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## U. S. Bombers Make War's Biggest Raid On Barioko Harbor

### Planes Pound Area In Daylong Series of Attacks; Ground Offensive Gains

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, July 22—(AP)—United States bombers shattered Japanese positions at Barioko harbor, above Munda, on the north shore of New Georgia island, yesterday in the heaviest air attack ever made in the southwest Pacific.

More than 150 Avenger torpedo bombers and Dauntless divers, operating under a strong fighter cover, pounded the area in a daylong series of raids.

"One hundred 33 tons of bombs were dropped and the area was extensively strafed," the daily report from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said. "It was the heaviest air attack that has been executed by the allied forces in the southwest Pacific area."

A spokesman added that it also surprised anything the Japanese had ever done. The communique said the raid was made "in support of our ground forces." This might indicate American troops were advancing from Enagali Point, two miles northeast, where last week they destroyed the entire Japanese garrison.

Barioko is the supply base for Munda, key Japanese defense point in the central Solomons, but allied forces blocked traffic between the two points last week.

Only one sentence was used in reporting the ground action at Munda:

"Enemy ground forces launched a strong counter attack and were repulsed with heavy losses."

Sharp fighting continued among advanced patrols in the Komiatan district seven miles inland from Munda. Japanese forces launched nine counter attacks against M. Tambu which Australian jungle fighters captured several days ago. The enemy was hurled back in every attempt and left at least 202 dead on the slopes of the hill.

### CEILING PRICES SET ON FRESH FISH SALES

Washington, July 22—(AP)—Maximum retail prices on fresh fish were prescribed today by the Office of Price Administration in an action expected by some officials as an effort to end the "strike" of many fishermen.

OPA ordered retail sellers to limit their prices by a formula based on the number of cents mark-up customarily placed on fish by each retailer between July 5 and July 10. OPA explained that since the previous order regulated the wholesale price, the mark-up formula will automatically force reduction in retail prices, probably ranging from 10 to 20 per cent.

Later, OPA added, it plans to issue that "cents per pound" maximum prices on fresh fish.

### M'NAUGHTON IN AFRICA

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 22—(INS)—Lieut. Gen. G. L. McNaughton, commander in chief of the Canadian army, has arrived in the north African theater for a tour of inspection. It was announced today. Canadian troops are playing an important role in the invasion of Sicily.

### Strike Halts Production At War Plant

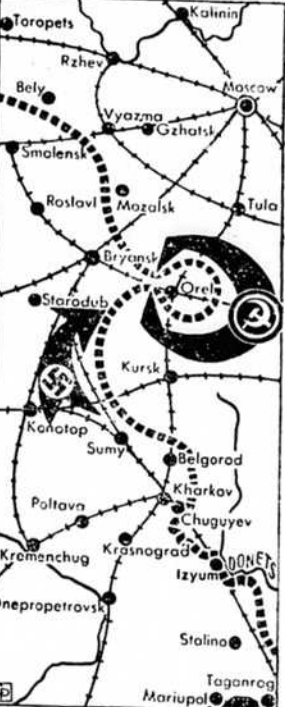
Akron, Ohio, July 22—(AP)—Production of military, truck and passenger tires was halted today at the General Tire and Rubber Co., as a work stoppage, second within a week, spread among 300 employees of the division.

Edward H. Harper, president of the CIO Rubber Workers local at General, said all employees of the tire division joined an "unauthorized walkout" protesting the company's refusal to take back a worker with eleven years' service.

A company spokesman, who declined use of his name, said the walkout threatened to throw 2,600 other workers into idleness. Several days ago a bulletin board notice signed by C. R. Jahant, General's vice president in charge of production, warned workers that any employee participating in a slowdown, walkout or other work stoppage would be referred to the FBI as "sabotaging the war effort."

Federal Conciliator Paul Fuller said he had recommended certification of the dispute to the war labor board.

### Where Reds Gain



HURLING as many as six divisions into a single eight-mile sector, the Russian army is closing a powerful pincer on the important German base of Orel. The Nazi radio claims German troops here are fighting "the biggest battle of the war."

### Jap Officer Sees Crisis

### Radio Broadcaster Declares Situation in Pacific Grows 'Increasingly Dark'

New York, July 22—(AP)—The Tokyo radio broadcast today an address by a Japanese air force officer declaring that the war situation in the southwest Pacific is becoming increasingly dark "as a result of fierce and heroic battles."

The officer, who was not identified by name, asserted Japan had achieved some "overwhelming victories" in air engagements, but declared that the allies keep "persistently coming back time and again" with seemingly endless reinforcements.

