosives on Hitler's Europe.

While the Mediterranean air force's blow was the more spectacular, heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force in Britain added their own one-two punch to the 15th consecutive day of Allied aerial assaults on Europe.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators swept into France twice during the day to hit Prime Military targets. The first raid, made against the invasion coast of Pas de Calais, was accomplished without loss either to bombers or escorts but in the second seven fortresses were missing.

The latter strike was delivered against a variety of military targets west and southwest of Paris. Air Force headquarters said, including railway junctions and bridges. No enemy air opposition was encountered, but flak was heavy over some targets.

Medium, light and fighter-bombers of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force also stabbed into France and the low countries at dusk, bombing and strafing railroad yards, bridges, fuel dumps, road transport and coastal objectives. It was announced that none of the more than 300 Marauders and Havocs participating was lost.

An indication that the assaults on the Axis were being carried into the night came as the Budapest radio again left the air tonight shortly after 10 p. m.

The American shuttle planes after dropping their loads on important junctions on rail lines uplying the Germans at the Russian front were met by American Mustang and Soviet Yank fighters which escorted them to the newly-made bases in Russia.

From Britain a fleet of 1,000 British-based Fortresses and Liberators, with half as many escorting fighters, slammed into the Pas de Calais area with some 3,000 tons of explosives for their heaviest assault thus far on the Nazi anti-invasion targets. They were unchallenged by German fighters.

The blow from Italy was by a force of up to 750 heavy bombers with an escort of probably equal strength which unloaded at least 500 tons of exploding steel.

All our bombers and fighters returned safely from the attack on German military installations along the coast of France today," the U. S. Strategic Air Force communique said.

The Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by medium-sized forces of P51 Mustangs, P38 Lightnings and P47 Thunderbolts all from the Eighth Air Force, encountered only light flak. A few ground rockets were sent up, the communique said.

STREET CARS ROLL AGAIN ST. LOUIS, June 2.—(AP)—Crowded street cars and buses once more rolled along city streets today marking the end of a 37-hour strike of 3,500 St. Louis Public Service company operators and maintenance men.

Red Lines Dented By Nazi Onslaught In Romanian Battle

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—Nazi troops, attacking savagely with large forces of tanks and infantry through the fourth day of their battles in the Moldavian province of Romania, have driven another dent into Russian lines northwest of Iasi, Moscow acknowledged tonight. "An insignificant wedge" was accomplished by the Germans at the cost of heavy losses in manpower and equipment in a series of blows northwest of the town, the Russians said in their broadcast communique recorded by the Soviet mouth-

### Prefers Movies



Sam Greene, 17, graduate of Gardner-Webb Junior College, near Shelby, and member of the 1943 American Legion baseball team, prefers a chance at a movie career to professional baseball. Having an opportunity to sign with the New York Giants, or take studio tests for a film career with Universal pictures, he chose the latter.

## Japs Register Twin Victory Over Chinese

CHUNGKING, June 2.—(AP)—The Japanese have captured two strong points—east of Changteh and north-east of Changsha—after incessant pounding of the Chinese defenders along a 120-mile front, and new battles have developed for those two major enemy objectives in the Hunan province offensive, the Chinese high command said tonight.

Pingkiang, Chinese bastion 50 miles northeast of Changsha, fell last night to invader troops striking along the Milo river, while to the west, some 100 miles northwest of Changsha, the Japanese seized Ansiang and drove southward to within nine and one-half miles of Hanshow, where they were stopped, the communique said.

This places the enemy 22 miles east of Changteh, scene of last year's bitter Rice Bowl battle. A third major prong of the Hunan offensive a center column driving down the Canton-Hankow railway, was stopped at Kweiyi, 40 miles north of Changsha, the communique said, after the town had changed hands several times in bitter fighting, with casualties heavy on both sides.

Major objective of the Hunan offensive is complete control of the Canton-Hankow route, but the Japanese apparently are planning other new blows at China, Maj. Gen. C. C. Tseng, Chinese army spokesman, said. The enemy strategy, he said, is to apply more pressure on China as the Allies increase their pressure on Japan in the Pacific.

