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Croats And Slovenes In Revolt

INVADERS TAKE FOUR SICILIAN TOWNS

BISCUITS WIN OVER SICILY KIDS



A COUPLE OF BRITISH TOMMIES use a little Allied diplomacy in Palazzolo, Sicily. Soon after they helped capture the town, they shared their biscuit rations with many of the youngsters. The smiling faces attest to the winning ways of the quick-thinking soldiers. (International)

Axis Forces Resisting Stubbornly

Canadians Smash Into Road Junction of Leonforte, Eight Miles From Enna

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 29.—(AP)—Allied forces in Sicily now have taken 75,000 prisoners, approximately three-fourths of them captured by the Americans.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 29.—(AP)—American and Canadian troops, pushing steadily into northeastern Sicily under raging aerial support, have captured four more towns, including the vital central road junction of Leonforte, and have inflicted heavy casualties on stubbornly retreating axis forces, the allies announced today.

Canadian columns smashed their way into Leonforte, eight miles northeast of Enna, in fierce fighting while the American seventh army, pounding eastward down the coast from Palermo, captured the towns of Pollina, Castelbuono and Gangi. With the occupation of Pollina, representing a one-day advance of about eight miles from the port of Cefalù, which was taken the previous day, the American armored spearhead had reached a point 75 miles from Messina, jumping off piece for axis forces defending the island.

Castelbuono and Gangi are inland towns, on an approximate line between Pollina and Leonforte, and announcement of their fall disclosed that the American-Canadian eastward push was a coordinated, devastating advance that the enemy was powerless to stop.

Today's brief allied communiqué said the "steady progress" of this drive made no mention of the fighting around Catania, southern anchor of the axis Mt. Etna defense line, where the British eighth army has been stalled against the enemy's stubborn defenses for nearly a week.

RESCUERS REACH TRAPPED MINERS

Bridgeville, Pa.—(AP)—Rescuers attempting to reach six miners trapped in the Ollet Coal Co. mine by a flash flood reported today they had made contact with the men at the mouth of the mine.

The trapped miners were shouting for help, rescuers said. While efforts to reach them continued, the Red Cross set up an emergency hospital and ambulances and physicians were waiting.

Earlier, an attempt to reach the men failed because not enough water had been pumped out to permit entrance of a raft.

13 DIE IN STORM

Houston, Texas, July 29.—(AP)—Thirteen persons were reported dead today, scores were injured and property damage soared to around \$10,000,000 after the Texas Gulf Coast from Houston to Port Arthur was battered by a raging tropical hurricane.

Outer Defenses Battered Down; Thirty Villages Regained in Drive

Moscow, July 29.—(AP)—The Russian column advancing upon Orel from the south drove over the bodies of 1,500 Germans yesterday to force that claw of the giant pincers tighter about the vital city and keep pace with the northern and eastern onslaughts, the Russians said today.

Front-line dispatches indicated that the masses of Red army troops and tanks, in general advances of from two and a half to four miles, now had battered down the Germans' outer hedgehog defense systems and were storming the enemy bastion's strongest defenses.

Stanovoy Kolodets, railway station 11 miles southeast of Orel, fell to the Russians yesterday, a communiqué said.

Altogether, the Russians said they overran 30 occupied places, left more than 2,500 dead upon the field and knocked out 29 German tanks yesterday in the Orel sector alone.

The Russian communiqué said that Soviet forces had maintained their steady pressure against the Germans in the Belgorod region of the upper Donets river, in the Donets basin and on the northern Leningrad front where it reported a heavy artillery barrage had demolished blockhouses and silenced enemy gunners.

(Hitler's high command declared all enemy attempts of a breakthrough in the Orel sector were repulsed yesterday, and that 168 Red army tanks were knocked out along the whole front.)

Leaf Prices Drop Below Opening Mark

(By The Associated Press)
Prices for most grades of blue cured tobacco in Georgia and Florida markets yesterday dropped to an average of one cent a pound under Tuesday's opening, the war food administration reported. Offerings were of slightly lowered quality.

Gross sales at the 15 Georgia and two Florida markets on opening day totaled 5,236,609 pounds, at an average of 42.74 cents per pound. Most of the leaf brought between 33 and 45 cents a pound Wednesday. On most markets the volume was light. Several markets sold off before noon. Sales averaged slightly above the OPA ceiling of 41 cents a pound.

Three warehouses in Waycross cleared their floors of a total of 250,000 pounds Wednesday. The high was 50 cents and the low 20.

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Benito Marks 60th Birthday

Bern, July 29.—(AP)—Benito Mussolini, the man who always wanted to live dangerously, marked his 60th birthday today, apparently a prisoner of the soviet he dominated for 20 years.

There was no celebration of the event in Italy.

Mussolini's whereabouts are still a mystery. He had variously been reported a fugitive in Spain, a prisoner somewhere in northern Italy, in a villa near Rome or in Rome itself.

