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## War's Worst Blow To Jap Air Force Is Dealt At Wewak

### Jap Concentration of 225 Planes Caught On Ground And 170 Destroyed, Damaged

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 18—(AP)—The Japanese air force was dealt its most humiliating defeat of the war Tuesday at Wewak, New Guinea, where 225 of its planes were caught on the ground by allied bombers, 120 destroyed, 50 severely damaged and an estimated 1,500 air personnel killed.

Only seven of the enemy planes even got into the air and three were shot down. Out of some 200 planes in the raiding party, only three were lost. This staggering blow, virtually stripping the enemy of his air strength in central New Guinea, was dealt by 10,000 bombs dropped from Liberators, Flying Fortresses, Mitchells and Bostons.

"Numerically, the opposing forces were about equal in strength but one was in the air and the other was not," General Douglas MacArthur commended jubilantly.

"Nothing is so helpless as a plane on the ground."

"It was this opening battle for air supremacy over central New Guinea," said Major General E. C. Wheeler, commander of the advanced echelon of allied air forces in the southwest Pacific.

The surprise was complete and devastating. Allied reconnaissance planes had detected the Japanese massing the greatest force of planes they had ever assembled in the Wewak area. Obviously, the enemy intended to make some surprise move in support of Japanese jungle troops now falling back slowly before Americans and Australians near Salamaua. Nipponese air base 350 miles down the New Guinea coast from Wewak.

The surprise worked the other way.

## Curfew Laws Held Invalid

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—The current mania for getting towns to adopt curfew laws for youngsters was given a blow by Attorney General Harry McMillan Wednesday. In one of a batch of opinions released for publication, the attorney general had ruled "A municipality has no authority to adopt an ordinance requiring all children under 16 years of age to be off the streets by ten o'clock, p. m., unless on a lawful mission or errand under the direction of their parents or guardians."

The particular ruling was given to cover a specific inquiry, and the attorney general, like the supreme court, doesn't volunteer additional information. However, it is clear that the general rule will block many

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## ASHEVILLE MAN SHOOT DOWN TWO JAP PLANES

Somewhere in New Guinea, Aug. 18.—(Delayed)—Capt. Harry Brown of Amarillo, Tex., got three enemy planes today southwest of Lae and was high scorer in a formation of U. S. fighters that shot down 12 and possibly two more of an enemy flight of 25.

Others who scored included Lieutenant Wenige of Asheville, N. C., two.

## Girl Charged With Murders

Covington, Ky., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Jo Ann Kiger was charged in a warrant today with murder in the fatal shooting early Tuesday of her father, Vice Mayor Carl C. Kiger, 49, and her youngest brother, Jerry, six. The warrant was signed by Sheriff Jacob P. Williams of adjoining Boone county, where the shooting occurred.

Sawyer Smith, attorney, retained by relatives to defend the girl, told newsmen that "if she is guilty of this, she needs medical attention; if she is innocent, it is cruel to keep her in detention."

Kiger and his son died amid a fusillade of bullets as they slept in their summer home southwest of the northern Kentucky city. Mrs. Jennie Kiger, 49, Kiger's wife, was wounded during the tragic climax to the couple's 24th wedding anniversary, observed Monday.

Mrs. Kiger is confined under police guard in a Covington hospital. She was shot through the right hip.

## Life Is Such Fun



EVIL in these days of screaming headlines and wars of nerves, 11-month-old Duke Duane Allen of Chayenne, Wyo., seems to have the formula for contentment. He bathes in a Chayenne bath and laughs at his. (International)

## RAF Raids Nazi Cities

### Research Center At Peenemuende Hit In Strong Attack 42 Planes Missing

London, Aug. 18.—(AP)—RAF heavy bombers made a strong attack on the German research and development establishment of Peenemuende, 50 miles northeast of Stettin, last night while Mosquito raiders attacked objectives in Berlin, the air ministry announced today.

The attack on the largest and most important establishment of its kind in Germany was carried out in a night almost as bright as day.

Forty-one bombers and one fighter were reported missing from the night's operations, which, in addition to raids on Peenemuende and Berlin, included intruder attacks on industrial plants in France and the Low Countries by nighter squadrons.

The night raids followed widespread daylight assaults by American Flying Fortresses which battered two important aircraft factories deep in Germany yesterday, inaugurating daylight Britain-Alia-Africa shuttle bombing.

It was the first attack on Peenemuende, which is on Germany's Baltic coast opposite Rügen Island about 25 miles northwest of Swinemünde.

The Peenemuende plant is the center of the highest type work in developing aircraft, radio-location and armaments.

The attack was in the closely coordinated pattern of the allied offensive which took American fighting Fortresses to other vital factories at Schweinfurt and Regensburg yesterday.

## Price Dispute Affects Labor

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—One unfortunate result of the controversy between Carolina tobacco farmers and OPA on reasonable allowance in ceiling price for the work involved in grading and tying tobacco is its effect on the labor mobilization program.

