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## Four Red Divisions Push Drive Beyond Captured Karachev

### Main Escape Route For German Troops In Orel Salient Is Cut by Advance

Moscow, Aug. 16—(AP)—Four Red army divisions pushed ahead from the captured German bastion of Karachev on the 26-mile road to Bryansk today after severing the last main line of escape of Nazi troops trapped in the Orel salient.

The communist party newspaper Pravda said that the Soviet forces were cutting through dense forests, acting to prevent the Germans from organizing adequate defense lines on the Desna river.

Karachev fell, Pravda said, when four Russian divisions stormed strong Nazi fortifications on the hills commanding the approaches to the city and then pursued the fleeing Nazis into the streets of the burning town.

The occupation of Karachev closed the main line of escape for German troops remaining in the Orel salient following the Russians' lightning drive westward.

The size of the enemy force encircled could not be estimated immediately but earlier dispatches indicated that the Germans failed to retire a large number of men and war machines from the Orel front before the base at Karachev was cut off.

Tass reported the battle for Karachev had reached a climax. The Germans were said to be throwing troops into the battle as soon as they could reach the front and resistance was increasing.

Karachev lies on the brink of an immense forest covering Bryansk from the east.

The Germans based all their counter-offensives in the Bryansk sector from the vital rail junction of Karachev and intended to hold off the Red army here long enough to erect impregnable defenses along the Desna river.

## Volume Gains On Border

Florence, S. C., Aug. 16—(AP)—Sales on the Border Belt market for fine cured tobacco closed their third week today with the average holding at better than \$11 a hundred pounds and volume picking up slightly.

The way food administration said South Carolina sales for the season through last week amounted to 9,271,359 pounds for an average of \$41.04 while North Carolina markets sold 11,066,720 pounds at an average of \$41.17.

Sales were less than half those of the comparable period last year, WFA reported. Prices, however, picked up from \$1 to \$3 a hundred over opening week.

## Bankhead Complains

Jasper, Ala., Aug. 16—(AP)—Senator John Hollis Bankhead, long time advocate of higher farm prices, complained today that food costs have gone too high.

And, he said with irritation, someone in the price control program has muffed the ball.

Most of the grumbling back home, the Alabama Democrat said in an interview, is concerned directly with excessive food costs—specifically the prices of vegetables and meats.

"And," said Bankhead, "I think the complaints are justified."

Often spokesman for the congressional farm bloc, and author of many bills to increase farm income, Bankhead said delectfully that farmers generally were taking a figurative black eye because a few "specialty crops" like fresh vegetables and fruits had risen excessively in price.



MILITARY EXPERTS believe that the triple Russian drive against the Germans (shaded area) has as its goal the Dnieper River. It is predicted that at the end of the summer rainy season the push to the Dnieper will provide the Soviets with a springboard for a winter campaign. (International)

## RAF Raids Across Alps

### Attack on Milan Sustains Offensive Including Raids On Nazi Airfields

London, Aug. 16—(AP)—British heavy bombers struck across the Alps into northern Italy last night, it was announced today, and Swiss reports said the target again was Milan, hit twice previously in the past four nights.

The new RAF blow sustained a night flying offensive against the axis airfield at St. Omer, France, in daylight yesterday, and on six enemy airbases in France and Holland at dusk.

Strong forces of Flying Fortresses, roaring across the channel at the latest hour they have ever crossed Europe, blasted the six airfields, officially described by the U. S. eighth air force as "Germany's most important operational fighter airbases in western Europe."

The airfields bombed at dusk last night by the Flying Fortresses, escorted by U. S. Thunderbolts, were located at Dix, Amiens, Lille, Vitreux-Ardres and Merville in France and Vlissingen in Holland.

In addition to bombing the airbase at St. Omer, Mustang light bombers also rained the railway center at Abbeville.

## 'Open City' Ruse Seen

### Britons Believe Italy Will Not Meet Requirements Set For Open Cities

London, Aug. 16—(AP)—Belief that the Italian declaration of Rome as an "open city" was merely a trick by Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio to spare it from further bombardment appeared to be growing in Great Britain today and Lord Beaverbrook's London Daily Express bluntly demanded that allied air attacks be continued until Italy quits the war.

