



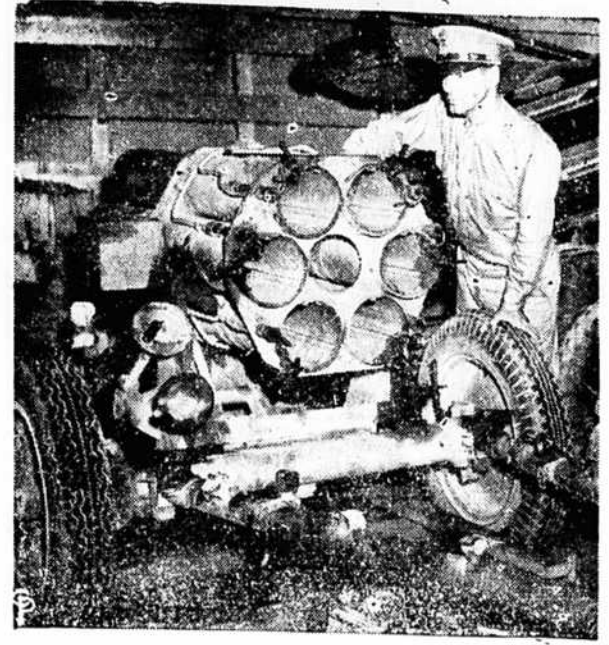
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## U. S. Troops Capture Palermo

SEVEN BARRELS, ALL SILENCED



All seven barrels of this great enemy cannon were pounding away when our soldiers swept an African battlement. Pictured here in a ship's hold, the gun is on its way to the Aberdeen, Md., proving ground for study by U. S. experts. (International)

## Surprise Attack Made On Soerabaja

### Yanks Make Long Flight For Attack

### Main Japanese Base In Dutch East Indies Is Heavily Pounded; All Bombers Return

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, July 23—(AP)—American airmen sprang a surprise on the Japanese yesterday with a destructive raid on the enemy's main Netherlands East Indies base at Soerabaja.

It was the first raid on the once great Dutch naval base on Java since the Japanese captured it in March, 1942, and the longest mission ever flown in the southwest Pacific.

Lights were burning brightly in the city and the dock area was a scene of bustling activity as the first Liberator bomber raced in and began planting 500-pound bombs and incendiaries in the target area. Japanese ground batteries quickly came to life, however, and raised a heavy but ineffective barrage. All our bombers returned.

General Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the incendiaries and high explosives hit an oil refinery, warehouses, railway installations and a dock. Tearing fires, some of them visible 140 miles away, were started.

The spectacular attack on Soerabaja captured immediate attention from the Solomons area but there was no ending of the daily battering given Munda on New Georgia. Bombers continued to rain bombs upon the beleaguered Japanese air base there, dropping 135 tons of explosives. Wildcat fighters covered the bombers in 250 sorties "made in direct support of our ground troops."

(Japanese forces at Munda are continuing within the defense ring of the field, a spokesman at the south Pacific headquarters of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., said. He added that capture of the air base "now is in reach.")

### Sicily Prisoners Pour Into Yank Camps



Part of the huge roundup of Italian prisoners captured in Syracuse and surrounding areas in Sicily is seen on the way to ports from which the men will be sent to internment camps in North Africa. Many of captives are obviously happy to be out of the war and rid of their German partners. (International Radio-Pho. Co.)

## Fall Of City Cuts Island In Two Parts

### Sicilian Capital and Principal Port Taken by Americans in Lightning Thrust

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 23—(AP)—American forces, driving forward in a move to clean up the westward end of Sicily, have captured the island capital of Palermo on the north coast.

Capture of the city represented a lightning advance for the forces of Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., which only yesterday were reported 30 miles from the city.

Palermo, which has a normal population of about 250,000, is situated 55 miles from the westward tip of the island and is the principal seaport. By driving through to the west coast to capture the city, the American forces effectively cut Sicily into two parts, sealing the avenue of escape for axis troops trapped in the west.

(The Morocco radio said this morning that axis troops had abandoned Marsala and Trapani at the western tip of Sicily and were withdrawing eastward.)

An official announcement said the Americans entered Palermo at 10 a. m. yesterday.

Palermo is the undisputed political and cultural center of Sicily and its fall in Italian eyes would in all likelihood be considered almost the same as loss of the entire island.

Shipping facilities provided by the port are expected to be of great value to the allies.

(The fall of the city was announced in a special communique which said a large section of the Italian garrison had surrendered, according to an Algeiras radio broadcast heard by the Associated Press.)

(The broadcast said the Italian 26th division had surrendered. It added the British eighth army still was engaged in a bitter battle for Catania. In another broadcast, Algeiras relayed what it called "unconfirmed reports of allied headquarters" that allied parachute forces had been landed north of Catania while the Germans rushed up reinforcements by air.)