Harry Caldwell, state farm manager commissioner, and his organization had tentatively adopted a plan whereby available labor could be used on warehouse floors and also to harvest food crops. Effectiveness of the plan depended upon orderly planning of tobacco sales, plans in which warehousemen and buyers were cooperating. When the squabble over price ceilings began, farmers slowed up tobacco sales, with result that congestion is expected later when the labor is most urgently needed for food crop harvest. The governor's special farm labor commission had urged earlier opening of the warehouses so that tobacco selling could be gotten out of the way. That plan has been largely spoiled by the natural reluctance of Carolina farmers

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## Nazis Mount New Attacks At Kharkov

### Red Lines Hold Firm Against Powerful Counter Offensive At Two Points

Moscow, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The German command has mounted powerful counter attacks with troops, tanks and planes at two points on the Kharkov front, but Russian lines held firm, battle front dispatches reported today.

Seeking an opening for a counter offensive, the Germans struck at a settlement west of Kharkov held by the Red army, and along the water line across the Russians maintained a bridgehead on the west bank, the dispatches said.

The fourth battle for Kharkov—which has been taken once by the Red army and twice by the Germans—became a tug of war for the initiative.

Two other Russian drives in the Bryansk and Spas Demensk sectors to the north also met tougher going.

Battle reports from the Kharkov sector said the Red army—which has fought a long ground the Uralian line from three sides—had repulsed the Nazi counter attacks and improved its own positions at some points.

The Germans were reported to have adopted new tactics, shifting the direction of the counter blows frequently, probing for soft spots in the Russian lines. This indicated they were preparing to go over from the defensive to a full fledged counter offensive if they could find an opening.

Pushed back within 15 miles of the central front position of Bryansk, the Germans likewise were using reserves of tanks and planes in stubborn defense there.

## Vandenberg To Offer Bill For Soldiers

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—"Adequate" social security laws will be sought for the veterans of this war.

That is the goal announced today by Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, who said he would reintroduce next month a separate bill to insure the social security legislation from the overall subject of credit-gravity general protection provided in a bill introduced last June by Senator Wagner, Democrat of New York.

Vandenberg declined to discuss in detail the shape his measure would take, or how it would differ if at all from the social security legislation advanced by Wagner and urged by President Roosevelt, but said "I am prepared to say that it will be adequate."

"As for the rest of the program, which contemplates security by government action from the cradle to the grave," Vandenberg added, "I agree that certain expansions in the social security act are indispensable as a part of our post-war economy."

"Fine Down"

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said today that soft-pedaling of political debate until the fall of 1944 as suggested by James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization Director, is all right with him if the Democrats will get Vice President Wallace to "pipe down in his program of disunity speeches."

## Eisenhower Sets Axis Losses In Sicily at 167,000 Troops

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 18.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today that axis losses in the Sicilian campaign up to August 10 totaled 167,000 killed, wounded and prisoners.

The commander in chief said German losses while crossing the Strait of Messina, across which allied guns boomed today in a duel with heavy axis batteries, probably never would be known.

He estimated that the Nazi commanders had between 70,000 and 75,000 troops on the island, of which at least 30,000 were lost, not counting the number drowned in the evacuation.

The enemy's losses in tanks destroyed or captured up to August 10 was given as 260.

Allied casualties for the entire Sicilian campaign were estimated at 25,000 men, General Eisenhower said.

The general's report said at least 502 enemy guns were destroyed or captured up to August 10.

Axis plane losses were more than 818 from the allied forces, being 1,491 for the axis to 247 for the allies from July 1 to August 17.

The general said in a prepared statement marking the end of the battle of Sicily.

"The enemy's proud boast he would drive the allied forces into the sea wherever he met them in Europe seems to be as empty a promise to the German people as that not one bomb would fall on their cities."

"The allied armies have twice within the last few months inflicted severe defeats on the so-called invincible German army, in each case at very little cost to themselves."

## Allied Artillery On Sicily Duels With Axis Batteries As Planes Attack Mainland

### THEY BELIEVE IN SIGNS



THE SIGN IN THE BACKGROUND points out the road to victory to Lieut. Gen. George Patton, fighting leader of American troops in Sicily, as he chats with Lieut. Col. Lyle W. Bernard near Brolo, on the road to Messina. Col. Bernard had an important role in the landings behind enemy lines on the north coast. This is an official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

## Anti-Strike Law In Force

### Drastic Policy To Force Compliance With WLB Orders Placed in Effect

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Drastic policy to force compliance with war labor board decisions by unions and employees alike was placed in effect today by President Roosevelt.

Withdrawal of a union's contractual rights and privileges is authorized—or withholding of penalties and war contracts from employees.

It is the administration's first move to penalize unions for ignoring or disobeying WLB decisions, although employers have been acted against in some cases.

