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Italian Factions Riot At Milan

Italo-Turk Meet Hints Peace Move

Foreign Ministers Hold Parley

Conference Aboard Italian Launch Off Istanbul; Secrecy Shrouds Details

Istanbul, July 28—(AP)—Turkey was projected dramatically into the role of a possible mediator between the United Nations and Italy today by a hasty and mysterious conference between the new Italian foreign minister, Raufate Guariglia, and Turkish Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu.

The meeting was held amid every indication of secrecy and urgency aboard the Italian embassy launch in the Sea of Marmara yesterday. Immediately after the conference Menemencioğlu left hurriedly for the capital at Ankara, and it was disclosed that Guariglia—who has been in Turkey as ambassador under the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini—would leave by plane today for Rome.

The circumstances under which the meeting was held were in themselves sufficient to arouse intense interest. Menemencioğlu waited at the Moda Club, a fashionable resort at Moda Bay near Istanbul, and boarded the launch as soon as it arrived at the club pier. The launch turned seaward immediately. Beside the crew there was only one other person—unidentified—seen to board the launch.

The fact that the Turkish minister agreed to see Guariglia at Istanbul instead of the foreign office in Ankara indicated the importance of the conference. Turkey, as a neutral power maintaining close diplomatic relations with both the United States and Great Britain, is a logical choice as the medium for possible Italian peace overtures.

Leaf Prices Above Limit

First-Day Average on Georgia-Florida Markets Estimated at 42 to 43 Cents

By the Associated Press

Georgia and Florida growers of flue-cured tobacco expressed general satisfaction today with opening-day prices that soared from 10 to 15 cents a pound over last season's average.

The average on 15 Georgia and two Florida markets hit 42 to 43 cents a pound, which exceeded the 41-cent ceiling set by the office of price administration. The cigarette type leaf ranged from 12 to 60 cents a pound, with common grades generally bringing higher prices.

Last year's 61,500,000-pound crop averaged 30.25 cents a pound. This year's crop is estimated at about 50,000,000 pounds. The war food administration said quality of opening sales yesterday was about the same as last year, consisting principally of fair to choice lungs and primings.

The volume on most markets, the agency said, was the lightest in years, "probably due to the lateness of the crop, lack of labor and waiting by some growers to see the effect of price ceilings." For the first time in 15 years, all available tobacco was sold on the Douglas, Ga., market during the six-hour selling period. The average was 43 cents.

These 'Supermen' Are Through With War



Prisoners of the Allies, some of Adolf's Germans trudge toward the camera on a sunny road in Sicily. Among them are a number of paratroopers. All were captured in the fight for Gornalunga Bridge. British soldiers and a tank are visible in the right rear, and a house damaged by shell-fire can be seen in the left rear. This is an OWI radiophoto. (Inter-national Soundphoto.)

Hamburg Hit In New Raid

RAF Bombers Heap New Destruction on German Port in Sixth Attack

LONDON, July 28.—(AP)—RAF bombers returned to Hamburg in great force last night, the British announced today, to heap further destruction on the great north German port which has been the object of continuing round-the-clock attacks since Saturday night. It was the RAF's fourth successive night assault upon the battered city, which in normal times has a population of more than 1,600,000. Sandwiched in between these night raids were two smoldering daylight attacks by American bombers on Sunday and Monday.

There was no letup in the allied attack as strong formations of fighters and fighter-bombers met the assault in daylight today, shutting back and forth across the strait Channel to the Low Countries. The attacks continued past mid-day. The heavy attack on Hamburg was acknowledged in a DNB broadcast recorded by the Associated Press. The "heavy terror attack," the broadcast said, "caused extensive fires in several areas of the town and high casualties among the civilian population." The Germans asserted 27 bombers were destroyed. Targets in the Ruhr valley, site of many important German war industries, also were bombed during the night, said an air ministry communique, which acknowledged the loss of 18 bombers.

THREE SOLDIERS DIE OF THIRST IN DESERT

Camp Young, Calif., Sept. 28.—(AP)—Army authorities reported today that searching parties had found a company of soldiers missing several days in this desert area, with three members of 39 dead and one still missing. Temperatures in the area of the Army desert training center have been the highest for several years, including a recording of 124 degrees Sunday at Imperial. The company had been on maneuvers in the desolate, waterless Ogilby area. Names of the dead and missing were not made public, pending notification of relatives. Army officials said the three died of thirst.

Cotton Prices 15-30 Higher

New York, July 28.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 15 cents a bale higher. Noon values were 15 to 30 cents a bale higher. October 19.86, December 19.69 and March 19.55. Previous Today's Close Open October 19.83 19.81 December 19.65 19.66 March 19.48 19.51 May 19.35 19.37 July 19.22 19.23

Jungle Fighters Close In On Munda

Plane Crash Kills Three

FAYETTEVILLE, July 28.—(AP)—An Army transport plane crashed in the woods six miles south of here last night, and today three bodies had been recovered, county officers reported. The plane was believed to have fallen during a heavy rain about 10 p. m. It was discovered at 10:30 p. m. It was not immediately determined where the plane was based, but Fort Bragg officials were investigating today.

