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FDR Invites Axis Surrender

MOSQUITOES CONTINUE RAIDS ON BERLIN

HERO'S BABY CHRISTENS WARSHIP



FONDLING A BOTTLE of champagne is 10-months-old Barbara Lynn Micka, daughter of Lt. Edward Micka, who died in action eight days after she was born. The baby and her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Vandenberg Micka, of Great Neck, N. Y., used the bottle to launch the destroyer-escort Micka at a Port Newark, N. J., shipyard. (International)

Bright Belt Sales Light In Volume

Farmers Withhold Much of Their Leaf Pending Decision on Price Ceiling

(By The Associated Press.) Usually heavy second day sales on North Carolina's New Bright tobacco belt went into the discard today as growers awaited results of a conference with representatives of the office of price administration in Washington tonight.

All of the large markets in the belt reported sales today were considerably lighter than in previous years, but common and good grades continued to approximate the OPA's 4-cent ceiling price.

At Wilson, Sales Supervisor N. G. Blackman said sales today would be less than 1,000,000 pounds. Averages on first sales were 35 to 40 cents, with the quality of offerings inferior. He said quantities of tips and lugs were on the floor. Yesterday's official sales at Wilson totaled 1,237,412 pounds, which brought \$306,924.34, for an average of 39.33.

Sales Supervisor R. S. Witherington reported Kinston's sales today were much lighter than usual, with the quality fair to good. Averages were about 40 cents. Yesterday's official figures showed 1,355,123 pounds were sold for \$523,953.14, an average of 38.59.

At Rocky Mount, inferior quality tobacco predominated early sales today. Approximately 300,000 pounds were sold, for a total of 1,162,400 pounds. The official average 162 pounds were sold at yesterday's opening for \$463,311.46, an average of 40.95.

Approximately 1,000,000 pounds were sold at Greenville today, for an unofficial average of 40 cents. Sales were considerably lighter, but top grades ranged from 46 to 47 cents. Inferior quality grades predominated. Yesterday's sales totaled 1,431,608 pounds, which brought \$581,637.59, an average of 40.54.

Sales Supervisor L. A. Deming said a large portion of today's offerings on the Goldsboro market were of inferior quality. The market sold approximately 350,000 pounds for an average of 38 to 40 cents. Sales yesterday totaled 282,330 pounds, for an average of 38.86.

WARREN RECORDER

Warrenton, Aug. 25—At a special meeting of the Warren County Commissioners of the Warren County Commission, John M. Pickett of Lenoir, prominent attorney, was elected Judge of Recorder's Court to succeed the late Judge Joseph Pippin.

Attorney Frank H. Gibbs who is also Mayor of Warrenton, was appointed by Judge Pickett to prosecute the docket on Monday.

All Planes Return Home From Attack

German Underground Radio Declares 73,000 Berliners Bombed From Homes

London, Aug. 25—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers stabled at targets in Berlin last night on the heels of a saturation assault by a fleet of heavy bombers Monday night, the air ministry announced today.

None of the fast wooden bombers was lost as they put Berlin under air raid for the second successive night. Other planes had mines in German waters.

The Nazis acknowledged "nuisance raids" on the capital. Today is the third anniversary of the first RAF raid on Berlin when an attack was carried out by a relatively small force of planes.

Radio France quoted the German underground station "Atlanter" as saying that at least 73,000 Berlin residents were homeless as a result of Monday night's attack.

American Flying Fortress which caused destruction upon Regensburg August 17 and continued on across the Alps to air base at north Africa completed the homeward leg of the trip yesterday, leaving their engines 10 minutes from an aircraft assembly point in Bordeaux, France.

The raiders arrived at home bases in the British Isles completed the first round trip American strategic operations directed by Brigadier General Fred L. Anderson, wing commander of the eighth air force, as the "directed operations" that the United States Army air force had made before.

Continuing with the attack on Bordeaux, other formations of Flying Fortress bombed three main air fields in France. A total of 15 enemy planes was shot down by the fighters and allied fighters during these combined operations, a communiqué said. Four of the American bombers was listed as lost.

Leaf Price Boost Asked

Tri-State Group Present Petition for Four-Cent Hike in Ceiling Price

Washington, Aug. 25—(AP)—Representatives of Virginia, North and South Carolina today asked the office of price administration to raise the ceiling price on the cured, dried and graded tobacco four cents a pound for all belts.

Earlier, various groups in the three states had urged a boost of six to seven cents, but the lower figure was agreed upon today as "a reasonable compromise," leaders of the delegation said.

The present maximum price for the tobacco, which is used in making cigarettes, is 44 cents a pound. The delegation, which was headed by Governor Colgate Darden of Virginia and Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, also protested against present regulations whereby members said, foreign firms are not bound by the price ceiling, thus allowing them the cream of the crop.

EXCHANGE SHIP

Athlona, Ga., Aug. 25—Date of sailing of the exchange ship Gripsholm to the East has been advanced and passengers for passage of year must be at New York by midnight, Aug. 27 in order to go on this ship. Headquarters Fourth Service Command has been notified to do by telegram from the War Department.

WEATHER

Continued rather warm this afternoon, tonight and Thursday forenoon. Few widely scattered thundershowers in the mountains this afternoon and over north portion tonight.

No Axis Fighters Oppose Warplanes Hammering Italy

Invasion Chief?