## Indiana Republicans Reject Dewey Proposal

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3.—(AP)—The Republican state convention completed Indiana's delegation of 29 to the national convention today and thundered its rejection of a proposal that the delegates be instructed for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

This action left all of the delegates free to vote as they chose for the party's presidential nominee except the two from the second congressional districts which instructed its representatives in favor of Dewey.

## Airplane Production Undergoing Changes

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—Seemingly unstable conditions in some aircraft production areas reflect changeovers to new models and adjustment of programs which were accelerated originally to reach schedule peaks quickly, rather than any general cutback in warplane output, industry representatives said today.

BROAD RULING GIVEN WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—A broad ruling that no statute authorizes court review of War Labor Board orders came today from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

## 290 GRADUATED BY HIGH SCHOOL

American Legion Stadium Filled To Capacity For Exercises

Dressed in grey cap and gown, 290 seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises of the New Hanover high school held at the American Legion stadium last night.

Highest scholastic award, the Amy Bradley medal presented by Margaret Wenberg, was awarded to Mary Emma Humphrey and Alton Hall, who tied for top honors. Each will get a medal.

The ceremony, attended by an audience which filled the stadium to capacity, was an impressive one with the seniors seated in the center of the stadium in the formation of an airplane.

The theme of the program, "Wings For The Future," a series of dramatic addresses given by 20 members of the senior class, stressed the importance of the role of the public schools in educating young Americans to carry on in the years of peace so that the battle of those who have fought for America may not have been in vain.

The schools were saluted as the hope of coming generation and of the world.

The addresses were given by Perry James, Ray Bennett, J. B. Joyce, Mary Elizabeth Barefoot, Alton Hall, Betty Harris, Jay Carter, Nancy Jeffrey, Lester Preston, Virginia McCormick, Harry T. Williams, Sara McAdams, Donald Russell, Norman Skelton Edgar Williams, Ann Montgomery, Joe Venable, Joyce Scott, Mary Emma Humphrey and Eugene Montgomery.

Music for the procession of seniors to and from the stadium was played by the high school band under the direction of Lt. Eugene Lacoock.

The glee club, under the direction of Mrs. Inez F. Chapman, gave an excellent rendition of "Give Ear Unto My Prayer," "This Is My Country," the Army Air Corps song, and "Mother of the Man in Khaki," written by Rae Bennett.

Diplomas were presented by T. T. Hamilton, principal.

Roll call of the graduates was read by William Melvin.

The commencement committee was composed of the following: Faculty members: Mrs. S. George LeGrand, Mrs. Josie Brock, Mrs. O. A. Bijonerud, Mrs. George West, Miss Francis Forny Duval, Miss Virginia Walsh, Miss Emma Lossen, Mrs. Edith B. Winnam, Albert O'Briant, George West, Fred Capps, Mrs. Eric Norden, Mrs. Inez French Chapman, Lt. Eugene Lacoock; student members: Barbara Marshall, Lester Preston, Laura Roe, Margaret Wenberg, Joyce West, Alton Hall, Stanley Prouty, Robert Kester, Samuel Loftin, Julian Morton, L. W. Fonville, Barbara Leeuwenburgh, Harry Williams, Margaret Smith, Cleo Paturis, Virginia McCormick, Barbara Rivenbark, Doris D'Lugin and Harriet Walsh.

## Pope Declares Against Total Victory In War

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—Pope Pius declared today that the idea that the war must end in complete victory or complete destruction is "a stimulant towards prolonging the war," and, expressing hope for an early peace, he praised "the heralds of wisdom and moderation" as against those "who openly espouse vengeance."

Addressing the College of Cardinals on his name day, the pontiff said, as Allied armies approached Rome, that "whoever dared raise a hand" against the city "would be guilty of matricide."

## Tito Escapes To Hills As Nazis Raid Hideout

BARI, Italy, May 29.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Marshal Tito escaped to the mountains along with Maj. Randolph Churchill when German paratroopers and glider-borne infantry captured the Bosnian headquarters of the Yugoslav partisan leader May 25, it was disclosed here today. Partisans declared Field Marshal Erwin Rommel personally directed the attack.

