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Russians Capture 130 More Villages In Drive on Orel

Soviet Troops Sweep Everything Before Them, Despite Strong German Resistance

Moscow, July 20—(AP)—The Red army, moving closer to its goal of encirclement of Field Marshal von Kluge's forces in the Orel area, has captured 130 villages in an advance on three sides of that Nazi bastion on the central front 200 miles south of Moscow, the Russians announced today.

Front line dispatches declared Soviet troops were sweeping everything before them, although they acknowledged that the Germans were resisting bitterly and said the terrain made operations difficult in some sectors.

The Soviet midnight communique said the Germans were rushing reinforcements into the battle and were counter-attacking the advancing Russians as many as twelve times within a single day in some sectors without success.

The Russians announced the capture of a large populated place 31 miles west of Orel. This represents the most westerly advance in the area north of Orel. From here the Russian line swings back east and then cuts south around Orel and runs west along the old line to Sevsk.

The Russians also reported the capture of Lgov on the east bank of the Wytyeb river and 30 miles northwest of Orel.

Russian dispatches indicated that their forces have "considerably expanded" their breach in the German lines although they admitted that the Nazis were giving them considerable trouble at several points. One particularly fierce engagement was fought on the outskirts of Frest where German artillery halted the advance for a time until Russian guardsmen filtered through in small detachments and outflanked the garrison.

Ickes Blames Business Men For Failures

New York, July 20—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes declared today that blame for any frictions or failures in the war program should be placed upon dollars and business men rather than upon "brain trusters" or "New Dealers" or "bureaucrats."

Speaking to the sales executives club of New York, Ickes described himself as "one of the few New Dealers left in the Washington administration" and declared in his prepared address that this group had been subjected to unmerited criticism for war effort failures.

"It isn't the New Dealers who have been running this war, it is the dollar-a-year men like Knudsen, Nelson, Stettinius, and many others who I might mention," Ickes told his audience.

"I have sometimes ventured to think—all by myself, of course—that this sudden and great influx of men who, while highly competent in their own fields, were inexperienced and untrained in and unsympathetic with government procedures, was not as well advised as it appeared to be."

"The clankings, the screechings of badly oiled machinery, the clashing of one war endeavor against another, may have been at least somewhat due to the fact that new hands were undertaking work that they did not know much about. If the war program has broken down at any point, it has failed to keep the pace that had been hoped for, it hasn't been changeable to the 'brain trusters,' to the 'New Dealers,' or to the 'bureaucrats.'"

TRUCK DRIVERS QUIT IN ATLANTA STRIKE

Atlanta, July 20—(AP)—Between 300 and 500 truck drivers and helpers employed by at least seven interstate trucking lines walked out today in what company officials described as an unauthorized work stoppage.

Officials of one large trucking line here said the stoppage was a protest by the drivers and helpers against delay by the war labor board in ratifying a contract submitted to the board April 1. The helpers are classified by the union as "dock workers."

REDS ATTACK NORWAY

London, July 20—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that a Russian amphibious force had attacked the coast of Varanger Fjord in extreme northern Norway. The broadcast said the Russians had attempted a landing south of Carde, on the peninsula which cut into the Barents sea toward Fisher peninsula, the most northwestern point of the Soviet Union.

Admiral's Aide



FIRST SPAR to serve as an admiral's aide is Ensign Thelma Morgan, of Burbank, Cal. When the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station at Palm Beach, Fla., was commissioned, she was made aide to Rear Admiral L. T. Chalker, assistant commandant. Navy photo. (International)

Long War Is Forecast

Vice Admiral Horne Says Navy Planning War Against Japan Until 1949 At Least

Washington, July 20—(AP)—Vice Admiral Frederick J. Horne revealed today that the Navy is planning for a war against Japan to last at least until 1949.

The vice chief of naval operations, appearing at a press conference at which Secretary Knox strongly deplored current optimism over winning the war in a hurry, declared he still has "tremendous distances to go in the Pacific and we have to build bases from the ground up as we advance."

Questioned about the time required to win victory in Europe, Horne said that his opinion was "entirely a guess," and he gave no date.

