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Nazi Agency Hints Upset In Germany

Important Parleys Of Military and Political Nature Reported Held

London, Aug. 7—(AP)—The German international information bureau, a propaganda agency, said in a broadcast today that it was "understood in Berlin that a number of important discussions of a military and political nature have taken place in the Fuehrer's headquarters the last few days."

This indication from German sources of a rising crisis came as reports filtered to London telling of fear in Berlin of the possibility of a "state of panic" over the possibility of massed air raids on the German capital, serious strikes and German peace demonstrations.

This curious, circumstantial report of the existence of major decisions involving Hitler and presumably the whole course of the war was issued to the world on a day that saw speculation on the possibility of a military coup in Germany.

Included in this speculation were rumors that Hitler might be driven out, both as head of the reich government and as supreme military commander, perhaps to be replaced by some military veteran.

Reuters, the British news service, quoted arrivals in Zurich from Berlin as saying that the "capital's authorities were at their wits' end to control a mass stampede from the city." Many arrests have been made among refugees from bomb-battered Hamburg, Reuters said, to prevent their spreading stories of fantastic casualties in that north port city.

Believers fear that their city will be singled out for devastation when autumn rains make longer allied raids possible, were reported heightened also, Swedish dispatches said, when the RAF showered leaflets over the capital, warning that Berlin would serve as a signal to the fate of Hamburg, which has become the world's most battered city.

Reuters also quoted reports heard in Istanbul that the Germans were preparing to proclaim Berlin an open city and remove the ministries and other services to Dresden, Leipzig, Munich and Prague.

Nine To One In Air War

General Chennault's Fliers Down Total of 442 Jap Planes in 13 Months

Kunming, Aug. 6 (Delayed)—(AP)—The score stands at nine to one in favor of Major General Claire Chennault's 14th American air force in the matter of enemy planes definitely destroyed at the end of 13 months of operations in China. It was announced today.

This ratio does not include 166 Japanese planes claimed as probably destroyed in aerial combat.

The figures, released at the headquarters of the 14th USAAF, the cooperative enemy and American losses from July 4, 1942, when the United States took over the American Volunteer Group, to August 4, 1943, show:

Enemy losses in the air, 312.
Enemy losses on the ground, 130—total 442.
Enemy planes probably destroyed in the air, 166.
United States losses in the air, 36.
United States losses on the ground, 15—total, 51.

"Figures on our losses are those due to enemy action and do not include accidental losses," General Chennault explained.

The commanding general added that the Japanese attacks, which were started July 27 in an effort to wipe out the American bases in eastern China resulted in only slight damage.

Specific targets were not immediately disclosed.

Britain had its sixth raid-free night in a row. Not a single air raid casualty has been reported now in 23 days.

CHEER UP, GRANNY, IT'S OK NOW



HUGGING AND REASSURING his aged Sicilian grandmother that everything is all right, Pvt. Joe Gallo, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., smiles happily after they meet in Gela. Joe's mother and father were married in Sicily and came to live in the U. S. where he was born. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Semidublet)

Vulnerable Jap Outposts Feel Impact Of Air Power

Nazis Move To Occupy Hungary

Alfred, Aug. 7 (Delayed)—(AP)—The first step toward the total Nazi occupation of Hungary was believed to be under way today, following reports that the Germans were increasing their garrisons in that country under the ruse of sending troops through Hungary en route to Greece.

The Germans, it was reported, have maintained steady pressure on the government of Papp and Nicholas Kallay to send troops into other Balkan countries to replace the Italians, but Balkan garrisons have refused the offer of even in the face of offers that their own country will be occupied.

An official statement indicated that the Hungarian government has no intention of submitting to German demands that it send troops out of the country to meet a possible allied invading army.

Leaf Sales Are Light

Farmers Withhold Leaf From Markets While Demanding Higher Ceiling

Exceptionally light sales and firm prices averaging close to \$12 a hundred pounds prevailed as North and South Carolina Border Bell tobacco markets took the first holiday of the 1943 autumn season today.

The complaint of farmers on opening day—that interior grades were bringing good prices but the better types were selling lower than they should—was heard on nearly all the markets yesterday.

W. D. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture, returning from a tour of all the local markets, reported farmers highly displeased with the OPA ruling price of \$41.11, and the trade was unanimous in believing that a ceiling of \$48 would be fair.

South Carolinians' displeasure with prevailing prices culminated in a protest by Governor Olin D. Johnston to OPA Director Prentiss Brown that Palmetto growers could not compete with Georgia producers unless...

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Americans Capture Troina In Sicily; 125,000 Prisoners Taken; Reds Continue Push

Soviets Threaten Rear of German Positions in Drive Toward Kharkov

Moscow, Aug. 7—(AP)—Information received from Russian sources today said the Nazis were evacuating out a general civilian evacuation of the Smolensk area, 250 miles west of Moscow and probably the most important base in the west would be endangered by complete deflation of the Orcl salient in the southeast as the Russians already hold positions less than 20 miles to the southeast between Varysvo and Vyazma.

Moscow, Aug. 7—(AP)—Two Russian army groups, which outflanked Kharkov from the north in a swift drive through Belgorod, were threatening the rear of the German positions around that third largest city in the Soviet Union today, front-line dispatches said.

Descending the valley by way of the Ube River, the Russians raced through Zolohet, a little more than 20 miles northwest of Kharkov, in a dark attack similar to the action farther north which drove the Germans from Orcl and opened the way for a simultaneous push toward Bryansk.

Both Kharkov and Bryansk, 275 miles to the northwest, were threatened by the broad advance.

Russian troops scattering their way westward beyond Belgorod have already advanced 37 miles to cut the Kharkov-Bryansk railroad at Zolohet, 25 miles to the northwest, the Russians reported.

