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## VIOLENCE RIPS BESIEGED ITALY



**INTERNAL CLASHES** continue to rock Italy since the ouster of Mussolini. A high Nazi official has been reported assassinated at Turin (1), where Italian troops also are said to be blocking German forces coming from the north. Other Germans are reported being fought by Italians at Milan (2) as they try to reach a River Po defense line (3) through Brenner Pass (4). Crowds rioted in Milan, demanding peace. Armistice talks were rumored in Vatican City at Rome (5). The Axis held in Sicily (white territory) with reinforcements. (International)

## Allies Warn Italy Of New Air Raids

'Breathing Spell' Ended, Powerful New United Nations Radio Tells Italians

### Warships Shell Kiska

Washington, July 31—(AP)—American light warships bombarded Japanese defenses on Kiska Island Friday, the Navy reported today, following a bombing mission by a single American plane Thursday.

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### Two Bandits Hold Banker To Rob Bank

Broken Arrow, Okla., July 31—(AP)—Two bank robbers who held the president of the Arkansas Valley State Farm and his wife captive for eight hours today, while waiting for the time lock of the vault to open, seized up an estimated \$12,000 in cash from the vault, killed six persons in the vault and escaped.

K. M. Rowe, president of the bank, said the two knocked on the door of his home about midnight. When he opened the door one of the men, masked in hand, forced his way into the house.

There was a scuffle in which Rowe was struck on the head with a gun but was not seriously hurt. After subduing the banker, the two bandits ordered him to go to the vault and open the safe.

"I told them that it would be impossible since the money was in a time locked vault and it couldn't be opened until 8 a.m. They seemed satisfied with the explanation," Rowe said.

Rowe said the men tied Mrs. Rowe to her bed and covered her mouth with adhesive tape which they had brought with them.

"The men forced me to go with them in my car, one of them driving, on three trips down town, where they cruised about the streets, looking things over," the banker said.

## Flames Rout Munda Japs

Flame Throwers Used Wth Tanks in Drive for Jap Air Base; Bombers Raid Harbor

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, July 31—(AP)—Tanks and flame throwers were hurled into the battle for Munda yesterday to burn the Japanese out of their rock caves and foxholes and batter down their pillboxes.

Behind these dread weapons, American troops crushed forward a few yards more. The extent of their gains was not announced.

It was the first reported use of flame throwers in the month-old fight for the enemy's important central Solomon airbase. Use of tanks had been attempted before but the rugged terrain had stopped them.

While the armored units were blazing ahead southeast of Munda, American forces north of the airbase battered back a Japanese counter attack. U. S. Navy torpedo and dive bombers, covered by Wildcat fighters, struck heavily at coastal positions west of the airbase where the Japanese still clung to foxholes.

Strong formations of the Navy's Dauntless and Avenger bombers pounded enemy gun positions around Bairoko harbor ten miles north of Munda. Americans hold the coast north of Bairoko and the road leading south to Munda.

"No compre, Pop," he said. From the inside of the building a voice bellowed: "What's going on there?" "There's an old guy trying to tell me something, but I can't savvy what he wants," the guard said.

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# German Consuls Advise Civilians To Leave Italy; Riots Continue; Invaders Make Progress On Sicily

## British and U. S. Armies Gain Ground on Sicily; Navy Units Bombard Mainland

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, July 31—(AP)—Both the British eighth army and the American seventh army have made good progress on the north and east sectors of the Sicilian front, allied headquarters announced today as allied naval forces swept Italian coastal waters and allied aircraft laid down a heavy offensive against Italy's mainland airbases.

Very heavy casualties were inflicted by the Americans and British, the communiqué said.

The Americans captured more than 300 Germans among nearly 1,600 new prisoners in the northern sector.

The unconditional surrender of the Islands of Favignana, Levanzo and Marettimo was reported.

The three little islands form a triangle off the west coast of Sicily, the most westerly being Marettimo, which is 23 miles from allied-occupied Trapani.

American bombers returned to the suburbs of Rome to pulverize the Pratica di Mare airport eleven miles south of the capital, and Flying Fortresses, returning to the mainland for another of their sledge hammer blows, attacked Grottaglie airport near Taranto on the Italian heel, allied headquarters announced.

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## Wreckage and Survivor of Fatal Airliner Crash



Sgt. smoking, the torn and melted wreckage of the American Airlines plane that carried twenty persons to their deaths is pictured near Trappeto, Italy. Of the 21 persons aboard the airliner, the only survivor, both of Love Field, Dallas, Tex. The big transport ran into unfavorable weather in the night, and crashed and burned. Kaufman sustained burns and a broken leg; he is pictured above in the Bowling Green, Ky. hospital. Lieutenant Fellows suffered burns and other injuries.

## RAF Raids Remscheid

### Rolling Offensive Hits New Target; Daylight Attacks Maintain Assault

London, July 31—(AP)—The allies' rolling air offensive shifted to a new target last night when RAF bombers blasted at Remscheid, German steel center on the edge of the Ruhr.

It was the first raid of the war on Remscheid, which was singled out for last night's heavy assault after Hamburg had been subjected to its seventh attack in a week on Thursday night.