He declared, however, that there is a "good deal of wishful thinking in expectation of a collapse of Germany."

He predicted there will be no such "moral collapse in the army" as there was in 1918 because he said, German soldiers have been trained in Hitlerism and have been separated from the family connections through which a spirit of defeat was transmitted in the last war.

Horne and Secretary Knox virtually joined in forecasting that the victory march in the Pacific, long though it may be, will never stop short of complete surrender of the enemy.

"I expect we won't be satisfied with the fall of the Japanese fleet," Horne said. "I expect to see our people in Tokyo before this thing is over unless we want another war with a new generation."

"We must make this so expensive for them," Knox said, "that they won't want another one."

Knox described the fighting for Sicily as the conquest of an outpost and said American troops face in Europe an army of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 men.

JAPANESE REPULSED IN TAIHENG SECTOR

Chungking, July 20—(AP)—A Chinese communique reported today that heavy fighting had been in progress for ten days in the Taiheng mountains from which the Japanese launched their abortive offensive this spring along the Yangtze river toward Chungking.

The Japanese, backed by planes and "superior armament," were said to have been repulsed and the Chinese said they now were striking at the enemy's rear.

TWO SHIPS SUNK

An Advanced South Pacific Base, May 29 (Delayed)—(AP)—Two hundred and sixteen survivors of two American merchant ships torpedoed and sunk have arrived at this base port with the first eye-witness reports made here on new Japanese submarine offensive efforts against South Pacific shipping lanes.

Failing to Stem Allied Advance in Sicily

Italian Troops Mutiny

U. S. Liberators Bomb Paramushiro

Fires Set At Northern Jap Base

Bombers Apparently Strike from Amchitka; In Western Aleutians; Other Pacific News

Washington, July 20—(AP)—The Navy announced today that Liberator heavy bombers, winging over the Japanese side of the north Pacific, had bombed the enemy base of Paramushiro Monday, starting fires and scoring near hits on shipping.

The big planes were described as "a formation," which may have been a dozen or so. They apparently operated from the American base of Amchitka in the western Aleutians. It is 861 miles from Amchitka to Paramushiro.

This is the first raid in which bombers of the American north Pacific force have struck so closely to Japan proper.

Paramushiro is at the northern end of the Kurile chain, which runs south like an arrow pointing to Tokyo about 1,200 miles away. The attack puts pressure on Japan's northern defense positions in coordination with the offensive against New Guinea positions far to the south.

Meanwhile, for the second time since the Japanese overran the Netherlands East Indies, allied bombers have made a daring, long distance attack on the enemy's major bases at Macassar.

A great force of Liberator bombers flew 2,000 miles, round trip, Sunday night and left many fires towering above the big harbor city on Celebes. There was no report on the extent of damage done but some of the fires, started along the waterfront, in the factory area, and on the airfield, could be seen 30 miles away.

At the other end of the long southwest Pacific belt, American troops enlarged their beachhead with a limited advance at Lito, about three miles east of the Japanese key central Solomon airbase at Munda. The communique said 159 Japanese were killed, American losses were described as light.

Avenger and Dauntless bombers pounded Japanese positions, north of Munda airbase on Kula Gulf, while Mitchell bombers, swooped low and machine gunned the enemy on the beaches between Munda and Lambeth.

On New Guinea, allied ground forces cleaned out another Japanese strong point on the slopes of Mt. Tambu, near Salamaua, wiping out 82 Japanese. Allied ground troops were supported by aircraft.

500 Bombers Made Raid On Rome

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 20—(AP)—Allied headquarters described yesterday's shattering aerial assault on Rome as an "outstanding successful operation" today and disclosed officially that more than 500 American bombers carried out the raid with a loss of five planes.

Aerial reconnaissance showed heavy damage to all targets and a night U. S. air force communique from Cairo said the Littorio railroad yards "were completely destroyed."

"Very severe damage" was caused to the vital San Lorenzo rail yards, also within the limits of the imperial city, while grounded aircraft and hangars were destroyed at the Rome air-drome.



