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Aleutians-Based U.S. Bombers Raid Jap Kurile Island

Tokyo Radio Reports Attack by Eight Big Planes; Warns of Raids to Come

New York, Aug. 12—(AP)—A Japanese broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission today reported American fliers had attacked the "northern section" of the Kurile island approaches to Japan and warned:

"Further appearances of enemy planes from the north are to be expected."

In a later broadcast, the Tokyo radio identified the planes as five Liberators and three Flying Fortress and said the raiders were Aleutian-based.

Domei, Japanese news agency, placed the attack at "7:30 a. m. this morning," but an announcement beamed to North America fixed the time as ten minutes earlier.

The broadcast warned the Japanese that the raid must be regarded as resulting from "positive measures" that the United States had taken to "aid our mainland Japan from the north."

The first bombing of Japanese territory from Aleutian-based planes was made on Paramushiro on July 20 without loss.

That flight took more than nine hours and the planes spent about 40 minutes over the target, meeting only light anti-aircraft fire.

The outlying air and naval base of Japan lies about 1,200 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Subway Waif



THIS UNHAPPY four-week-old lad has reason to be mad at the world. He was abandoned in a subway car the other night and is shown at the New York Foundling Hospital. (International)

Leaf Price Differential Established

Three-Cent Margin Favors Tobacco Sold in 'Hands'; Ceiling Unchanged

Washington, Aug. 12—(AP)—The office of price administration announced today it would establish a three-cent per pound price differential in favor of tied flue-cured tobacco, but the action will not change the ceiling of 41 cents a pound for the 1943 crop.

OPA said it will set a maximum weighted average purchase price of 38 cents a pound for all flue-cured tobacco sold antithrough the balance of the marketing season.

The agency explained that growers in the Carolinas and Virginia had tied their tobacco into "hands" of corresponding quality. In Georgia and Florida the tobacco is sold untied. The decision to make a price differential in favor of tied tobacco resulted because OPA said tobacco has been removed from South Carolina into Georgia to be sold untied, "and this movement has imposed a heavy drain on transportation facilities" between the two states.

The announcement said the formal price order would "be issued shortly."

Wilson, Aug. 12—(AP)—Over 400 farmers and farm leaders, mostly from the Eastern part of the State, met here last night in an effort to obtain a higher ceiling price on tobacco than the 41-cent level now prevailing and heard from J. E. Winslow of Greenville, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, that the office of price administration has established a three-cent differential between graded and tied tobacco and the leaf in a loose form. Winslow said he had his informant.

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German Forces Flee Sicily As Yanks Make Flank Attack; Reds In Suburbs Of Kharkov

German-Held City Virtually Encircled by Onrushing Armies; Fall Held Imminent

London, Aug. 12—(AP)—Hard fighting Russian troops are hammering the suburbs of Kharkov after virtually encircling the beleaguered Germans in the fortress city, it was announced today, and the fall of the great Ukrainian stronghold appeared imminent.

The onrushing Red forces were less than seven and one-half miles from the city at the nearest point.

The German escape gap was narrowed to less than 60 miles when a Soviet column, in a brilliant wheeling movement southwest of the city toward the Dnieper river, cut the Kharkov-Poltava railway line at Vodyanova, 40 miles to the west.

(An) Allied broadcast recorded in London by Reuters said Russian troops were less than three miles from Kharkov and that at some points "fighting was going on in the suburbs" of the city.

Yesterday's thrust toward the Dnieper also threatened German forces in the Dnieps basin, where large numbers of the Nazis are deployed from 100 to 200 miles to the southwest. A German column, the Soviet advance would cut it behind these forces to render their position untenable.

German-held railway stations, trains and train columns below Kharkov were blasted by Soviet airmen, apparently in an attempt to cut off a retreat.

The Russian advance was nearest Kharkov at the village of Cherkasskiy Tsihki, seven and one-half miles to the northeast. Other Russian forces were closing in from points twelve miles to the north, 30 miles to the west and 22 miles to the southwest. Kharkov, lying in an open plain appeared doomed by these combined threats.

WAR FINANCE POST TO GREENSBORO MAN

Greensboro, Aug. 12—Clarence T. Leinbach, Winston-Salem, newly named state chairman of the war finance committee, has announced the appointment of R. Norris Hadaway, Greensboro, as permanent state chairman of public information and promotion for the committee.