The Americans met only slight resistance in their northward sweep and moved forward very rapidly.

(Dispatches from London said the remainder of the Italians defending western Sicily could be expected to give up quickly in the face of the American sweep. It was estimated axis forces there might have totaled 100,000 or more at the start of the invasion, including two army divisions, three coastal divisions, and many thousands of other troops.)

(A report the Germans had brought in some reinforcements was interpreted in London as possibly a sign of determination to hold a bridgehead in northeastern Sicily as long as possible.)

## SIX PERSONS DEAD IN CRASH OF PLANE

Washington, July 23—(AP)—The fiery crash of a naval plane near Sicily, Alaska, has claimed the lives of Maj. Gen. William P. Uphur, veteran hero of the Marines, and Capt. Charles Paddock, Olympic track star of the 20's who once was acclaimed as the "world's fastest human."

The Navy department reported today that Uphur and Paddock and four other persons were killed when the plane crashed and burned yesterday. There were no survivors, and the Navy said that "the cause of the accident has not yet been determined."

## Coal Mine Owners Cool Toward Pact

### Appalachian Mine Operators Demand WLB Rejection Of Pay Concession

Washington, July 23—(AP)—Indicating lack of enthusiasm for a "model" agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and the Illinois Coal Operators Association, spokesmen for the operators in the nation's largest producing area demanded today that the war labor board enforce its ruling that miners sign a contract for pay without underground travel time.

Pending WLB action on the Illinois contract, which contains provision for portal-to-portal pay and which the UMW policy committee has approved as a model for the entire coal industry, northern and southern Appalachian operators said they knew of none of their colleagues who have made overtures to the union for similar agreements.

Union spokesmen said yesterday operators in other areas already had put in motion machinery to effect agreements like that approved by the Illinois group and providing for \$1.25 daily portal-to-portal pay, an eight-hour day and a 45-hour week with time and one-half pay for all time worked in excess of 35 hours.

The Illinois contract is subject to approval of the WLB, which last month rejected portal-to-portal pay as a "hidden" wage increase and directed the UMW and operators to enter into an agreement without that provision.

## Chaplin Sues For Million

New York, July 23—(AP)—Charles Chaplin has filed a \$1,000,000 suit in supreme court naming film producer David O. Selznick and four motion picture corporations as defendants.

The comedian, in behalf of himself and other United Artists Corporation stockholders, charged that the firm advanced Selznick \$300,000 to buy titles, make contracts with stars and technicians to produce "Keys of the Kingdom," "Claudia" and "Jane Eyre."

Chaplin claimed that five months ago Selznick sold the rights to the script and the contracts with the stars to 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation. He asked the court for an accounting of profits.

Named defendants in the suit filed yesterday were United Artists, 20th Century-Fox, David O. Selznick Productions, Inc., Vanguard Films, Inc., and Selznick.

## ABSENTEE VOTING ON LEAF QUOTAS

Raleigh, July 23—(AP)—Dean I. O. Schaub of the N. C. State College Extension Service, said today that tobacco growers, tenants, or sharecroppers who will be away from home on Saturday may use the absentee ballot system of voting in the tobacco quota referendum of farmers.

Schaub said that regulations governing the holding of referenda on marketing quotas provide that "any person who will not be present on the day of the referendum in the county in which he is eligible to vote may obtain one ballot form from the office of the County AAA Committee."

Saturday's referendum will be held under supervision of the AAA committees and local farmers will man the polls in each county. The ballot will be secret.

A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is needed to establish quotas for a three-year period, Schaub said.

## Leaf Worker Pay Boosted

### WLB Regional Office Raises Wage Scales Of Seasonal Workers Over 1942 Levels

Atlanta, July 23—(AP)—In a far-reaching decision affecting the southeast's flue cured tobacco industry, the fourth regional war labor board today announced authorization of wage increases for more than 13,000 seasonal employees at bright leaf markets of Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

M. T. Van Hecke, regional chairman, said the board approved five-cent increases in the top rate for three types of common labor and authorized increases not to exceed 10 cents an hour for clerical workers, coopers, truck drivers and other more skilled employees not covered by the rate ranges. The seasonal nature of the employment was considered by the board in setting the new rates.

The cases were filed on behalf of the industry by the Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association and the Tobacco Association of the United States, Greenville, N. C.; Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., Durham, N. C.; and the American Suppliers, Inc., Durham.

The groups, including more than 175 large and small tobacco processors, operate in approximately 70 markets in the four-state flue cured area.

Van Hecke said the board in range maximums, covering virtually all of the 43,000 seasonal employees, provided:

Ordinary labor, new range of 40 to 50 cents an hour, an increase at (Continued on Page Four)

## Many Stocks Sell Higher

New York, July 23—(AP)—Scattered utility preferreds, rails and industrial specialties performed on the upside in today's stock market.

