

Nazi Cassino Line Is Breached

RAF Smashes Nazi Capital With Greatest Load Of Bombs

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WITH AMERICAN ENGINEERS adding greater flying range to our pursuit planes, it becomes evident that there will be more effective bombing of enemy soil.

1200 Planes In Crushing Night Blow

Over 2,800 Tons of Explosives Used in 20-Minute Assault

London, Feb. 16—(AP)—The RAF smashed Berlin last night with the greatest load of bombs ever dropped on a single target—well over 2,800 tons which cascaded down in a smothering 20-minute attack by 800 to 1,000 heavy bombers.

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AMERICAN NURSES IN ITALY



Lt. Alice Meeks of Littleton, N. C. (left), and Lt. Helen Gordon of Helton, Kansas, who arrived with the first group of American nurses at Anzio, Italy, turn the soil near their tent as they settle down for duty.

Allies Lose Carroceto In Beachhead

Artillery Opens Up After Monastery at Cassino Is Destroyed

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Feb. 16—(AP)—American siege guns have opened a concentrated bombardment of Monastery Hill and "breaches" have been opened in that main sector of the German line overlooking Cassino.

Warships again battered the Germans ringing the beachhead and RAF Wellingtons flung down incendiary bombs in a night attack.

German infantry presumably was still in possession of the key hill above Caserta, where violent fighting lasted into the 15th day.

The fighting continued in intensity as American soldiers who already held one-third of the town continued the methodical destruction of house after house which the Nazis have converted into miniature fortresses.

Headquarters said Carroceto was in German hands. Fighting has swirled in this neighborhood with a tanning factory there changing hands four times.

While Allied heavy bombers gave direct support to infantry on both the beach and main Fifth Army fronts, A-26 bombers struck a sharp series of blows at rail yards in the suburbs of Rome, plastering two freight yards through which German supplies and reinforcements were moving southward.

In the town of Cassino, doughboys were forcing their way through blistering machine gun fire from steel-reinforced concrete pillboxes in the dwellings.

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Reds Press Closer To Pskov As Death Trap Is Tightened

Pskov Capture Would Open Potential Trap For Nazis at Ijmen

London, Feb. 16—(AP)—General Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army pressed closer to historic Pskov today as other Red army forces steadily whittled down the Cheroksy death pocket in the upper Dnieper bend where, the Russians said, some 50,000 trapped Nazis were fighting a last ditch battle against overwhelming odds.

Capture of Pskov, hub of trunk lines serving an immense area to the south, west and east, would set up the beginning of a potential entrapment circle for those Germans holding positions between Lake Ilmen on the north and Novosokolniki, 120 miles to the south.

Some of the Americans are in the Philippines, some in Shanghai, some in Korea, some in Japan, and some in Manchuria.

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Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—Vast reserves of food accumulated by government and agencies may be used to help and encourage production of the next several months.

They know, too, that the food trade will be watching closely for a change in whether the war will end with price-depressing stocks overwhelming the market.

Berge Recommends Strong Enforcement Of Anti-Trust Laws

Investigation of Big Lean Shark Chains Disclosed by Berge

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—Revival of a vigorous enforcement of anti-trust laws, both in domestic economy and in international business operations will be "exceedingly important" in the post-war period.

Attacking international cartels, Berge said that "to the extent that these operations of private agreements are desirable, they ought to be done with government sanction and government approval."

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CCC Lapses Thursday As Bill Delayed

Conferees Disagree On Wording of Food Subsidy Repeal Bill

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—Final action on legislation to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation, and to repeal food subsidies, as delayed today by failure of House and Senate conferees to agree on the bill's wording.

The President is expected to veto the measure, after which the decisive test will come when Congress ballots on the question of overriding or sustaining the veto.

However, legislators said they expect no complications to result from a temporary lapse of CCC's legal authority.

Oils Gaining On Market

New York, Feb. 16—(AP)—Profit taking halted the forward drive of oil shares in the stock market today and, as the carriers faltered, oils began drawing support.

Popular among the petroleum stocks were Mid-Continent, Pure Oil, Standard Oil (New Jersey) and Texas Company.

Appropriations Up For House Approval

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—The House Appropriations committee sent to the floor today legislation appropriating \$231,204,700 for the State, Commerce and Justice Departments for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

Green Again Opposed To Labor Draft

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today reiterated his opposition to national service legislation before the Senate Military Committee.

Green led off a parade of opposition witnesses at hearings on the national service bill drawn by Senator Austin (Vt., R.) which was revived after President Roosevelt called for a labor conservation act in his new legislative program.

British Freighter Wreck Off Maine Coast Kills 24

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 16—(AP)—Twenty-four members of the crew of H. O. 7,244, a British freighter, were lost when the ship piled onto a rocky ledge, about twelve miles off York, Maine, in a driving blizzard Friday and split in two.

The motor vessel crashed onto the rocks at 2:23 p. m. eastern war time time, pounded all night by terrific seas, broke up Saturday morning with the forward half remaining fast on the ledge and the aft half float-

Allies Take Green Islands Near Solomons

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Feb. 16—(AP)—Admiral William F. Halsey's South Pacific forces in a bold surprise move seized the Green Islands at the northern tip of the Solomons Monday, General Douglas MacArthur announced today, closing a strategy-of-surround plan on 22,000 Japanese to the south.

American and New Zealand troops, under cover of air and naval surface attacks, which included carriers, landed in an 11 p. m. twilight and met only light machine gun resistance.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Clouds and slightly warmer tonight, Thursday, cloudy, and mild with occasional light rain.