Private S. L. Mitchell, of Niobrara, Wisconsin, stop to examine wrecked German railroad car guns, some where in Sicily. American, British and Canadian invasion forces have destroyed thousands of similar Axis weapons and captured thousands of prisoners, mostly Italians, as they speed up their advance in Sicily. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

Food Price Plan Offered

Ohio Republican Senator Proposes Government Purchase And Resale Program

Washington, July 20—(AP)—Government purchase of the principal food crops and their resale at below-ceiling prices was advocated today by Senator Burton, Ohio Republican, as an alternative to the administration's subsidized price rollback program.

Burton, who opposed the subsidy principle but supported the defeated Fair amendment to the Commodity Credit Corporation bill which would have provided a limited amount for the rollback, said he had become convinced that the simplest way to keep food prices from advancing would be for the government to buy entire crops.

While Burton said he had no idea of the cost of a program entailing the purchase of the entire production of such commodities as wheat, corn and meat, he asserted that it would probably be less than payment of outright subsidies.

Burton's proposal found little favor with Senator Kilgore, West Virginia Democrat, chairman of a military affairs subcommittee studying the food situation.

Kilgore said he would much rather see subsidies confined entirely to transportation, believing that payments made to lower the cost of moving supplies to the farm and transporting foods to market would be the most effective means of holding down living costs.

PRISON LABOR PROVES SUCCESSFUL ON FARMS

Raleigh, July 20—(AP)—The first assignment of State prisoners to farm work was highly successful, Governor Broughton said today in reporting that they picked and packed 30,842 bags of potatoes in Camden county.

About 150 prisoners were employed on farms for three weeks and landowners paid \$4,294 for their services, as provided in a 1933 statute authorizing the use of prisoners for such emergency work during the manpower shortage period.

WOMEN'S BAND

Washington, July 20—(AP)—A Marine Corps Women's Band is being organized to replace the male band at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., the Navy reported today.

The Marine Women's Band, the first organization of its kind, will have a personnel of 43.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Little change in temperature today and tonight with mostly scattered thundershowers mostly in late afternoon.

PUBLIC WARNED TO LEAVE ROME

Murray Backs Fourth Term

Washington, July 20—(AP)—Senator Murray, Montana Democrat, endorsed President Roosevelt for a fourth term today with the prediction "the greatest change being renominated and re-elected."

"I am sure he would gladly lay down the reins of government to anyone the Democratic party might offer as a vice and able leader to carry through to final victory," Murray told a reporter.

"However, it appears at this time that he must be asked to serve another term on the basis of continuing his great service as a national necessity."

The Montana senator, long a New Deal supporter, said he had not discussed the matter with the President, and had no idea of the President's intentions regarding a fourth term.

"But we are in the midst of a war that will require his leadership to carry us through to a successful conclusion," Murray declared.

Veto To Have Grave Effect In This State

Raleigh, July 20—(AP)—President Roosevelt's veto of a bill to require certain federal agencies to comply with State inspection laws will have a grave effect upon the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Governor Broughton said today.

The State reflects about \$250,000 a year from fertilizer inspection and about \$100,000 a year from spot inspections. Federal agencies, however, have been increasing their distribution of nursery stock, fertilizers, livestock and poultry feed, seeds, and soil conditioning material. And should these articles be exempt from the State inspection laws, Governor Broughton said, the State Agricultural department would receive a serious financial blow.

Governor Broughton said he planned to discuss the matter with Governors Holland of Florida and Johnston of South Carolina.

President Roosevelt said in a statement yesterday that if additional controls are necessary to insure the quality of materials distributed by federal agencies, then the Congress should prescribe them.

City Is Overcrowded By Evacuees From Bombed Industrial Centers of Italy

Bern, July 20—(AP)—All persons not compelled to remain in Rome to carry on essential war work have been warned to get out immediately by the fascist government. Swiss Telegraphic agency dispatches reported today.

Rome, the dispatches said, is without adequate air raid shelters, and last year's population of 1,200,000 population has been virtually doubled because of the influx of the city would not be further swollen by the presence of Italian cities.

