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WARM WELCOME TO MOSCOW



ARRIVING AT THE KREMLIN, Joseph E. Davies (left) is greeted with a handshake and a big smile by Josef Stalin, former ambassador to Moscow, brought a personal message from President Roosevelt to the head of the Soviet State.

Naming Of Byrnes Spurs Congress To Home Front Effort

Washington, May 29—(AP)—Vice president Byrnes today proposed additional moves to cut through the "confusion" many of them had marked the domestic war effort.

Byrnes outlined the new series of war mobilization headed by Byrnes. 1. Creation by Congress of a separate civilian supply agency having equal claim with the army and navy on resources and materials, and its representation on Byrnes mobilization committee.

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RAID ON ITALY BIGGEST YET WORLD FARM CO-OP PLANNED

Co-Op Banks Final Splitting Up Of Japs Also Being Proposed

System of Business Enterprises Would Be Owned and Operated by Group

Hot Springs, Va., May 29—(AP)—A move to link the farmers of the world by means of an international organization of producer marketing cooperatives was advanced today by delegates of more than 30 countries attending the United Nations food conference.

Advocates of the cooperative movement—a system of business enterprises owned and operated by the people they serve—agreed at a special meeting to ask the parley formally to recommend, in its final resolutions, that an international agency be set up to help farmers organize.

PERCY BLOXAM DIES AT HOME IN ROXBORO

Roxboro, May 29—(AP)—Percy Bloxam, 62, city manager here, died this morning after suffering a heart attack.

Bus Service Will Stop Tomorrow In New York City

New York, May 29—(AP)—Every north-south and cross-town bus line in Manhattan will be shut down tomorrow in a gasoline conservation move.

Standley, Dissatisfied, To Quit Moscow Post

New York, May 29—(AP)—The New York Times, in a Washington dispatches quoting "well informed circles," said that Admiral William Standley has notified President Roosevelt of his desire to resign immediately as ambassador to Moscow.

Final Splitting Up Of Japs On Attu Island Is Under Way

Fortresses Raid Europe in Numbers

Biggest Week of Bombing so Far Luring War; Heavy Damage Is Inflicted

London, May 29—(AP)—A great force of Flying Fortresses raided the continent today, returning in mid-afternoon, flying high and unescorted over the Folkstone area.

The force came back in several close flying formations and were barely distinguishable as they returned to base at 20,000 feet.

The attack was still in progress when the first bombs were dropped on the city of Berlin.

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Invasion Talk Is Topic of the Hour For London Folk

London, May 29—(AP)—Invasion talk dominated headlines today in most of London's newspapers, which featured front page stories speculating that an Allied blow was imminent.

Military writers had little concrete evidence, but some were spurred by the conclusion of the Roosevelt-Churchill talk in Washington.

Axis reports suggesting that major action was a matter of days were carried prominently. One of these reports that landing craft were concentrated in Tunis, Algeria, and Moroccan ports was a favorite topic.

The enemy intends to invade Italy with thousands of barges full of Marines under an enormous air umbrella, a military commentator on the Rome radio said today in a broadcast heard by The Associated Press.

The commentator said that if the Allies "attempt to land on one island or on the mainland, they may be able to gain an initial foothold, but they would soon come up against such a formidable defense that they would soon be thrown back once more."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Continued mild with little change in temperature today and tonight.

Some Clashes Are High in Mountains Above Clouds; Further Advances Are Made

Washington, May 29—(AP)—United States troops have captured Fishhook Ridge, important Japanese stronghold on Attu island, the Navy reported today, and the main enemy force on the island is now contained in a mountainous area of only 3 to 4 square miles.

The conquest of Fishhook ridge, the long main mountain range, had long been a major objective of the offensive. It is the only of American lines stretching northward along the base of the northeastern peninsula on Attu into the Chignik harbor area.

A Navy communique said that the Japanese positions on Fishhook ridge were unbreached above the cloud line and American soldiers had to scale 60 degree ridges in the face of strong enemy fire to reach them.

Discipline that the present main Japanese position is north of Chignik valley, which extends southwest from Chignik harbor, was the first indication the Japanese had relatively small forces in that sector.

Fighting this week has been in the Chignik valley area and southward to the vicinity of Lake Corvick, including Fishhook ridge.

Washington, May 29—(AP)—The final splitting up of Japanese forces on Attu island into little groups who fight with the desperation of doomed men was underway today with some of the battling high in the mountains above the clouds.

Navy reports on the progress of the campaign, too, in its 19th day.

British Bombers Make Heavy Raid On Old Mandalay

New Delhi, May 29—(AP)—British bombers made a heavy raid on Mandalay last night, leaving large fires burning in the yard of that Japanese-owned base and forested plantations and causing scattered fires in fields, rivers, transportation, and troop positions in western and central Burma yesterday, a British communique said today.

Fighters based at Heho airfield in central Burma, and motor vehicles and river craft near Buthading in western Burma, while Curtis Moskows machine gunner troop positions in the Kanyaw area of western Burma near the Indian border.

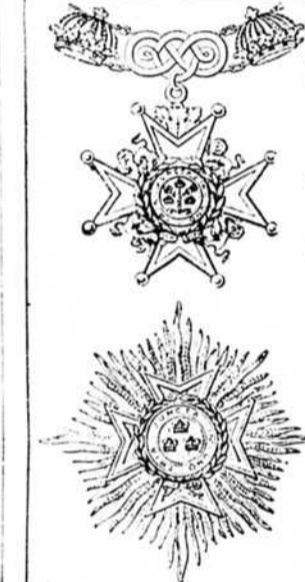
One plane failed to return from the raid, the communique said.