Solon Adds To 'Firsts'

Miss Stanley Has Yet to Make Speech in House; Named to G. O. P. Group

Special to Central Press

Washington, July 28.—(AP)—The only congresswoman now in the national capital who could be equally at home studying veterans legislation, at ending a college prom, or elbowing for a smart dress in the bargain basement of a department store, is New York Representative at-Large Winifred C. Stanley. She may be unique in getting a lot of simple fun and enjoyment out of the job of representative and not acquiring any premature wrinkles from worrying about her future career as a legislator. But, lest you think the lady is a frivolous lawmaker, she has a rather startling number of "firsts" and practical achievements behind her: At 33, she is the youngest woman ever to sit in the House of Representatives; and as representative-at-large of the most densely populated state in the Union, she polled more votes in the last election than any other legislator, man or woman, veteran or freshman.

At 24, she was graduated from law school with the prize for the highest average over the three years; five years later she was appointed assistant district attorney of Erie County, N. Y., youngest person ever. (Continued on Page Five)

Japanese Defenders Are Being Squeezed Into Ever Shrinking Finger of Land

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, July 28.—(AP)—Jungle wise American fighting men are squeezing the Japanese at Munda, New Georgia, into an ever shrinking finger of land. New progress in the bitter campaign against the vitally strategic central Solomons air base was reported in today's communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. The announcement did not give the extent of the advance but a spokesman said it was "considerable" along the entire line of battle. The drive through strong enemy defenses east of Munda carried the Americans past the coastal village of Tetero to within 2,100 yards—less than one and one-fifth miles—of the airbase. Strong pressure was exerted against enemy "centers of resistance"—probably dugouts or pillboxes—probably machine guns could meet assaults with strong cross fire.

During the first few days of the general offensive launched in the southwest Pacific June 30, the Americans moved swiftly upon Munda, located on a tapering point of land on western New Georgia. As the Japanese were compressed within their long prepared defenses, however, resistance stiffened and for nearly three weeks positions remained virtually unchanged. Then yesterday General MacArthur announced an advance of 500 yards and today another forward thrust. Menemencioğlu on New Guinea, allied bombers heavily pounded the Salamona area and Lae, and ground patrols northwest of Mt. Tambu, near Salamona, engaged the enemy in sharp skirmishes.

COAST LINE WRECK PROBE IS STARTED

Rocky Mount, July 28.—(AP)—Atlantic Coast Line officials and two interstate commerce commission representatives from Washington are conducting a detailed investigation here of the crash of two ACL passenger trains in Fayetteville last Saturday. Local A. C. L. officials stated that Mrs. J. A. Sander of Washington, D. C., died this morning in Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville from injuries sustained in the accident, bringing the number of dead to four. Representing the ICC are Lloyd N. Richey and W. E. Lewis of Washington. A. C. L. officials expressed the opinion that it would be about two weeks before the investigation is completed.

BAR EXAMS Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—Annual examinations for applicants to practice law in North Carolina will be held here by the Board of Law Examiners, August 3-5. Edward L. Cannon, secretary to the board, said today.

Americans Drive East In Sicily

Cefalu, Alimena and Other Towns Captured in Thrust Toward San Stefano

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 28.—(AP)—American troops of the seventh army, sweeping eastward toward the tip of Sicily, have captured Cefalu, 90 miles west of Messina Strait, and are advancing against strongly prepared German defenses at San Stefano. It was announced at allied headquarters today.

The Americans are slashing forward on a deep front along the north coast, and has also captured Alimena, 25 miles southeast of Cefalu, and four other towns behind a line from Cefalu to Alimena. The battle of the bridgehead had reached the "slugging stage" as General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters communique announced that Canadian troops in the center of the front also had made progress in hard fighting and against bitter opposition.

The British eighth army still was stopped dead before Catania for the 13th successive day—longer than it was stopped either at El Alamein in Egypt when it took up the offensive, or at the Mareth line in Tunisia. Front dispatches said the Germans were completely in charge of the strong Etna line running from San Stefano to Nicosia, Agrig, Catemenuova to the Dittano river and had put Italian survivors of two field divisions which escaped the American encirclement of western Sicily to digging trenches and preparing road blocks.

American pressure along the north coast obviously was mounting against newly established German positions. The communique itself had "nothing to report" for this seventh army sector.

U. S. Planes Pound Kiska

19 Attacks Made in Two-Day Period; Long Flight Made to Blast Wake

Washington, July 28.—(AP)—Air forces of the Pacific command, striking Japanese defenses with unprecedented fury, made 19 attacks on Kiska island in the north Pacific Monday and Tuesday. The Navy reported today, and again raided Wake island in the central Pacific. The 19 raids in two days announced in a Navy communique raised to 40 the number of attacks which bombers and fighter-bombers have made on unattended Kiska in a four-day period. The island has been raided 60 times this month as airmen blasted the way for expected conquest of the enemy stronghold by American amphibious forces.