Included in punishment for unions is a prospective blow in the pocket-book aimed at those having the check-off system of dues collection. They would be deprived of dues taken out of members' pay envelopes pending compliance.

The policy, effective at once, is enunciated under the Connally-Smith anti-strike act. The White House made public a letter to William H. Davis, of the WLB, and an executive order empowering stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson to proceed against recalcitrants as reported to him by the board.

Speculation immediately arose as to whether the WLB would cite John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, or the United States Gypsum Co., regarded by the WLB as the principal union and management non-compliers to date.

## Roosevelt Joins Quebec War Talks

### War Output At High Mark

London, Aug. 18.—(AP)—War production by the United States and the British Commonwealth is between two and three times the total output of the axis powers, Minister of Production Oliver Lyttelton said today.

Speaking at a luncheon honoring Eric Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Lyttelton declared that Britain received her production rate through receiving about 25 per cent of her supplies from the United States.

Johnston told members of the British Chamber of Commerce that American leadership—the idea of boosting your home town—held, the germ of a soundly based world hope.

## Allied Planes Slash at Japs In Burma Area

New Delhi, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Striking at Japanese installations in the Gulf of Martaban, United States medium bombers damaged 47 enemy military and heavy transport planes, the service said today.

At Meiktila yesterday, B-25 Mitchell medium bombers damaged the railroad station, rolling stock, tracks and a railroad bridge.

Heavy bombings attacked enemy shipping in the gulf on Monday. B-24 Liberators left two freighters in a "sinking condition." En route home, they tangled with six enemy fighters and claimed two as probably destroyed. All U. S. planes returned safely.

RAF Beaufighters and Hurricanes in sweeps over the Irrawaddy, Mayu, Kildan and Kyauwe river areas in Burma yesterday damaged 47 enemy supply boats, a British commando said today. In addition the Beaufighters blasted an oil storage tank near Kanhle, leaving it in flames.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Moderately cool this afternoon, tonight and Thursday forenoon, with slightly lower temperatures east and central portions tonight.

## Battle for Sicily Finished 'Ahead of Schedule'; Warm-Up For Invasion Starts

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Allied guns boomed in a duel with heavy axis batteries across the Messina Strait today in a warm-up against the European fortress.

The battle for Sicily had been finished "ahead of schedule," allied headquarters said, with the occupation of Messina yesterday.

Massed formations of allied warplanes already were carrying the war to the Italian mainland in pursuit of the discomfited foe, stringing a trail of bombs along highways and roads and chewing up troop-carrying trains and trucks with machine, gun and cannon fire.

The heaviest of these attacks were spearheaded at Battipaglia freight yards south of Naples, a network of highways at Castroville near Salerno south of Naples, and a bridge at Anagnola.

So badly torn were the roads on the rocky peninsula of Italy that the Germans were trying to move their ground equipment northward by using the eastern coast and avoiding the use of air-attacked routes in the interior.

They also had a goodly number of various kinds of tanks, damaged 23 others.

Tunis, in a new long range direction, Flying Fortresses yesterday smashed at southern France for the first time, dumping great loads of fragmentation bombs among 150 parked German planes at Istres le Tube and Salon near Marseille and breaking up hangars and administration buildings.

The official report said "heavy damage" was done. Two Fortresses were lost.

The allied command which had counted on a struggle lasting possibly 90 days, was confronted yesterday, after 20 days, with the task of rounding up isolated German and Italian soldiers deep in the Sicilian hills and preparing for the next phase.

These straggling prisoners were struggling in without showing any signs of resistance.

Axis coastal artillery has been pounding incessantly at Messina and adjoining areas ever since the Americans completed their occupation before 7 a. m. yesterday.

The American land invasion had been fully established there for three hours when the first British troops from the fourth armored brigade of the British eighth army arrived at 10 a. m.

The situation along the harbor, on armed reconnaissance near New Britain Island, signaled the convoy and four destroyers, radiated the position of the enemy ships and forced by 10 grade bombers flying in to the attack.

These destroyers included S-Sgt. Frank M. Murray of Wilmar, Ark.; 2nd Lt. Raymond S. Thompson of Monticello, Ark.; and Sgt. Stanley C. Weaver of Wilmington, N. C.

## State Imports Much Milk

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Report of the dairy division of the State Department of Agriculture shows that for the fiscal year ended June 30, North Carolina imported from other states 2,006,303 gallons of milk. About half of this milk comes from New York, with Pennsylvania, Maryland and Tennessee being the other main sources. Importations reached peak in March when 435,056 gallons were received from outside.

In addition to that imported from other states, Tar Heel farmers sold nearly two and a half times as much milk last year as they sold four years ago. Whole milk sold to buying plants jumped from 109,553,334 pounds in 1939 to 241,415,917 pounds in 1942. At the same time whole milk sold for fluid consumption went from 61,307,000 pounds to 141,473,311 pounds. For the same period ice cream production increased from 3,843,000 pounds to 8,722,000 pounds in the

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