"This illustrates that the enemy, too, is carrying out a counter offensive with honest effort and with a power that we cannot ignore," the speaker added. "We must recognize that the southwest Pacific war has now entered a stage where a decisive battle must be fought to determine the victor."

### MOTORISTS CITED ON STAMP CHARGES

Greensboro, July 22—(AP)—Approximately 3,000 car owners in North Carolina have been cited for failure to display their federal automobile stickers and deputy collectors are continuing their drive to enforce the purchase of the stickers throughout the state. It was reported today by the office of Charles H. Robertson, collector of Internal Revenue here.

### REPRESENTS STATE

Raleigh, July 22—(AP)—Harris Caldwell, former power chairman, will represent North Carolina in Washington July 26 at a meeting called to discuss the migratory farm labor problem.

### TAR DEEL ACE

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, July 22—(UP)—Captain Ralph G. Taylor Jr. of Durham, N. C., with three enemy planes already in his credit, became the first ace in his P-40 Warhawk group by shooting down a German Messerschmitt-109 and an Italian Macchi-202 during yesterday's raid on Sardinia.

## American Invasion Sweep Moves Rapidly Ahead

# Sicilian Towns Fall

## Nazis Fail To Stem Red Offensive

### Hitler Sends Fresh Units Into Orel

### Soviet Offensive Within Nine Miles of Nazi-held City; Fierce Fight Rages

London, July 22—(AP)—The Russian offensive against a strong, well-defended Nazi position near Orel, a major fighting base in a major sector, today in a knockout blow by the Associated Press.

Moscow, July 22—(AP)—German reinforcements, rushed into Orel by forced marches, counter-attacked viciously in desperate efforts to halt the Russian onslaught yesterday but were smashed back as the Soviet offensive rolled on to within nine miles of the German stronghold, the Russians announced officially today.

In a battle of increasing violence which raged 200 miles south of Moscow, the Russians said they beat through masses of enemy tanks and infantry for gains of four to nine miles and overran 30 villages.

(The London radio said that Hitler had ordered Orel, hinge of the entire Nazi southern defense line, held "at all costs.")

Driving from the north, the Russians had reached Buky, about 40 miles west of the city and within five miles of the crucial Orel-Bryansk railway at a point 35 miles northeast of Bryansk. Another column from the north had captured Optakha, nine miles northeast of Orel on the railway from fallen Mtsensk.

Soviet forces smashing frontally from the east had driven into Zolotarevo, eleven miles away.

The southern advance on the city was meeting the toughest German opposition since a Soviet communique said only that the Russians "continued to press ahead." That communique was last reported west of Orel at a point about 30 miles south of Orel.

In yesterday's fierce battles, the Russians said they knocked out more than 77 tanks and 131 motor planes in the Orel sector alone, and announced that the day's fighting, which raged as far south as the Donets river basin had taken a toll of 5,300 Germans.

### 10,000 TANKS

Detroit, July 22—(AP)—The Chrysler corporation disclosed today that it has completed its 10,000th medium weight tank at the Detroit tank plant.

Chrysler received its first tank order August 16, 1940. By the end of 1941 it was more than six months ahead of schedule and in December 1942 it monthly production was greater than its entire output for 1941.