There has been no official comment in London on the Italian declaration and none was anticipated in the absence of Prime Minister Winston Churchill in Canada. The Rome radio itself warned Italians that they could expect security.

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## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday forenoon.

## U. S. Troops Overrun Axis Rear Guard;

# SICILIAN CAMPAIGN NEARS END

## Milan Demonstrators Urge Peace

### Latest Raid Works Have Cut To Industry

### Marchers Disregard Armed Guards Placed About Bomed Areas Of Italian City

Chiaso, on the Swiss-Italian frontier, Aug. 16—(AP)—Milan workers marched through the burning ruins of that once great industrial city in a new demonstration for peace early today, telephoned reports to the frontier here said.

These reports added that the demonstration began at 7 a. m. today (midnight, EWT), about five hours after the end of the latest RAF raid on the city.

Disregarding armed guards thrown about the still burning and smoking areas, the demonstrators picked their way through the rubble in the streets, raised cries that the war should be ended and shouted against those who caused it, the reports added.

The debris in the streets of the city was said to be 15 to 30 feet high. Milan has virtually ceased to exist as a city, said persons arriving at the frontier from there.

These travelers asserted two towers of the cathedral had collapsed, the Sorreoso palace was destroyed and the royal palace damaged. In the heavily attacked Scala Farina night yards, milk stuck up like uprooted trees.

The industrial area was heavily plastered with bombs tossed by the RAF bombers that drove through violent anti-aircraft fire last night to give the northern Italian industrial center its third drubbing in four days.

Fire brigades were reported unable to cope with the fires started by the fall of bombs. Axis troops, said travelers, arrived here, carrying a rigid guard everywhere in an effort to check the confusion as thousands upon thousands of the inhabitants continued to flee the city, mostly pushing toward this frontier.

## Norse Purge Threatened

Stockholm, Aug. 16—(AP)—A German announcement from Oslo declared today that Gunny Ellisen, chief of Norway's civil police, had been executed and threatened the execution of other Norwegian officers in a purge to compel the police to enforce Nazi occupation orders.

Ellisen was killed at dawn by a firing squad, it was announced. It was added that when a number of other officers refused to sign a declaration of loyalty, Jonas Lie, minister of police, warned that they would be court-martialed today and shot tomorrow. The officers then signed.

## Latest WMC Regulations Force Fathers To War Jobs

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—If you're a father and think it's bright to gamble on the new regulations issued by the war manpower commission over the week-end, remember WMC thought of that and came up with an answer.

All men of military age—fathers and childless married men alike—must transfer to jobs related to the war or be placed first in line for Army induction by their local boards.



SOME of General Patton's infantrymen who participated in the surprise landing behind the Axis lines in northern Sicily take time out to examine a wrecked German jeep. The powdered figure in the foreground is that of the German driver, who was killed in the attack. This is the first picture taken after the amphibious landing to arrive in this country. U. S. Signal Corps Radio photo. (International)

## Churchill In Quebec

### Prime Minister Spends Three Days With President At Hyde Park

Quebec, Aug. 16—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill was back today after a three-day visit with President Roosevelt at Hyde Park and the American Chief Executive was expected here shortly for the opening of their war strategy conference.

An announcement from the White House in Washington yesterday gave the impression the meeting of the President and the prime minister was primarily social, but there appeared little doubt they gave preliminary consideration to the conference agenda.

The prime minister returned here yesterday and immediately set to work. A White House announcement said the President "is returning to Washington, but he will join the Quebec conference this week."

Military chiefs of staff of both nations already are on hand. Developments during the war talks last week after the prime minister's arrival from England on Tuesday, suggested a four-point agenda for the final stages.

Allied military strategy for Europe presumably occupies the top spot among all matters the allied leaders must examine.

The other three points apparently are: (Continued on Page Five)

## Allied Air Forces Down 48 Jap Craft

### New Carrier Shangri-La

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—The Navy announced today that the new carrier Shangri-La, the Navy's 10th fleet carrier, was christened today at the U. S. Navy yard at Philadelphia, Pa.

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## Leaf Ceiling Slows Sales

### Farm Labor Problem May Arise as Result Of Selling Rush On Late Market

Richmond, Aug. 16—(AP)—The hesitation of farmers to offer their tobacco for sale before the office of price administration completes its study of the weighted price ceilings for graded and leaf leaf is likely to make the labor situation even more acute in North Carolina, farm manpower Director Harry Caldwell said today.