REFUGEES MAY COME TO U. S. WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—Some war refugees unquestionably will be brought to the United States, President Roosevelt said today, and one of the plans under study contemplates housing them in an army camp no longer needed by the military.

## Trapped Nazi U-Boat Is Forced To Surface

Certain doom awaits this Nazi submarine, so dramatically pictured here when forced to the surface, battered by gunfire in the North Atlantic. As the German U-boat wallows helplessly, HMCS Chiliwack and the Icarus close in. The diver made a desperate effort to escape but the relentless pursuers never lost sight of their prey. After firing on the sub for several minutes, Canadian and British ships stood by for the "kill." The sub came to the surface and the survivors were later picked up and taken aboard Canadian ships as prisoners. (Int.)



## Orders Controls Drawn Tight

### SHORTAGE ACUTE All Male Workers Must Clear Through USES In Changing Jobs

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—Practically all the nation's male workers were placed under strict new job controls today as the war manpower commission moved to channel more labor into war industries.

Extending its "priority referral" plan to blanket the country, WMC ordered that beginning July 1 all men except farm workers must clear through the United States Employment Service in seeking jobs. Only men referred by the employment service may be hired although businesses with eight or less employees are not affected.

Job applicants will be assigned to top priority war jobs, wherever they exist.

"The plan will make it possible for a worker anywhere in the country to take his most useful place on the industrial firing line," Paul V. McNutt, war manpower chairman, said.

Already in effect in about a dozen "critical labor shortage areas," the referral program was extended by McNutt under President Roosevelt's executive order establishing the War Manpower Commission. It authorizes the recruitment of workers and referral to jobs in which they are most needed.

McNutt emphasized that while the referral program is on a voluntary basis, it will be difficult for workers to get jobs unless they clear through the employment service. On the other hand, workers will not be referred to employers who do not cooperate, he said.

Overoptimism Scored An acute national shortage of male labor in certain types of industry made expansion of the referral program necessary, McNutt said. He added he had been "most disturbed" because over-optimism with respect to an early ending of the war had caused many workers in essential industry to transfer to peacetime jobs.

Among industries most urgently in need of workers, he listed foundries and force shops, rubber and tire production, ship repair and lumbering and logging. Shortages are developing in the textile field, in coal mining, and electronic equipment production, it was added.

The new program provides that job seekers will be offered assignments in the order of importance of the job to the war. Workers will be given the widest choice "consistent with the war effort" in the acceptance of jobs.

An applicant may be referred to a non-essential job under these conditions:

If he is not needed for an essential job in the area; if he is not adaptable to an essential job outside the area; or if there is undue hardship, special emergency circumstances, or other good cause.

## Yank Jungle Troops Wrest Wooded Ridge From Japs On Biak

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## Italian Refugees Return To Homes After Battle Passes Routed Germans Losing Heavily



This group of Italian refugees was among the civilians, old and young, who returned weary and forlorn to take up life anew in their home city of M. Iturano after the Allies had driven out the Germans. AP staff photographer Henry L. Griffin, serving with the war still picture pool, made this and other similar pictures of returning refugees. (AP wirephoto).

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## \$1,300 REFUNDED IN RENT REBATES

Overcharges aggregating \$1,300 were refunded to tenants by erring landlords in the area controlled by the Wilmington Rent Control office during the month of May, it was reported yesterday by George W. Jeffery, director of the local office.

In spite of repeated warnings by the Rent Control office, a few landlords persist in attempting to raise their rents without first applying to the rent control office for authorization for the increase, Jeffery said.

"In order to make this matter clear," he said, "no rent should be increased without first obtaining written permission from the Rent Control office. Landlords who have never rented before can obtain advance opinions as to the proper rent by applying to this office."

Any person who demands or receives rent in excess of those provided for under the rent regulation may subject themselves to be asked to refund the amount overcharged, or may subject themselves to heavy penalties, Jeffery added.