The direction was irregularly upward at the start.

At best levels for 1943 or longer were Pepsi-Cola and "A" preferreds of Electric Power and Light and American Power and Light and Wash. Woodworth jumped on one 10,400-share block. In arrears were General Motors, Chrysler, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Standard Oil of N. J., S. S. Reuback, Eastman Kodak and Westinghouse.

Carrier bonds improved. Commodities held to a steady course.

## Red Pincers Close On Orel

### Rome Keeps War Status

### President Roosevelt Says Efforts Fail To Have City Remove Military Facilities

Washington, July 23—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today the allies still hope that the Germans and fascists will declare Rome an open city.

The Chief Executive told his press-radio conference that the allies had tried for a year or more to have the Italian capital rendered an open city and hence not subject to attack, but that all these efforts had failed.

Discussing the recent air raid on Rome, the President remarked the city contains airports and railroad marshalling yards used to transport guns, troops and ammunition southward. He also said the bombing was to protect American and British lives.

The President would not comment on the letter of Pope Pius XII, to his vicar general in Rome deploring the bombing. He said he had had no communication from the pope.

The comment he did make came in response to a question whether (Continued on Page Four)

### Unrest Grows In Balkans

London, July 23—(AP)—The Berlin radio, acknowledging that allied successes in Sicily had touched off fresh disturbances in the Balkans, reported today that axis troops had fought a violent battle with Yugoslav partisans in Montenegro in which 10,000 of the guerrillas were said to have been killed.

A Reuters dispatch from Ankara, meanwhile, said that growing unrest also was evident in Greece, where many Greek officers and police were reported to have abandoned their posts. The dispatch said German occupation authorities had issued a proclamation last night such as so-called subject to immediate execution.

## Warships Shell Kiska

### Heavy and Light Navy Surface Units Bombard Jap Base After Air Attack

### Critical Shortage Of Eggs Predicted For Mid-Winter

Washington, July 23—(AP)—Heavy guns of the United States Pacific fleet bombarded Japanese positions on Kiska Island Thursday, the Navy announced today, in the seventh surface attack this month against the enemy's Aleutians outpost.

The shelling apparently was intended to hasten the day when Kiska defenses will be softened sufficiently for amphibious assault for a final campaign to throw the Japanese out of the western Aleutians.

The surface attack was made by warships which a Navy communique described only as "heavy and light surface units."

Enemy shore guns returned the fire but none of the American ships was damaged.

A Navy spokesman said that heavy fleet units could include modern battleships with their 16-inch guns, older capital vessels with their 14-inch guns, or heavy cruisers with their eight-inch cannon. All these guns are classed in the Navy as heavy guns. Light surface units include (Continued on Page Three)

## Nazi Losses Are Heavy

### Last Fortified Link in North Defenses Is Broken; German Attacks Repulsed

Moscow, July 23—(AP)—Russian forces crashed through the last strongly fortified link in Orel's northern defense yesterday on the fourth day of an offensive that has cost the Germans 50,000 killed and 6,600 captured, and closed their pincers tighter about that city despite desperate Nazi counter attacks, a Soviet announcement said today.

Godshov, 35 miles above the city, which a Red army column racing down from the north had bypassed while driving to within nine miles northeast of Orel, tumbled before the attackers and its fall completed the destruction of strongly fortified districts, in that direction, the Russians said.

Another Russian column pounding to within eleven miles of the key German defense city from the east, and a southern column moving up to complete the three-headed drive, beat back Nazi tanks and infantry to continue a steady advance, according to the Soviet announcement.

Altogether, the Russians said gains of four to five miles were registered in the Orel sector yesterday while the Germans lost 2,000 killed and 39 tanks destroyed or captured. Prisoners and supplies also were taken, the Russians declared.

The Russian midnight communique which disclosed the losses in manpower to Hitler's army during the ten-day Soviet offensive, placed German losses in material destroyed or captured during the same period at these figures:

Five hundred planes, 1,148 tanks, 1,692 guns of various calibre, 800 mortars, and 1,100 machine guns.

(The German radio countered with the assertion that the Red army had lost more than 350,000 in dead, wounded or captured since July 15, terming the struggle "the greatest battle of attrition ever fought.") German sources pictured the immensity of the armies facing each other along the Russian front by saying they were made up of 600 divisions—from 2,200,000 to 9,000,000 men "presently engaged" there.)

MEREDITH TREASURER Raleigh, July 23—(AP)—Zeno Martin of Marion has been elected bishop and treasurer of Meredith College and treasurer of the board of trustees, succeeding Fuller B. Hamrick.

He is a former mayor of Marion and a former superintendent of the Marion schools.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Not quite so warm today. Cooler tonight.