(Madrid heard yesterday that he had been transferred for his own safety from a village near Rome to the royal villa on the Gulf of Genoa.)

London, July 29.—(AP)—The German radio reported today that the axis forces had abandoned Messina, Sicily, about seven and one-half miles north of fallen Leonforte.

The capture of Leonforte was announced only today by allied headquarters in north Africa.

The German radio report, heard in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, was attributed to the International Information Bureau, a propaganda agency used for filing reports to which the official news does not lend its name immediately.

The American commander of Allied forces promised that the hundreds of thousands of Italian prisoners now held by the Allies would be returned to their homes provided all Allied prisoners now in Italian hands were restored safely and not taken away into Germany.

He said that the Italians would have immediate peace under "the honorable conditions which our governments have already offered you," and pledged that the occupation would be "mild and beneficent as in Sicily."

"Your men will return to their normal life, productive vocations," he said. "The ancient liberties and

Twenty Persons Believed Killed In Airliner Crash

Legendary Air Ace



COL. EDWARD J. TIMBERLAKE, JR., of San Antonio, Tex., is the commanding officer of a bombardment group known as "Ted's Flying Circus." The unit has fought in four theaters, American Gulf, European, North Africa and Middle East. It has traveled 34,000 miles, dropped about 2,000,000 lbs. of bombs and downed 39 planes. (International)

American Airlines Plane Falls and Burns Near Trammel, Ky.; Two Persons Survive

Bowling Green, Ky., July 29.—(AP)—An American Airlines plane en route from Louisville to Nashville crashed and burned at Trammel, Ky., 20 miles southeast of here, last night and first reports said 20 persons were killed.

Two severely injured persons were in a hospital here.

The crash occurred about 10:30 p. m. (CWT) in a remote section of Allen county near the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

First word of the crash came when First Lieutenant Glen W. Fellows, attached to Love Field, Tex., who was a passenger on the plane, stumbled to the door of a farmhouse three-quarters of a mile from the scene and summoned help. Farmers in the neighborhood took Fellows and another passenger, S. K. Hoffman, 41, of Williamsport, Pa., to a Bowling Green hospital.

Hoffman told hospital attendants that the plane was flying through unfavorable weather and there was no indication of any trouble until the huge ship struck the ground. Hoffman and Lieutenant Fellows were thrown clear of the plane and apparently were the only survivors.

City Patrolman William A. Lytle, who was on duty near the hospital where the two injured men were brought, talked with J. H. Claypool, of Trammel, one of the farmers who helped bring the two men to Bowling Green, and quoted Claypool as saying that when he first heard the plane it appeared to be flying quite high and then "it suddenly started coming down with a mighty roar."

Allen County Sheriff L. A. Williams said the plane hit a field and plowed along on the ground for a quarter of a mile. The sheriff said ten bodies were visible in the wreckage but no effort would be made to remove them until after an inquest this morning by the coroner.

Allies Raid Jap Shipping

Bombs Set Fire to Jap Destroyer and Transport; 13 Planes Are Downed

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, July 29.—(AP)—Allied aircraft and surface units ripped into Japanese shipping in the southwest Pacific yesterday, setting fire to a destroyer and a transport, scoring near misses on a small freighter and destroying 13 barges.

Heavy bombers, summoned by a reconnaissance plane, dropped heavy explosives squarely on the destroyer and transport off Cape Gloucester, New Britain. Both ships were left burning fiercely. The two vessels had a cover of fighter planes, but there was no report that they attempted interception.

Aerial bombing of the Munda, New Georgia, air base area, continued. Forty-seven tons of bombs were dropped on enemy entrenchments and gun positions. The communiqué from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said nothing of the ground activity at Munda, but a spokesman, when questioned, replied there were no new reports. American jungle fighters Tuesday were within 2,100 yards of the air-drome.

Fascist Body Is Dissolved

London, July 29.—(AP)—Italy's chamber of fasci and corporations has been dissolved by order of Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio's government, the Rome radio announced today.

The chamber of fasci and corporations took the place of the Italian chamber of deputies after that 90-year-old legislative agency was dissolved December 14, 1938.

It was made up of the 150 members of the national fascist council, headed by Benito Mussolini as chief of government, and 300 members of the national council of corporations.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Continued warm today and tonight. Scattered showers and gusty winds this afternoon.

Grandma in WAC



MOTHER OF SIX children and grandmother of six more, Mrs. Margaret Conklin of Susanville, Cal., polishes her shoes on arrival with a WAC contingent in England. Her oldest child is a daughter, 27, and her youngest, a son, a U. S. Army sergeant. (International)

Axis Troops Are Rushed To Istria

Demonstrators Demand Separation of Istrian Sector From Italian Rule

Bern, July 29.—(AP)—Italian and German troops were rushed to Fiume and Trieste, where Croats and Slovenes were demonstrating for separation of the Istrian peninsula from Italy, and the situation in other eastern sections of the kingdom was described as tense.