Hadaway's job is to furnish promotion ideas for increased activity in sale of bonds to the county war finance chairman and their publicity men, with the purpose to localize as much of the material as possible.

School Lunch Fund Approved Home Rule Is Advocated

Raleigh, Aug. 12—(AP)—The State board of education gave its formal approval today to the expenditure of \$12,000 in funds previously allocated to the Department of Charities and Public Welfare for the supervision of public school lunch rooms.

Supervision will be by the State Department of Public Instruction, since the attorney general has ruled that the funds could be transferred to that department.

In explaining the setup, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, said there were approximately 1,200 lunchrooms in the state and that the federal food distribution administration had allotted the state more than \$1,000,000 for the school feeding program.

Border Belt Prices Gain

Averages Decline Three to Six Cents on Georgia-Florida Markets in Meantime

(By The Associated Press) Prices dropped three to six cents a pound for tobacco on the Georgia-Florida markets yesterday, but increased slightly in the Carolinas Border Belt, the war food administration reported.

Despite the price decrease at the 15 Georgia and two Florida trading centers, however, the WFA said high grade flue-cured leaf continued in good demand. The bulk of yesterday's offerings were of inferior quality, customary for late season auctions.

Georgia's 15 markets sold 4,232,930 pounds Tuesday for an average of 37.13 cents a pound and Florida's two markets sold 392,155 pounds at an average of 38.54, the WFA reported. For the season they averaged 68,361,100 pounds, averaging 39.95 cents.

Sales totaled 1,457,102 pounds, averaging 41 cents, on the Border Belt in the Carolinas yesterday. South Carolina sales for the season, later than the Florida-Georgia belt, totaled 3,872,707 pounds at an average of 40.9 cents while North Carolina auctions for the season grossed 3,756,188 pounds at an average of 41.1 cents.

Action Expected To Retard Father-Draft On Job Basis

Washington, Aug. 12—(AP)—Action which may retard and minimize the drafting of fathers is expected to be announced Sunday by war manpower commission-elective service officials.

The line to be taken probably will be aimed at adapting draft operations to the manpower problem by giving draft-eligible men an inducement to shift into vital war production work. It was described as about the ultimate WMC move short of a general labor draft.

But even as this was developing, Senator Davis, Republican of Pennsylvania, proposed that Congress remove selective service from the "domination" of the WMC and specifically bar induction of fathers until all other eligible men are taken

by the armed forces. There is, he said, no military need for drafting family heads.

The postponing action was said to be embodied in new draft regulations:

1. Postponing the "non-deferrable" but as holders of certain jobs in specified activities would be subject to call first, regardless of how many children they have, unless their induction would mean "extreme hardship or privation" to dependents.

2. Granting super-eligibility for jobs and to certain industries engaged in direct production of war goods and machines.

This draft age group would have no incentive to get out of non-production jobs and would spend and earn

REST FOR THE WEARY



WHETHER IT BE ROCKS or a mattress he sleeps on, it doesn't matter to Captain O. Paul Herzog, of Bristol, R. I., who enjoys his first sleep in almost two days in a "sleep" trench near Castle Di Tusa, Sicily, just after it was taken by our forces. (International)

Thousands of Nazi Evacuating Island; Second Amphibious Landing in North

London, Aug. 12—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Sicily said today it was stated authoritatively that German evacuation of Sicily now was in full swing.

Dispatches from Sicily two nights ago had reported that the Germans were withdrawing troops and heavy equipment. The Reuters report said thousands of Germans were getting away each day in vessels shuttling to the Italian mainland under an anti-aircraft barrage from hundreds of light and heavy guns.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 12—(AP)—In a second amphibious flank attack on the north coast of Sicily, units of the American seventh army have landed east of Cape Orlando and supporting naval guns have beaten off serious enemy counterattacks. It was announced today.

The allied headquarters command reported that the amphibious landing was a surprise attack Tuesday night.

The American first amphibious landing attack was made three days ago when sea-borne infantrymen landed at the mouth of the Rosarno river, three miles east of San Acata, where they were joined by the main forces of the American column after the town's capture.

The enemy's forces on the cape presumably faced entrapment. In the inland drive on Randazzo, the American seventh army column was reported to have advanced halfway along the road from Cesaro to that bitterly defended German stronghold, with the eighth army attacking northward in close cooperation.