Even though the OPA has said it would not set a ceiling on the selling of a pound of leaf tobacco and a pound of leaf tobacco, farm laborers have said a continued effort would be made to raise the weighted average ceiling, which, in reality, is still fixed at the original figure of 41 cents.

W. T. Caldwell said, farmers will be buying an increased ceiling and will be able to reach their goal in the tobacco boom. Each year the war would result in heavy production should go into the Army. (Continued on Page Five)

## Allies Lose Only Five Warplanes And No More Than Three Pilots

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 16—(AP)—Allied warplanes, displaying in the protection of their ground forces a vigilance equal to the zeal with which they carried the attack to the enemy, shot down 18 Japanese aircraft—25 on them bombers—over the southwest Pacific battle front yesterday.

This success, reported yesterday's statements from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, was achieved at a cost of only five Allied planes and no more than three pilots.

The following day, the Allies reported that they had shot down 18 Japanese aircraft—25 on them bombers—over the southwest Pacific battle front yesterday.

The day's victory in the skies over the Southwest Pacific and northeast New Guinea supplies fresh evidence of increasing Allied aerial might in a field of war where General MacArthur's command that operations be conducted "to the extent that air power will be decisive."

In the strictly aerial combat yesterday, Americans of the Solomon command accounted for twelve Japanese bombers and 22 fighters against a loss of two of their own planes.

Twenty-seven of the enemy craft, intercepted as they headed southward toward the New Georgia fighting zone, were shot down in the neighborhood of Vella Lavella island. The other seven were knocked out over their home base of Rabaul by U. S. fighters who badly wanted to punish for their return.

## ANTI-SUB WAR

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—Axis U-boats have been destroyed at the rate of about one a day for the past three months, in allied sea operations, which an official announcement today were reported in the light of a new anti-sub war strategy during the past 51 days.

## Nazis Leave Last Stand To Italians

### American Forces Reach Milazzo Area To Deprive Germans Of Escape Port

Allied H headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 16—(AP)—United States troops were overrunning the axis rear guard today in the vicinity of Milazzo, 14 miles west of Messina, and it was officially stated that the end of the Sicilian campaign "is now at hand."

The American, pushing up between Messina and 15 miles, advanced to within heavy artillery range of Messina and it was assumed that this main escape route was already under ground fire as well as aerial bombardment.

Barcellona lies six miles south-southwest of Milazzo and 16 miles west of Messina. The Germans were in flight. All indications are that the Nazis have pulled out even their delaying parties and left Italian units to face the climactic British and American push.

The U. S. seventh army and the British eighth army moved forward as rapidly as blow-up roads and diminishing resistance permitted. The campaign still was less than six weeks old.

The British captured Taormina, strategic harbor and road junction on the east coast 28 miles by road from Messina. Castiglione, eight miles inland at the town of Kagge, is being held by British forces.

Admitting that axis forces are quitting Sicily, the Berlin radio declared nevertheless, in a broadcast recorded by NBC, that the Messina Strait was heavily guarded and firmly in German hands. "Anglo-American attempts to stop the ferrying (Continued on Page Five)

## TEN MEN ESCAPE RICHMOND PRISON

Richmond, Aug. 16—(AP)—Ten white men, all from Mecklenburg county escaped from the Richmond county prison near here last night, Sheriff Director Oscar Pitts announced today.

The prisoners, Pitts said, saved the keys of their cells to make their getaway. Their escape was not discovered until 10:30 this morning. All were serving short terms.

## Many Gifts To Beat Axis

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—The office of war information reported today that gifts of all descriptions, from dimes to dog sleds, are pouring into Washington from persons anxious to beat the axis.

Unlimited donations sent to President Roosevelt or the Treasury department, OWI said, have included automobiles, ambulances, airplanes, rifles, typewriters, silver cups, racing pigeons, socks and over-the-hill, gold teeth and wedding rings.

Gifts of all descriptions have yielded watches, beds, beans, brasses, signs and whiskey, rubber, engine pumps, refrigerators, pianos, a rug, soap, medals, coins, tarpaulins and medical equipment.

Each contribution (not counting war bonds and taxes) have totaled nearly \$4,000,000 with individual gifts ranging from one cent to \$25,000.