Nazi-Soviet Planes In East Continuing Raids

Moscow, May 29—(AP)—Large forces of Russian and German planes are continuing their aerial fencing with increasing intensity northeast of Novorossiysk, and tank-led infantry forces have clashed in sharp fighting, Russian dispatches said today, but they still did not mention the "Red Army offensive" which Berlin has been reporting for the last two days.

The correspondent of Red Star, Red Army organ, said it was the Germans who were attacking in local battles from the German Kuban

For 'Doug' and 'Ike'



HERE ARE the gold badge and collar (top) and star (bottom) of gold on silver which may be worn by U. S. Generals Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower. King George has just named them Knights of the Grand Cross, Order of the Bath. (International)

Flood Picture Is Brighter In Midwest

Although flood waters continue to swirl to record highs, there were bright patches today in a water-logged picture.

The levees are expected to hold at the No. 1 danger spot, Beardstown, Ill. The Illinois river hit 29.3 feet and then started to recede.

Frank Wesol, who heads the civil works unit in the flood work at Beardstown, toured the flood area with a levee expert and sighed with relief as he said:

"We have encountered a few leaks and boils but they are now routine. I think we are just about in the clear."

The Mississippi swept out to form a second junction with the Ohio, seven miles from the spot where the two normally meet. Cairo was encircled, but was not in danger.

Planes Fly On Longest Hop So Far

Leghorn and Foggia Devastated; Both Vital Centers in Italy's War Effort

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 29—(AP)—Almost 100 Flying Fortresses, striking the most distant objective yet assigned on the attack on Italy from North Africa, bombed Leghorn yesterday and left a smutty trail of devastation in the oil refineries, docks and shipyards of that large port, 160 miles north of Rome.

At the same time, Cairo dispatches said, some two score American Liberators smashed at Foggia and dropped 80 tons of bombs on that airbase 80 miles east of Naples.

(Dispatches from London said large units of Italy's fleet, which has seldom ventured to sea since the start of the war, may have been at Leghorn—known as Livorno to the Italians—when the Flying Fortresses visited the harbor. This was the first time that Leghorn had been bombed.)

Two waves of Liberators attacked Foggia, near the Adriatic side of the Italian peninsula, and a United States communique from Cairo said direct hits were made on several hangars, numerous fires started, and at least 13 enemy bombers were destroyed or damaged.

British and American medium bombers and bomb-carrying fighters also carried the air war across the Mediterranean with unabated fury in objectives in Sicily, Sardinia, and the stronghold of Pantelleria, the nearest Axis-held territory.

Among these targets were the Telegrafico and the S. Maria, which was attacked by Mitchell's Mustangs, Lightnings and Warhawks, and the railway station and oil installations at Augusta, Sicily, which were attacked Thursday night by the RAF bombers from the desert air bases.

Leghorn is the seat of the great

Allied March On Berlin Is Speculated

Washington, May 29—(AP)—The Allied march to Berlin may follow one or more—and preferably more—of ten roads, none of them easy.

Some of the enormous difficulties to be expected were outlined by Col. Conrad H. Lanza, retired army officer and one of the country's most noted military students.

His routes he discusses are these: 1. Norway, 2. Denmark, and north Germany, 3. northwest Germany and the Dutch coast east of Texel, 4. the low countries south of Texel, 5. north France and Brittany, 6. west France south of the Loire, 7. south France, 8. west side of Italy with Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica, 9. the Adriatic and south Italy, and 10. the Aegean sea area.

His estimate of the force needed varies from a comparatively limited number for the acquisition of southern Norway to "millions of men" for a campaign through north and central France. And an invasion of the continent will be really effective, he suggests, only as the result of landing in great force at several points.

Drop 19 Tons Of Bombs On Japs In New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in Australia, May 29—(AP)—Nineteen tons of bombs, a considerable amount for the Southwest Pacific, were the targets involved are much smaller than those being dropped in Nazi controlled Europe, cascaded down upon three Japanese airbases in the Wewak, New Guinea, sector yesterday.

Heavy fog and weather prevented Flying Fortresses and Liberators from dropping bombs on the targets.

SAL Freights Collide; One Dead, Two Injured

Norfolk, Va., May 29—(AP)—Freight train Lionel Sims was killed and Fireman Bascom Brett and brakeman Thomas Woodrow Bough were injured early today in an accident involving two freight trains at Hemingway, S. C., according to reports received at headquarters of the Seaboard Railway here. All three men were residents of Hamlet, N. C.

J. C. Wroton, general manager of the Seaboard, gave out the following statement:

Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning a northbound freight train ran into the side of a southbound freight train as the latter was pulling into the main track for the northbound train at Hemingway, S. C., about 30 miles north of Charleston, overturning the locomotive of the northbound train and several cars of the southbound train.

Engineer Leon Lionel Sims, of Hamlet, N. C., in charge of the northbound train, was killed. Bascom Brett and Thomas Woodrow Bough, both of Hamlet, the fireman and brakeman of the northbound train, were injured and taken to the nearest hospital.

Among the damaged cars on the northbound train was one in which there was an explosion after the