### Army Losses Far Below 1917-18 Total

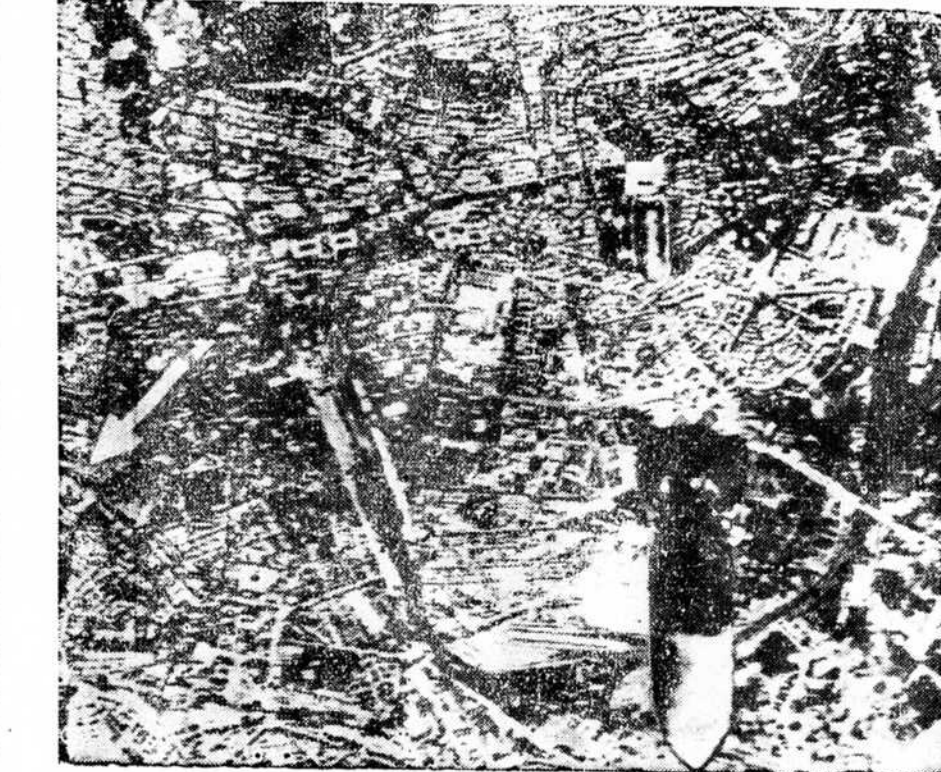
Washington, July 22—(AP)—United States has more a bellicose spirit in this war larger than it participated in the World War, but Army casualties have been only about 25 per cent of the 1917-18 total, Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson told a press conference today that reports through July 7 showed 65,726 Army casualties, against a total of 248,500 in 1917 and 1918. But Patterson added:

"It is almost certain that the fighting in immediate prospect will be much harder than anything we have experienced yet, and the casualties will mount."

"The period of relative quiet is gone. We will do well not to underestimate the enemy's strength."

Of Army casualties through July 7, 4,741 were killed, 67,324 wounded, 17,724 missing, 21,076 missing and 13,182 prisoners.

### Bombs Away for Railroad Yards in Rome



From high over Rome you look down here on the pattern of the Eternal City just as one bomb (lower right) leaves the rack in the wake of another (middle right), both being on their way to destroy a railroad yard. At left (arrow) is the Colosseum, one of the cultural monuments which airmen were ordered to leave undamaged. U. S. Army Signal Corps radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

### Sub Triton Lost At Sea

### U. S. Undersea Craft Had Destroyed More Than a Dozen Ships On Raids in Pacific

Washington, July 22—(AP)—The Navy announced today the submarine Triton, held raider of Japanese ships, "must be presumed to be lost" on a war patrol.

The Triton, which had destroyed more than a dozen enemy warships and merchantmen, was reported by Lieutenant Commander George Kenneth Macdonald, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The vessel carried a normal complement of about sixty men. It was the tenth United States undersea boat to be lost in this war, including eight lost as a result of combat in the Pacific and two as a result of noncombat incidents in the Atlantic.

On the other hand, United States submarines accounted for 233 Japanese ships sunk or damaged, including a total of 200 sunk.

The Navy department commended Lt. Macdonald for his gallant and heroic service in the Pacific.

"The United States submarine fleet has been to return from patrol operations and must be presumed to be lost. The next of kin of personnel have been so informed."

The last two previous submarines lost, also on war patrol in the Pacific, were the Amityjack and the Grampian.

### PRICE OF NEWSPRINT ADVANCES ON SEPT. 1

Washington, July 22—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration (OPA) said the "Caravan" News Board announced today that the price of newsprint will go up 84 per cent on September 1.

The price followed a 100 per cent increase in both Washington and Montreal and conditions with newsprint publishers and newsprint users.

The announcement "brought the price to the record level of wood post-employment."

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued warm today and tonight, with scattered thunderstorms this afternoon and early tomorrow.

### Mine Pay Contract To Test WLB Power

### Rome Reports New Air Raid

London, July 22—(AP)—The Italian communique reported that British airmen attempted to destroy an ammunition depot in Rome this morning and said casualties from Monday's American raid on the capital were 74 killed and 1,300 injured.

Rome was bombed and killed aircraft varied. Naples, Genoa, Salerno, and Palermo, south of Naples.

### Veterans Will Decide

Babson Says Issues of Post-War Period Will Be Settled By Fighting Men

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General Babson, July 22—(AP)—I quote from an address by Babson, president of the War Relocation Authority, at the University of Chicago, Illinois, on July 21, 1943, that the "issues of the post-war period will be settled by the fighting men."

The President may have had the veterans of the Frankfurter, Roosevelt and Hopkins crowd in mind when he said that the "issues of the post-war period will be settled by the fighting men."