The major offensive rolled on the eighth night today with raiding formations of allied bombers being shepherded out over the channel by dozens of fighters.

An almost unbroken column of bombers and heavy fighters roared throughout the morning in the Fockeberg area. The whole northern French coast appeared to be in a state of eruption at one time the Boulogne area was particularly noisy.

At the same time Mosquitos and Beaufighters attacked enemy airfields and railway targets in sweep over France and Holland, the air ministry communiqué disclosed.

Fifteen bombers and two fighters are missing from the night's attack.

Remscheid is the center for the manufacture of machine and precision tools used to German munitions production.

By The Associated Press.

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## Nazis Disarm Italians

## Reds Drive Nearer Orel

### Nazi Reinforcements Flown Into Sector Break Before Reds; 4,000 Nazis Killed

Moscow, July 31—(AP)—German reinforcements drove from Germany less than a day before they were thrown into battle broke across the frontiers eastward that brought Red Army forces closer to Orel yesterday, the front line dispatches said.

At least 4,000 German troops fled along the Russian advance which halted its way or drove up to 50 miles and possessed 40 more villages in the path of the three-pronged drive slowly encircling the last German base in Soviet Central Russia.

The Russians said that German prisoners taken in the drive declared they had been driven to fight from Stettin day before yesterday.

The Russians said their advance continued in the face of stubborn German resistance which in some areas entailed hard hand-to-hand fighting.

North of Orel the Russians continued to use cavalry units which succeeded in driving German troops out of several villages, the communiqué reported. In another sector north of Orel 7,000 Germans were killed, nine times were disabled and four destroyed.

South of Orel Russian troops were reported to have killed 2,000 Germans, destroyed 10 tanks and captured six officers in addition to dislodging or capturing a large number of artillery pieces.

## Leaf Prices Near Ceiling

### Growers Are Paid About \$1,600,000 More During Week Than in 1942 Opening

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## No. 3 Books All Mailed

Algiers, July 31—(AP)—Unification of the French armed forces under General Henri Giraud as commander in chief was announced officially today, together with the appointment of General Charles de Gaulle as permanent president of the newly formed Committee of National Defense.

Sponsored by the imminent collapse of Italy, the French National Committee of Liberation unified all the fighting forces of the empire under General Giraud and appointed General de Gaulle to head the new Committee of National Defense.

General Paul le Gentilhomme, veteran de Gaulle military leader, will be appointed to the new office of war minister.

Persons who failed to file an application will be given an opportunity later to obtain an application blank. Elliott said an announcement giving details of this procedure will be made in the near future. Likewise, an opportunity will be presented to parents to apply for No. 3 books for infants born after Dec. 31.

## Diplomatic Parleys Suddenly Intensified at Vatican; Italian Police Chief Killed

Bern, July 31—(AP)—German civilians living in Italy were advised by their consuls today to return home immediately and diplomatic negotiations at the Vatican suddenly were intensified, advices from Italy said today.

A dispatch from La Suisse of Geneva reported that the Italian police chief, Renzo Chierico, and his assistant had been assassinated.

From the border at Chiasso came word that the military commander at Triest had ordered all Croats to turn in their guns, ammunition and explosives within 48 hours.

There was no immediate amplification of frontier reports of German civilians being urged to quit Italy, but the German travel bureau, at Milan, was reported closed, Riohle and many demonstrations for peace have occurred in that northern industrial city.

The stand to sign a diplomatic convention with the Vatican indicated the arrival of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who was trying to bring Italian civil rights into order to move the way for peace, and the Rome government on the Easter Nachrichten declared that "Italy today is in a transition period."

This writer, explaining that the censorship prevented full discussion, said that some day the present war emergency status will be lifted. The question of the Badoglio government is only how to accomplish it (peace) in summer as little painless and with as little loss as possible for the Italian people."

The British and Americans had "indeed the same goal for peace," he added.

## Goldsboro Youth Killed

Raleigh, July 31—(AP)—Calvin C. Jones, 13, of Goldsboro was instantly killed today when an oil transport in which he was a passenger struck an automobile one mile east of Auburn, near here. Investigating the accident, said that George R. W. Banks, who was driving the automobile, was making a left turn off the highway when his vehicle was struck by the truck.

Ford and his father, Andrew J. Ford, of near Auburn, received minor injuries in the accident. R. W. Carter, 16, of Goldsboro, driver of the truck, was not hurt.

The transport, owned and operated by the Wayne Oil Company of Goldsboro, was loaded with 3,400 gallons of gasoline and was en route east.

Banks said Carter is being held under \$1,000 bond pending further investigation.

## Free French Arms United

### All Armed Forces Under Giraud; De Gaulle Heads New Committee

Algiers, July 31—(AP)—The last, nearly 3,500 war ration book No. 3, for which North Carolina adopted in May, will be phased in the ranks among the men today by the offices of price administration mailing center here.

North Carolina, who have filed applications for their No. 3 books and who do not receive them should wait until Aug. 15 and then make inquiry at the war price and rationing boards which serve their respective communities, said Aubrey Elliott, director.

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