The German radio said in a broadcast recorded in London that another Russian column was poised at Chuguyev, 24 miles southeast of Kharkov, which gave rise to the belief that the Russian high command was preparing another pressure operation similar to the one which pinched off Orcl at the north end of the Kursk salient.

The momentum of the advance which got the Red army into Belgorod on Thursday has carried them well beyond the city in the new offensive operation centering around the strongly defended Kharkov area, the Soviet communique said. The Russians said they already had captured 150 villages along a 44-mile front.

To the north, the Russians said they could pick German forces to advance on Bryansk, which lies about 60 miles to the west and slightly north of Orcl.

Contracts Cancelled

War Department Moves to Relieve Labor Shortage At Boeing Plant

Washington, Aug. 7—(AP)—A draft-eligible flying Army contractor in the Seattle area has been ordered by the War Department, D. C. Speaker said today, to give the Boeing Aircraft Co. an opportunity to recruit workers to get the lagging production of Flying Fortress back on schedule.

No other means was found to ease Speaker said when the output of the plant, which normally makes more than 200,000 yotters at the plant but takes its politics dead-season, today prepared to launch down to a dramatic light for the recall of Republican Governor C. A. Holtzcliff.

The issue is old-age pensions, or rather the lack of them in the style provided in an industry measure approved last November, declared in effect by then-Governor Chase A. Clark in Republican and now a federal district judge, had blocked out by a predominantly Republican legislature.

A petition filed yesterday with the (Continued on Page Two)

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Moderate temperature this afternoon, tonight and Sunday morning. Showers along southeastern coastal area this afternoon.

SOLDIER FATHER MEETS DAUGHTER



PVT. MELVIN OSCHNER of Cincinnati, O., is seeing his three-month-old daughter, Diane, for the first time. The baby was born while he was on maneuvers in Tennessee. The Army chose this photo by Sgt. Ray Yarnell as the "Picture of the Week." (International)

King Outlines Strategy For Victory Of Allies

Halsey Says Japan Itself To Feel War

Naval Headquarters in the South Pacific, Aug. 7—(AP)—Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., on the first anniversary of the beginning of the Pacific war, today said that the Japanese will feel the war as they feel it.

"We will destroy the enemy," Halsey said in a press conference. "We will push forward until the battle of the South Pacific becomes the battle of Japan."

"We have learned by hard and bloody experience the best manner in which to deal with the enemy," Halsey said. "It is perfectly determined to meet it if it is destroyed."

The commander in chief of naval forces in this war theater said the United States is entering the second year of the South Pacific campaign, "with every confidence in ultimate victory."

Former Liner Normandie Being Righted

New York, Aug. 7—(AP)—The world's largest marine salvage operation—righting of the U. S. S. *Normandie*, the former French liner *Normandie*—was begun today, the third naval operation announced.

"We have started the righting operation, and work is progressing deliberately according to a planned schedule," Captain B. E. Anderson, supervisor of the work, said.

The one-day work of the ship, which burst and sank on the night of February 9, 1942, and which was raised in a shallow harbor, was begun today at the giant's hall at a glimmer point. The slowness was deliberate.

All calculations and repair work had been completed on the theory that the ship, transformed from a luxury liner to a transport, would be well balanced, would respond to a well-balanced manner over a period of many days, and slowly right on her level.

There was a danger, the salvage men said, that if she were to turn upright too soon she would smash into her berth, or pound her great keel into the seabed, and sink.

Mountain Fortress Falls to U. S. Troops; German Line 'Is Now Disjointed' on Island

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 7—(AP)—American first division troops have stormed and captured the vital mountain fortress town of Troina in central Sicily and allied forces advanced on other sectors to sweep up a total of 125,000 axis prisoners, headquarters announced today.

"The German line is now disjointed" by seizure of Troina guarding the escape hatch west of Mt. Etna, it was announced. U. S. units inflicted heavy casualties on German elite troops defending the town in some of the most savage fighting of the entire campaign.

American battle forces occupied the island of Ischia, 40 miles north of Palermo, and allied bombers shattered Messina in their heaviest attack, devastating this last Sicilian escape port. British warships again pounded the east coastal road of withdrawal to the mainland.

The capture of Troina enabled to prevent the German 15th and 16th panzer divisions from moving toward Messina.

"The capture of Troina had said Troina was held by the Americans had been able only to win footholds near the town in the face of the stern German opposition."

The German front now is only 45 miles wide.

The British eighth army advanced on all sectors, threatening the communications town of Adrano, 11 miles southeast of Troina on the main road skirting Mt. Etna.

The fall of Troina opened the way for an attack on the flank of the German troops believed to be pulling out to establish a new defense line to the northwest of Mt. Etna.

Approximately 350 tons of bombs were poured on the small strip of territory around Messina. The huge concentration of enemy anti-aircraft guns, described as the most powerful in the world, were considered less than yesterday, returning aircraft and no enemy planes were sighted.

More Corn To Markets

Chicago, Aug. 7—(AP)—The log jam which had held corn stores on farms closed a period when it was widely expected that production would be 10 to 15 percent below normal.

Corn processors who were forced to close down their plants temporarily in late June because of the drought of yellow corn, have obtained their long-awaited supplies so far this week more than they were able to purchase in June and July combined.

Offerings of the nation's most important grain were being made by farmers in the midwest and processors were forcing up supplies by purchases at OPA ceiling prices. These processors turn corn into products such as flour, paper and other goods obtained by the industries.

In back of the steady flow of corn, which has expanded each day this week, was a government guarantee that farmers who marketed their grain up to August 11 would share in any increase which might be made in price ceilings before October 31.

Back from talks with farmers in his home state, Aiken told reporters he was convinced that a support price program such as already has been applied to potatoes and pork could be made to work for all major farm commodities.

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