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ROME FALLS TO GERMANS

Hitler Says Italy Quit From Lack Of Will To Carry On

Fuehrer Says Germany Free of Heavy Load; Reveals Secret Ties

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, speaking in the midst of the crash of the Italian end of the Axis, told his people in a broadcast tonight that the capitulation of his southern partner had been foreseen and was due to an "absence of will."

It was the fuhrer's first speech in six months. "Free of a heavy load which has been upon us since a long time and from pressing expectations, the moment has come now that I can talk to the German people without deluding myself or the public," he said in a speech which was recorded from the Berlin radio by the Associated Press.

The collapse of Italy, he declared, was not because the "necessary German support was not forthcoming, but rather as a result of absence of will of those elements who, to crown their systematic sabotage, have now brought about the capitulation."

Completely silent through the reverses of Tunisia, Sicily and a summer Russian campaign, Hitler thus began his harangue—his first since March 21—which the chase of events in Italy finally had wrung from him.

He proceeded to reveal a few hidden chapters—from the German standpoint—of European history and to take out a few of the skeletons in the Mussolini-Hitler family closet. "Italy was bound by treaty to declare its solidarity with Germany at once," at the outbreak of the war, he said, but "the elements which have brought about the capitulation today prevented immediate entry of Italy into the war in 1939."

Mussolini was determined to honor the treaty, he added, but "I had to show understanding of Il Duce's difficulties."

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Bulletins

GERMANS IN ROME
Stockholm, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Swedish correspondents quoted authoritative German quarters in Berlin today as saying that Nazi troops had seized strategically important points in Rome.

WARSHIPS SURRENDER
La Linea, Spain, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Two light cruisers, two destroyers and two auxiliary aircraft carriers of the Italian navy arrived at Gibraltar today and surrendered to the Allied forces.

ABLE COMMANDER
London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—General Johannes Blaskowitz, known as one of Germany's ablest military men, is believed here to be in command of the Nazi land forces now facing Allied troops in Italy.

Moscow Lists Gains



SINCE THE START of the present Russian offensive on July 12th, the Red Army has succeeded in recapturing hundreds of square miles of land. Territory regained is shown between the dotted battleline and the heavy black line. The Nazis, Moscow reports, lost more than 1,500,000 men in killed, wounded, and prisoners since the offensive began.

Soviet Army Racing Into The Ukraine

Closing Upon Kiev and German Defense Line Along Dnieper

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Russian troops have captured Mariupol, important Sea of Azov port about 55 miles west of Taganrog, Moscow announced today in a special order of the day.

The order, broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by the Soviet Monitor, also announced the capture of Barvenkovo, Volnovakha and Chaplino in a general clean-up of the southern Ukraine.

Moscow, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Red army marched across the northern Ukraine today along a 100-mile front from Bakhmach to Zenkov, closing in on Kiev and the Germans' middle Dnieper river defense line 80 miles away.

The left wing, which has served as a base for an immense turning movement against Kiev, rested on Zenkov and the Psel river defenses which have already been outflanked by the north by a Red army are swinging to the west.

The immediate Soviet objective in the center was plainly labeled Priukha, 50 miles southwest of Romny and 81 miles east of Kiev.

Rommel In Command In North Italy

Rome Capitulates on Beginning of Attack on City by Germans

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Rome has capitulated to the Germans under an attack waged by Field Marshal VonKessling, the Germans announced tonight.

The claim was made in a communique issued at Hitler's headquarters. The announcement said that "the commander of Rome" had capitulated after the German attack opened.

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, whose forces were routed by the Allies in North Africa, was in command of the German forces in northern Italy, the broadcast recorded by Reuters said.

A special German communique broadcast by Berlin said that local resistance preceded surrender of the Italian capital, and that short fighting ensued in Trieste, Bozen and Corrona.

Landing At Taranto By The Allies

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Allied forces landed today at Taranto, site of the Italian naval base inside the heel of the peninsula.

A special announcement from Allied headquarters said the landings started yesterday evening with the assistance of the British navy.

A further extension of the Allied offensive against German forces in Italy has taken place at Taranto, where British forces started landing yesterday evening with the assistance of the royal navy, the announcement said.

It was announced also that the landing force completed the occupation of Taranto, located approximately 270 miles southeast of Rome and about 80 miles above the tip of the Italian heel.

Nothing was said officially of any disposition of the Italian fleet units which were at the big naval base at Taranto at the time of Italy's capitulation to the Allies.

Outskirts Of Rome Shelled

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Stefani, Italian news agency, said in a broadcast that the outskirts of Rome were shelled at midday today.