At such a time the greatest way to settle the issues of the post-war period is to settle them by the fighting men.

The request was sent to Governor Arthur B. Langley of Washington. Allen was sentenced to four to five years county jail for robbery. He expired November 5, 1937.

### Agreement Signed With Illinois Mines Provides Increases in Pay Schedules

Washington, July 22—(AP)—A contract between the United Mine Workers and Illinois bituminous coal operators, possibly a wedge for final settlement of the prolonged coal wage controversy, offered the war labor board today its first opportunity to test its powers of subpoena.

Providing for a 15-month wage and work increases of about 20 a day or 23,000 unit employees of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, the agreement is contingent on WLB approval of an OPA anti-inflation bill.

There was no indication how the board would be received by the WLB, which previously had rejected a partial-to-total pay for miners.

It was expected, however, that the board would make findings to accompany the bill on which the \$124 daily pay-to-total pay in the new agreement was based. Such findings, based on research and testimony, would require the attendance of President John L. Lewis of the UMW. He has ignored the WLB subpoenas and named several times to appear before it.

The recently enacted Smith-Connally law contains a clause authorizing the board to issue subpoenas for witnesses.

The bill announcement by UMW District 12 and the Illinois operators stated that the operators had not to the WLB a signed copy of the new contract. It did not carry Lewis' signature.

The operators said that they had not signed the bill on all points. They had signed on 100 per cent of the contract, but they would require the attendance of President John L. Lewis of the UMW. He has ignored the WLB subpoenas and named several times to appear before it.

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### EXTRADITION SOUGHT OF FORMER CONVICT

Raleigh, July 22—(AP)—Governor Broughton today requested extradition of Buddy Allen, convicted killer, escaped in 1937 from Colorado prison farm, from Seattle, Wash., where he is being held for North Carolina authorities.

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### Axis Forces Are Herded Into Corner

### Americans Drive Within 20 Miles of Western Tip of Italian Island

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 22—(AP)—The American seventh army has captured Sciacca on the Sicilian south coast in a thunderbolt drive which has placed them but a little over 100 miles from the western tip of the island, Allied headquarters reported today.

The island was captured by the American sweep force in a drive which only about 20 miles from the western tip of the island, Allied headquarters reported today.

San Caterina, seven miles northwest of Caltanissetta and 28 miles south of the north coast. North, midway between Castelvetro and Sciacca.

Catellibotta, the Sciacca airdrome. The airdrome at Castelvetro.

Ramacca, 22 miles southwest of Catania, also fell to the British.

The American columns now were approaching Palermo, the capital of Sicily, with a last mountain range guarding that vital airport.

Castelvetro is 50 miles west of Agrigento and Porto Empedocle, towns on the south coast captured by the Americans last Saturday and Sunday. Sciacca is about 30 miles west of these two places.

The American steamroller was making swift progress in a drive toward Palermo of the north coast, herding German, Italian and their German allies to the northwest corner of the island and the Italian 26th Assault division was said to be surrounding about a dozen axis prisoners mounted to more than 40,000.

Along the east coast however, fierce fighting continued between the Simeto river and Catania where the German Hermann Goering armored division and fresh Nazi forces, including a parachute infantry battalion, were contesting every inch of ground with General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army.

The eighth army, however, was making steady, if slow progress.

Fierce fighting was taking place, the communique said, and "heavy casualties are being inflicted on the enemy."

CA Reuters correspondent with the British fleet in the Mediterranean reported that British warships, again boldly steaming up the Italian mainland, subjected Catania on the Gulf of Taormina to a heavy 15-minute bombardment yesterday morning.

That was the second attack of the war by the British ships on the Italian mainland. The first was at Genoa on February 9, 1941. This purpose evidently was to hamper shipment of reinforcements to Sicily by the crucial east coast railway, now that the west coast line has been heavily bombed by bombers at Rome, Naples and elsewhere.

The Americans and Canadians were said to be closing the retreating enemy northward in the general direction of the escape port of Messina on only one which, it continued, would quickly put them in position to strike at Catania from the rear.

(The Italian communique reported that a British twin-engine plane which attempted machine gunning action over a Rome airdrome this morning was shot down by a German plane.)

The Italian debacle in central and western Sicily appeared to be on a scale comparable to Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's defeat at the hands of the British in the Libyan desert in 1941.

Every mark of fighting spirit appeared to have been stamped out in the ranks of a disintegrating Italian army. New batches of prisoners complained that their officers were deserting them, wearing civilian clothes and going to the hills.