

Italy 'Taking Necessary Steps' To Declare Rome Open

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War Conferences Begin In Quebec



Churchill Fan

U. S. Chiefs In Canada For Talks

Military Councils Are Preliminary to FDR-Churchill Meeting

Quebec, Aug. 11—(AP)—The Quebec military conference entered its second and most significant stage today as the top men guiding the destiny of the United States military forces began war councils with their British counterparts.

The sessions were preliminary to a forthcoming conference here sometime soon between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. Neither has yet arrived. Churchill left earlier in the week for an unannounced destination.

Meantime speculation was heard here that Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, might attend. One spokesman, questioned on the possibility, countered with, "Well, there are some odds he'll come."

The chiefs of the American Army, Navy and air forces arrived here last night and engaged in brief preliminary discussions with British chiefs of staff, but not until today did they get to work in earnest.

The Americans are General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the Army; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the Navy; General H. H. Arnold, commanding the Army; Admiral Ernest J. King, chief of staff to President Roosevelt; and Lieutenant General Brenton B. Somervell, chief of the Army service forces.

The first four are the American representatives on the permanent, combined Anglo-American chiefs of staff.

The British chiefs of staff are

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U. S. SOLDIER AIDS SICILIAN WAIF



COMFORTING a hungry and unhappy 14-month-old waif named Joseph Mole, in Palermo, Sicily, is Pvt. Joseph Mole of Jamestown, N. Y. Mole's dad was born in Palermo. The doughboy arranged with relief authorities to care for the child. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Second Raid Speeds Step To Save City

Italian Government Said Preparing to Remove Troops and Defenses

London, Aug. 11—(AP)—Reuters said today the Italian government is taking the necessary steps according to international law to declare Rome an open city without further delay.

The Italian capital has been bombed twice by formations of American bombers, on July 19 and August 13, with its railroad network as the principal target each time.

The elimination of the use of these tracks for the movement of troops and military supplies would be one of the obligations entailed in the declaration of an open city.

Others would be the withdrawal of troops from the city, cessation of manufacture of war supplies and the admission of an allied commission to Rome to see that all obligations were carried out.

Reuters quoted the Italian news agency yesterday from a Rome broadcast saying:

"The Italian government announced on July 31, through the intermediary of the Holy See, its decision to declare Rome an open city and has been waiting to know the circumstances in which this declaration would be accepted."

"In view of the repetition of air raids on Rome, the center of the Catholic world, the Italian government has decided formally and publicly to declare Rome an open city without further delay and the Italian government is taking the necessary steps according to international law."

Liberators Strike Into Former Austria

Newsprint Price Raised

Border Belt Average 41.17

State Officials Disgusted With Leaf Price Situation

Cotton Closes Little Lower

Capital Tax Experts Agree They Should Simplify Forms

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Foliows Forbears



GREAT, great, great granddaughter of Francis Scott Key who wrote the Star Spangled Banner, Alice Habersham is doing her part for Uncle Sam by serving as a WAVE in Washington, D. C. Her great grandfather was Lincoln's Secretary of War. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Salamaua Heavily Hit

177 Tons of Bombs Dropped on Jap Base Within 45 Minutes; Assault May Follow

Body Of Girl Is Found

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Nazis Seek To Save Men And Materiel

Strong Rear Guard Battles Fiercely to Cover Retreat of German Forces

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