Thirteen minutes later Stefani said an air raid alarm had sounded in the Italian capital.

Capture Of Naples Imminent; Americans Smash At Enemy

NEW YORKERS CELEBRATE ITALY'S SURRENDER



Scenes reminiscent of those which occurred in New York City when World War I ended were reenacted in that city's business section when news of Italy's surrender broke. Within a few minutes ticker tape and turn up newspapers were showered on rejoicers in the streets.

Balkan Rising Feared

Landing By Allies Near In Albania

Little Nations May Surrender, and Nazis Might Take Control

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The German news agency DNB said today that the Albanian port of Valona and Durazzo and the important town of Elbasan have been occupied by German troops.

Meanwhile, Swiss dispatches said a powerful Allied fleet was en route to the little country opposite the heel of Italy on the Adriatic Sea.

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A major battle over tiny Italian-held Albania across the Adriatic sea from the heel of the Italian boot—appeared an imminent possibility today German troops were reported to have

Italian King Has Not Quit Throne

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Rome radio today denied reports originating in Switzerland and broadcast by the Berlin radio that King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy had abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Umberto.

"All these reports are untrue," declared Stefani, Italian news agency, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters.

Germans Frantically Propping Positions in Northern Italy

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—How to prevent a premature explosion in Europe's traditional powder keg, the Balkans, was viewed here today as one of the pressing problems now confronting Allied strategists.

The use was lit, as expected, when Italy surrendered, and already there have been reports of hastily summoned war councils in the German satellite nations.

These are taken here as only the outward signs of alarm in high quarters, and strong unrest among the populations, who must now realize they are playing on the losing team.

It may be expected, therefore, that some of the next major developments in Europe will come in some of the Balkan states—Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania—in the last couple of weeks of the war.

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Brenner Pass line through the northern Italian Alps after severe fighting with the Italian garrisons in which there were a number of casualties.

German reports here said the Italian units are now withdrawing to the west in the Alps near Caporetto.

The Germans announced yesterday that Italian troops had occupied the Brenner Pass, important link between Italy and Germany, but did not indicate whether the Italians were friendly to them or hostile.

Seizure Of Lae Likely Any Moment

Large Allied Forces Are Converging Upon Japanese Stronghold

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Troops and guns sped hourly over the Owen Stanley mountains today from Port Moresby, New Guinea, to reinforce General Douglas MacArthur's armies moving virtually unopposed from two sides on the Japanese-held island of Lae.

The swift advance of forces with veteran Australian troops only

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New Phase Of War Nears As Air Assault Ceases

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The final day of the drive yesterday brought the American Eighth Air Force to the peak of its activity.

More than 1,000 bombers, individual plane flights—some flown by Flying Fortresses, Liberators, Marauders, and Thunderbolts in the joint mission—bombed Nazi airfields in France and changed placements in collaboration with the unprecedented close rehearsal of a cross-country invasion.

Additional Beachheads Are Seized

Major Battle Looms; Germans Reported in Force in That Area

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Naples, Italy's second greatest port and the heart of her southern communications system, appeared almost in the grasp of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as Allied forces struck resounding blows by land, air and sea with the aim of driving the peninsula of the last living German.

Allied Headquarters announced that the initial group of the American Fifth Army of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark had smashed five German counter attacks in the Naples area and had established strong beachheads from which to push the assault toward their first great objective in the campaign.

American and British troops then pushed inland, it was announced, once entering from German forces in the immediate vicinity of Salerno, 20 miles south of Naples on the Gulf of Salerno. They identified their own units as the 10th German armored division.

The repulse of the sharp blows—aimed with characteristic dash to throw the Allied invaders off balance at a critical stage in operations—indicated that General Clark's warriors had weathered the first crisis of the bold campaign.

Victorious troops, 25 miles outside the Bay of Naples and only 100 miles north of Rome, identified their own units as the 10th German armored division.

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Italians Abandon Southern France But To Surrender

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Italian troops are continuing to abandon their posts in southern France and at least 2,000 have already crossed the Swiss frontier and surrendered their arms and baggage, the Journal Geneve reported today.

The newspaper quoted some of the Italian soldiers who had to fight their way out of France through Germany and into Italy. Others said they had turned their arms over to French guerrillas in the mountains and had reached the frontier without difficulty.

They also reported that a large force of Italians was encamped on the Italian side of the Mont Cenis railway tunnel near Susa, holding all remaining German rail traffic.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Continued cool this afternoon, tonight and Saturday forenoon, with slightly lower temperature in east and central portions tonight.