For the past twelve months hundreds of thousands of evacuees from Italy's bombed industrial cities have poured into Rome until the government was forced to rule that only those persons whose business was imperative would be allowed to visit the overcrowded city, and to remain only until their business was transacted.

Rome's evacuation of surplus population, however, is regarded as an almost insupportable problem according to the Swiss Telegraphic agency, because there is literally no place where they can go.

Nine Convicts Given Paroles

Raleigh, July 20—(AP)—C. E. Hopkins, convicted in Columbus in 1941 on a charge of accessory after the fact of murder in connection with the death of Ben Hopkins, his half-brother, was one of nine prisoners paroled today by Governor Broughton.

Hopkins was sentenced to eight to ten years.

Ottis Fred weber, convicted in Edgecombe in 1942 of deadly assault and sentenced to six to five years, Raleigh B. Collins, convicted in Edgecombe in 1939 of carnal knowledge of a female under 14 years of age and sentenced to ten years, James Kelly, convicted in Duplin in 1940 of second degree murder and sentenced to 12 to 15 years, and Daniel Ford, convicted in Robeson in 1940 on two counts of larceny and sentenced to five to seven years.

LAND OF THE FREE

Raleigh, July 20—(AP)—Rugged individualism is not dead.

A Raleigh man double parked his car on a downtown street, opened the door, stuck out his feet—and calmly proceeded to have an urchin shine his shoes as he sat hunched protectively at the "blockade."

Hundreds Of Italians Surrender

German Commanders Of Italian Forces Reported Killed As Mutinies Spread

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 20—(AP)—American troops are probing deeper into western and central Sicily against weakening axis resistance by Italians reported mutinying against German officers, and British forces in the vital battle against the German tank attack, it was reported today.

Allied forces were within artillery range of Lamea—central Sicily's principal commanding main roads and railroads east and west—and pounding at the gates of Catania—prop of all eastern coast defenses.

"There are many indications of mutinies by Italian troops commanded by German officers," and hundreds of Italians are surrendering to American troops striking ahead westward, the allied communique said.

On the narrow-covered Catania plain, British Eighth Army advance guards shattered a series of Nazi tank assaults launched in desperate defiance of the great support.

With several brigades established over the network of three rivers in the Catania plain, the British today held a line running from the sea westward in the direction of Ramacca. They were within at least three miles of Catania.

The German "Goring" regiment and main parachute troops used with infantry were thrown into the continuing battle and suffered heavily, it was reported.

The U. S. Seventh Army of Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., was about 90 miles from Palermo, the lead a path toward Sicily, and was cutting a wide path through the heart of the enemy line, encountering "almost total lack of resistance" by Italians, an official statement said.

Mutinies among the Italian units led by German officers was one of the gravest signs yet reported to ultimate axis collapse in Sicily.

Some Italian units already reportedly have killed German commanders who tried to prevent their surrender.

General Peter Ark, commander of the 5th Naples division, has been captured, the fourth divisional commander to be taken. General Porciani had been sent back to Sicily as a failure as a field commander in Libya.

All U. S. Sixth Army troops were gathering strength and armored patrols are probing the defenses" of axis strong strategic established at the foot of Mt. Etna to bar the narrow coastal route.

This in preparation was a mighty push which some observers said might reach to Messina Strait almost as quickly as the eighth army advanced from Cape Passero to the gates of Catania.

SAL REORGANIZATION PLAN TO U. S. COURT

Norfolk, Va., July 20—(AP)—The final draft of a special master's plan for reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, filed in U. S. district court here today, called for a reorganization committee of three members. The organization plan draft report, previously placed with the court, called for a committee of five members.

Court officials said the only other changes between the draft and final reports were of a minor nature. The final hearing on the plan of reorganization will be held October 18 before Judge Luther E. Way of the U. S. district court for eastern Virginia and Judge Alexander Akerman of the southern Florida federal district court.

GRAUD IN ENGLAND

London, July 20—(AP)—General Henri Graud, co-chairman of the French Committee of National Liberation arrived in Great Britain today from Canada.