## Committee Approves War Price Controls

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—A one-year extension of wartime price controls, to June 30, 1945, was approved unanimously today by the house banking committee, after it voted to permit present "food subsidies, but no more, and passed up a modified "Bankhead amendment" for special price treatment of the cotton textile industry."

The committee action, if sustained by the House and Senate, would permit subsidies on meat, butter and flour to continue but would ban any extension of subsidies to other commodities.

## Americans, Chinese Gain On Myitkyina

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 2.—(AP)—Americans and Chinese attacking from three sides are gaining steadily within and outside the north Burma Japanese bastion of Myitkyina, an Allied communique announced today.

## Arabian Pipeline In 'Iffy' Stage

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt raised doubt today that this government will go through with its project of constructing a 1,250-mile oil pipeline across Arabia.

## 25 Workmen On Ship Overcome By Fumes At New York Pier

NEW YORK, June 2.—(AP)—Another mass overcoming—the second in two days—struck in Brooklyn today but again there were no fatalities.

While all but 26 of 1,000 pedestrians and subway riders felled or otherwise affected by escaping chlorine gas yesterday were reported out of danger, 25 workmen in the hold of a ship were overcome by foul air stirred up when ballast was shifted.

Ten of the men were taken to a hospital and 15 treated at the pier where the ship was tied. None was believed in serious condition.

## ROUTED GERMANS LOSING HEAVILY

Allied Forces Draw Knot Around Nazi Remnants From Hitler Line

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, June 2.—(AP)—Powerful American armored and infantry forces smashed through the key German strongholds of Valmontone and Velletri in the Alban hills before Rome today, shattering the enemy's last-ditch defenses and foreshadowing the beginning of the end of the battle for the Eternal City.

Valmontone, 20 airline miles from Rome on the Via Casilina, main escape route for the mauled German 10th army retreating from the Hitler line, and Velletri, 18 miles southeast of the Italian capital, fell after days of vicious assault and flaming resistance.

Early tonight fierce fighting was reported still in progress as Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's victorious forces continued to pound back the stubbornly struggling Hermann Goerring armored division and other crack Nazi units. The Allies held three miles of the Via Casilina.

Capture of Valmontone and severance of the Via Casilina drew the Allied sack tighter on the remnants of what once were 12 German divisions holding the Gustav and Hitler lines. Less than 18 miles separated Clark's troops from Canadian forces who seized up the Via Casilina and pointed Ferentoni. Caught between the two Allied wings, Marshal Albert Kesselring's battered forces were streaming northward on several secondary roads toward the temporary safety of a new defense line hinged on Avezzano.

Crack Division In Fight It was disclosed that the crack American First Armored division and other strong American reinforcements had been thrown into the battle now raging within eight miles of Rome. The First Armored division played a conspicuous part in the Tunisian victory last year.

Tonight a front dispatch reported Fifth army vanguards were fanning out in a wide arc through the Alban hills above Velletri, advancing on a mountain front extending from the Apennian Way to the Via Casilina—the two principal highways into Rome.

German prisoners captured since the Allied offensive began May 11 approached the 20,000 mark.

Street fighting raged in Velletri for several days before its fall. American armor and infantry penetrated to the hill town's central square yesterday, routing "clusters of shuddering Germans" out of backyards and wine cellars, but the remainder of the doomed Garrison continued to give desperate opposition. Their every avenue of escape had been cut by American forces pushing through the mountains north and northwest upon Rome.

The Nazi commanders threw more and more troops into the battle raging in the storied Alban hills immediately before the Eternal City, but these were offset by reinforcements of American and French divisions made available to General Clark by the collapse of enemy resistance between Terracina and Littoria in the coastal sector last week.

These now veteran troops—in (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

## FEAR BALKAN THRUST

LONDON, June 2.—(AP)—As Allied bomber armadas methodically softened their western anti-invasion defenses, the Germans expressed fear today that General Eisenhower's cross-channel blow would be preceded by an invasion of the Balkans from the Middle East.

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