Swiss newspaper dispatches told of the crisis in Istria, soil which Italy annexed from Austro-Hungary after World War I. It juts into the Adriatic sea between Italy and the Croatian coast.

The Berner Tagwacht said Croats and Slovenes, who number 600,000 on the peninsula, were demanding the inclusion of Istria in a south Slav state. Additional clashes between Croats and Slovenes were reported.

Premier Pietro Badoglio struggled to maintain order and save the territory from chaos.

Reports reaching the Swiss border said that hundreds of persons had been killed in widespread riots and that tension was growing hourly.

The anti-fascist outbreaks, paralleled by massed peace demonstrations, occurred in widely separated cities despite Premier Badoglio's stern orders to the army to fire into groups of more than three persons.

Badoglio assumed control of the government five days ago in the hope of organizing and stabilizing a new authoritarian regime, advised from Rome indicated, but the nationwide demonstrations for peace, the rioting and fighting, strikes in Italy's most important war and industrial factories, combined with increased political agitation apparently have brought the country to the verge of incipient civil war.

The crisis in Italy's internal affairs have reached the stage where even a spokesman for the Berlin foreign office reportedly admitted the probability of a new governing in Rome before the end of the week. Berlin political circles went so far as to mention Crown Prince Umberto as a rallying point around which a new regime would be set up.

Bulgarian Crisis Near

Bulgaria May Be First Axis Satellite To Break Away If Italy Surrenders

Istanbul, July 29.—(AP)—A serious Bulgarian crisis appears to be developing as a result of Benito Mussolini's downfall and there are indications that Bulgaria may be the first Balkan satellite to break away from the axis if Italy surrenders.

Bulgaria's position, and that of the other Balkan powers to a lesser extent, is reported to have changed rapidly since the fall of Mussolini. An immediate collapse of Germany's junior partners had been considered only a remote possibility before this week.

News from the Balkans indicated that the people there believe Italy is finished.

Bulgaria, one of Germany's most favored lesser allies, now holds all of Yugoslavia and part of Greece. Macedonia, and an Italian collapse would affect her more quickly and more directly than any other of the eastern European nations in the German camp.

The form a Bulgarian collapse might take is uncertain, for it is possible that King Boris, faced with invasion and defeat, might attempt to avert a popular upheaval, which probably would cost him his throne, by discarding the Philip government and installing a another instructed to arrange peace.

The situation is regarded as so tense, however, that a relatively minor incident might be sufficient to touch off a revolution.

MORE SHIPS

New York, July 29.—(AP)—United States shipyards have delivered 1,396 merchant vessels since Pearl Harbor, or more than existed in the entire American flag fleet at the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939. J. Lewis Luckenbach, president of the American Bureau of Shipping disclosed today.

Coffee Freed Of Rationing

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced last night the end of coffee rationing for civilians and a probable increase in sugar allotments. He attributed the move to a vast increase in available shipping space and greater success in the war against U-boats.

"One tangible result of our great increase in merchant shipping—which will be good news to civilians at home—is that tonight we are able to terminate the rationing of coffee," he said in his broadcast report to the nation. "We also expect that within a short time we shall get greatly increased allowances of sugar."

He warned that while we have been losing fewer ships and destroyers to U-boats for several months, "we must not lower our guard for one single instant."

Babson Discusses Mortgages As Investment Securities

By ROGER W. BABSON

Gloucester, Mass., July 29.—I am spending a few days here in this great fishing town. In fact, I am writing this column in the hotel where I was born at 38 Middle Street. These annual visits enable me to renew old acquaintances, but I learn much from noting the changes of the past fifty years. Both the sunny and the dark sides of the business and social cycles are so evident in this old city.

Avoid Doing as Others Do

It was only a few years ago that the Gloucester city fathers felt that the fishing business was "gone for good," and that their future prosperity would depend upon the tourist and summer business. Today, however, the fish business is again

Stock Market Again Rallies

New York, July 29.—(AP)—Stocks rallied further today.

Bonds recovered and grains were strong in the commodity division.

Among issues advancing were Goodyear, Goodrich, Chrysler, Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck, American Telephone, Western Union, Douglas Aircraft and Standard Oil of N. J.

Fortresses Shower Bombs Near Berlin

London, July 29.—(AP)—Boldly defying Hitler's fading air strength, swarms of American Flying Fortresses flew unescorted and in broad daylight yesterday to within 80 miles of Berlin to smash the Nazi aircraft plant at Oshersleben.

Kassel, site of a big Focke-Wulf assembly plant, about 200 miles southwest of Berlin, also was battered by the big American bombers, which were reported to have shot down upwards of 60 Nazi fighters attempting to beat them off. The Americans losing 23 bombers during the round trip of more than 1,000 miles, the communiqué said. One allied fighter plane also was lost.

The Oshersleben raid was the deepest American daylight thrust of the war into Germany.

Indicating that the round-the-clock bombings had extended into last night, the Berlin radio reported early today that British planes had made scattered "nuisance raids" on northwestern Germany during the night. There was no immediate confirmation.