The Germans were fighting a strong rear guard action on the east coast, but the British eighth army driving northward toward Messina has captured the village south of Prato, and the village of Zattera, on the southern slopes of Mt. Etna about five miles south of fallen Guardia.

The town of San Marco d'Alunzio on the north coast about seven miles inland from Capo Orlando, has been consolidated by the northern column of 15th American forces.

Train, railway communication center about 100 miles north of Rome, was attacked yesterday by heavy bombers from the northwest. Africa continued and bombs were reported to have struck in the railway yards and on industrial buildings.

Waxhaw Man Held In Death Of His Wife

Waxhaw, Aug. 12—(AP)—Arrested by Sheriff B. Frank Niven after a coroner's jury recommended that he be held for action by the grand jury in connection with the slaying of his wife, A. J. Hudson, 71-year-old Waxhaw merchant, was in jail today.

Mrs. Hudson, 56, was found dead in a pool of blood in her bedroom about 2 a. m. yesterday after W. B. Keziah, Waxhaw policeman, who lived next door to the Hudsons, had been aroused by Hudson, who called to him from his front porch.

Hudson, who was bleeding from wounds on his forehead which were said by medical attendants to be superficial, took Keziah, the officer said in a report called by Coroner C. C. Jones, that he was arrested by being struck over the head by a man as he was sleeping in a bed in the hall of his home.

The man fled after Hudson warded off a second blow, Keziah said the merchant told him, and it was then that he called to his neighbor.

Keziah said he found Mrs. Hudson dead in the room. Dr. Clem Ham, who performed an autopsy, reported her death had been fractured with a blunt instrument. Hudson told the sheriff his assailant had struck him with a wooden rod, called by Coroner Jones a "club." The coroner's jury found that "the deceased came to her death from blows of a blunt instrument inflicted by A. J. Hudson and (was) presumed that he be held for the grand jury."

Japs Hold Grimly To Last Foxholes

Hard Coal Is Rationed

Washington, Aug. 12—(AP)—Secretary of Interior leases said today that as a result of production losses due to work stoppages coal dealers will be limited to 90 per cent of "last year's requirements" of anthracite.

The solid fuels administrator said work stoppages had resulted in a less than for this year of 2,500,000 tons of hard coal and that "we are going to have trouble to supply the demand."

Americans Advancing North From Munda Progress Slowly Toward Bairoko

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 12—(AP)—The tenacious quality of the Japanese fighting men, resisting until blasted out of his foxhole or shot down from his tree top sniper position, is being demonstrated anew within the slowly diminishing area where the enemy is holding out on northern New Georgia.

The battle for Munda ended a week ago today. On that day, United States infantry elements of the 20th, 37th and 43rd divisions and the Marines overran the 4,000-foot air strip, dotted with wooded Japanese planes.

Unit Munda's capture, Bairoko Harbor to the north of it on the Kusa Gulf was technically the supply post for the attack on Bairoko, although in actuality Bairoko was cut off from communication with Munda in mid-July by U. S. jungle troops. But with Japan's fall, Bairoko's strategic importance declined and, indeed, the area constituted a potential death trap.

American forces already had one jaw set against Bairoko, having cut it from the northern shore of the Atafuago on July 5.

With airbase fall, nearby American forces began an attack on the word from the northeast, and the enemy has put up such fierce resistance against the force when employed to the left of the Japanese line that today's communique from General Douglas MacArthur reported it still was only halfway toward its objective.

OXFORD WOMAN HAS PROPAGANDA SHEET

Oxford, Aug. 12—Japanese copies of America will fall with it and greater enthusiasm, according to a Japanese propaganda leaflet, dropped on the Albanians and sent by a plane to Miss Susan Rodden, a member of the staff of Oxford High School.

The writing appeared like just as such as that of Miss Rodden, but was translated by the Rev. Mr. Frank of Mount Argy, father of Mrs. C. Freeman Heath of Oxford and a former missionary to Japan.

Shaped like a leaf from the Japanese Pennsylvania tree, the leaflet promised that the Japs would bomb Alexandria "for another Spring shall be a grand." The sheet was titled, "The leaf from the Pennsylvania Tree."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Friday morning, scattered thunder-showers this afternoon or early tonight in south and west portions.