LONDON HAS ANNOUNCED the promotion of Sir Bernard Paget to a full generalship. The announcement unleashed speculation as to whether he will be Britain's invasion commander in the West. He has commanded the home forces since 1941. (International)

Blockbuster Assault Made Near Naples Italian Cruiser Is Set Afire

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 25—(AP)—Allied air squadrons — significantly meeting no opposition from axis fighters — hammered communications in southern Italy again yesterday, including a blockbuster assault near Naples last night, and left an Italian cruiser afire off the south coast, headquarters announced today.

Dive bombers, fighter-bombers and night bombers swept out to the attacks, and depleted axis air forces refused battle for the second successive day. The only air opposition Monday was against Liberators from the Middle East which raided Bari, in southeastern Italy.

Heavily U. S. A-36 dive bombers pounded some two miles with 500-pound bombs on the beaches, blowing off the stern. Fires leaped from the ship as the attackers winged away.

Other A-36 invaders blasted railroad facilities at Salerno, on the Gulf of Policastro at Capri, in the center of southern Italy, and at Salerno on the east coast yesterday.

RAF and RCAF Wellingtons, port of the British Isles, on the Gulf of Policastro, on the Gulf of Naples, swept the bay, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The almost complete disappearance of the Germans from Italian skies — except for the attacks in defense of Bari — after days of heavy losses in attempting to turn back U. S. daylight bombers, led to the expectation that the Nazis were struggling to avert further depletion of their forces in defending Italian communications, already battered beyond immediate repair in many places.

Allies Shell Jap Bases

Artillery Fire Pounds Japanese Defending Bairoko and Salamaua

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 25—(AP)—The thunder of artillery, firing from the New Georgia jungle on Japanese making a last stand at Bairoko and from New Guinea mountain ridges on other Japanese in a last stand at Salamaua, accented the fact today that the offensive remains firmly in allied hands.

As the current drive which opened June 6 reached the end of the second month, a spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur reported progress in the New Guinea battle area.

On New Guinea, American jungle troops who captured the Munda airfield August 9, have succeeded in pushing through harassing enemy positions.

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Bound for N. Y.



ONE OF THE NURSES to escape Bataan when the Philippines fell to the Japanese, Lt. Eunice Hatchett of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps is shown en route to New York to attend the presence of a picture gallery with the heroes of Bataan. (International)

President Addresses Canadians

No Hint Is Given of War Strategy Determined Upon in Quebec Parleys

Ottawa, Aug. 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt told the people of Canada today that if Hitler and his generals had attended the Quebec war conference they would have realized that "surrender would pay them better now than later."

The American Chief Executive came here directly from the war council meetings at Quebec, which ended yesterday, to extend a virtual invitation to the enemy in Europe to lay down its arms now, in an address from the airway of the Peace Tower in the main parliamentary building of the Dominion.

The United States Chief Executive talked of Canadian-American friendship, but excluded the part the Dominion is playing in the war. "You, a great big drop as to the war, are the partners of war strategy on which he and Prime Minister Churchill of Britain had agreed in Quebec."

"But, in our minds," he asserted, "we shall communicate the secret information of the Quebec conference to Germany, Italy and Japan. We shall communicate this information to our enemies in the only language their twisted minds even capable of understanding."

"Sometimes I wonder," the president said, "if the great majority of the 'Axis' powers could have been a part of the Quebec conference, and if those who could be so would have realized that surrender is still the better part of valor, and that any delay would pay them better now than later."

The president's address, the President said, was broadcast only with a determination to communicate victory in the struggle to defeat "Axis" and with our "essential" participation with our great and brave fighting allies.

Somewhat later, he thought they detected their "essential" participation in the war, the President and Churchill had agreed at Quebec of a possible program in which the Soviet government would be represented.

Reds Gain In Ukraine

Germans Continue Retreat From Kharkov as Soviets Drive Toward Poltava

London, Aug. 25—(AP)—The Red army continued today to hammer away at the balance Germans retreating from Kharkov, and a Soviet communique announced new successes all along the line as the Russian forces drove toward Poltava, 75 miles to the southwest and little more than halfway to the Nazis' Dniester river defense line.

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Nazi Troops To Denmark

Over Three Divisions Reported Quartered in Copenhagen Riots Continues

Stockholm, Aug. 25—(AP)—More than three German divisions—between 40,000 and 50,000 troops—were reported quartered in Copenhagen today as the Nazis sought to stamp out riots, strikes and mass demonstrations raging against occupation authorities in Denmark.

The German forces, which began moving in from Norway before dawn last Saturday, today occupied public halls, schools and other buildings as barracks, and an anti-aircraft base was set up in the Danish capital, although under strict rationing, Swedish press reports said. The contingent was the largest ever quartered in Copenhagen and the soldiers emptied food shops in the matter of a few hours, the dispatches said.

Protest parades against German occupation were reported from Odense, where 5,000 persons carried American, British and Danish flags, marched through the streets. Similar demonstrations took place in other Danish cities.

The Danish government has refused to yield administration of justice to the Germans, who have demanded that substitutes, reported increasingly active, be tried under Nazi law.

A general strike continued to be reported, Swedish reports said, and Danish patriots have plundered shops of German sympathizers. G.I.s going with German soldiers were derided and red swastikas painted on their chests as feeling mounted.

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