The raid on Wake island was intercepted by 25 Zero fighters but the Army's heavy Liberator bombers destroyed seven of the Japanese planes, probably destroyed five and damaged three others. Four days earlier a Liberator flight had destroyed nine Zeros, probably destroyed four and damaged five of 20 which sought to prevent a raid. Never before had American bombers fallen on Wake island in raids so close together. Prior to the attack last Saturday American bombers had not made the 2,400-mile round trip from Midway to Wake since May 15.

King's Successor?



The ouster of Benito Mussolini, and the co-ruling of Italy by Marshal Pietro Badoglio and King Victor Emmanuel III, revives the rumor that the King may abdicate and Prince Umberto (above) succeed him. The Allies are apt to favor the Prince. (International)

Nazis Burn Red Towns

Retreating Germans Defending Orel Impress Villagers Into Labor Gangs

Moscow, July 28.—(AP)—Retreating Germans are burning villages, impressing the inhabitants into labor gangs, and forcing them to dig trenches and dugouts for the last desperate defense of Orel on the central Russian front, Red army dispatches declared today.

A Russian communique reported that Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge's army was continuing to fall back as the Soviets pressed in on three sides of the big Nazi base. Savage battles were being fought on the sector northwest of Orel. There the Russian troops were cutting toward the Bryansk railway. The exact locality was not identified in the Russian dispatches, but it was believed to be in the vicinity of the Orel-Bryansk railway which the Russians have had under artillery fire since the capture of Studenkova. The town is five miles from the railway which is the only avenue of escape for German forces facing encirclement by Orel.

It was believed that the Red army artillery barrage has seriously hampered, if not halted, traffic on the railway, but there is no indication from the Russian reports that the line has yet been cut. Resistance was stubborn, the Russians said, declaring they had switched to flank attacks and encirclement moves when unable to penetrate German defenses in frontal assault.

FUND CHAIRMAN

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—W. P. Kemp of Goldsboro was appointed today as chairman of the united war fund campaign in Wayne county.

Stocks Make Small Gains

New York, July 28.—The stock market went through most of the day's session without recurrence of the heavy selling of Monday and Tuesday but actual recovery progress was negligible. Bonds were irregularly lower and commodities steady. Stocks showing improvement included Chrysler, Bethlehem, Goodrich, Goodyear, North American, American Can and Texas Co. American Telephone, U. S. Steel, Montgomery Ward and Woolworth displayed a rallying power but none was subjected to active selling.

Mobs Shout For 'Peace,' 'Liberty'

Islands of Fascist Resistance Hold Against Troops; Trouble Elsewhere

(By The Associated Press) The Rome radio announced today that "complete dissolution of the national fascist party" meeting of the new Italian cabinet had been ordered at the first meeting, held yesterday under the presidency of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, new premier. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said that the cabinet also decided:

- 1. To abrogate the 11-year-old law under which the fascist grand council became an organ of the state, the law being "incompatible with the return to constitutional normality."
- 2. To suppress the special tribunal for defense of the state. It has ordered that cases ordinarily tried by the tribunal would be transferred to military courts of the army corps "during the duration of actual war."

Bern, July 28.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports received at the Italian frontier today said an insurrection among the people, verging on revolution, had broken out at Milan.

Mobs swept through the streets, despite a state of siege proclaimed by the military authorities, shouting "Liberty," and "We want peace," the reports said.

Shots were fired. The situation was described as extremely grave.

All workers were reported to have left their jobs.

Islands of fascist resistance are holding out against Italian troops at Milan. It was reported today as uncertainty over the new government's course between peace and war produced increased signs of restlessness among the people.

Most of the trouble was centered at Milan, the birthplace of Italian fascism, but also the strongest center of socialists, communists and other political movements. It Corriere della Sera reported that in Margutti street, Milan fascists battled three hours during the night, firing from the windows and roofs of a building. The structure was said now to be encircled by troops, but all the fascists had not yet been captured.

Other small centers of resistance in various parts of the city "by elements refusing to comply with the new orders" were reported by the Italian paper.

SUICIDE

Stockholm, July 28.—(AP)—Information reaching Sweden last night said that Manlio Morgagni, head of the official Italian news agency, Stefani, had shot and killed himself. It was thought that the shock of Mussolini's fall and the upheavals following were responsible for his suicide.

U. S. SHIP SUNK

Washington, July 28.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that a medium-sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the South Atlantic off the east coast of South America in mid-July. Survivors landed at Miami, Fla.

Nine Convicts Get Paroles

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—Bennie Hurrell, convicted in Pitt county in 1940 of second-degree murder in connection with the death of Hubert Harrington, was one of nine prisoners paroled today by Governor Broughton. Others paroled included: Sammie Williams, convicted in Vance last March of two counts of forgery and sentenced to 12 months; James Hunt, convicted in Robeson in 1941 of manslaughter and sentenced to six to seven years; Louis Lowry, convicted in Robeson in 1939 of second-degree murder and sentenced to 10 to 12 years; Rufus Jenkins, convicted in Wilson last May of drunken driving and sentenced to six months; and David Scott, convicted in Robeson in 1941 of robbery with firearms and sentenced to five years.