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## Vast Chinese Army Is Cut Off By Japs From Retreat Line

### Talked With Stalin



THE REV. STANISLAUS ORLEMANSKI, Polish-American priest of Springfield, Mass., is shown on his arrival in Seattle, Wash., after a 12-day stay in Russia. He returned to comment on his talks with Premier Joseph Stalin about the Polish Catholic Church. (International)

### Chungking Alarmed Over New Course Battle in Shansi

Chungking, China, May 13.—(AP)—Barring the main retreat line for several hundred thousand Chinese troops, the Japanese, driving down from Shansi province, have cut the Lanchow railway at least at two points more than forty miles west of beleaguered Loyang, it was disclosed today.

Field dispatches reported heavy fighting on the outskirts of Loyang and the Japanese were said to be using 200 tanks in an attempt to storm the city.

The Chinese acknowledged the loss of Meichin on the Lanchow railway, 12 miles west of Loyang, to a Japanese column which had struck southward across the Yellow river from Shansi province. A spokesman previously had said Meichin "may have fallen."

The high command already had acknowledged the loss of Yungchao, six miles farther west.

The loss of Meichin apparently lessened the chances of Chinese troops in Honan province to fight their way out along the Lanchow railway, their main escape route.

Another Japanese column from the north was reported striking in the direction of the railway town of Kuanvintang, whose loss would place the invaders only 75 miles from Tungkwang, gateway to China's great northwest.

The course of the battle was being viewed with increasing alarm in Chungking.

### On China Front



THE DANGEROUS Jap offensive, intended to split China through seizure of north-south and east-west key rail lines, gain an inland supply line and cut off the vital Honan Province food area, now threatens Loyang, as shown on the map. A pincer drive has carried the Japs across the Yellow River in Shensi Province and from points near Chengchow, as the arrows show, thus periling the rail line north of Honan—a line which eventually connects with Chungking, the capital. The Japs claim possession of the entire Peiping-Hankow line, although Chinese report 12 miles still in hand. (International)

## Americans Take Three Towns Nazis Fight Fiercely In Air

### French Rail Centers Are Struck Hard

#### German Losses Are Much Greater Than American Fighters

London, May 13.—(AP)—Up to 750 American heavy bombers struck deep into Germany again today, pounding an aircraft assembly plant at Tutow and railway yards at Osabruck, as the ceaseless Allied round-the-clock near-invasion air assault moved into the fifth straight week.

Tutow lies 105 miles north of Berlin and 25 miles inland from the Baltic Sea. Osabruck is 40 miles east of the Dutch border, on the main rail line from Berlin to Amsterdam.

Other targets in Germany were also hit.

London, May 13.—(AP)—German broadcasts said strong American bomber formations thrust as deep as the Berlin area amid heavy air battles this afternoon in the 20th day of non-stop aerial offensives.

Mentioning the invasion officially for the first time in a communication, the German high command declared the "operational and strong attacks by British-American bombers against occupied western territory may be regarded as preparatory to invasion."

Waves of medium and light aircraft began the new day's assaults behind the Atlantic wall in precision attacks at French rail centers—the same targets against which the RAF threw up to 750 bombers last night in raids on the Belgian railway centers of Louvain and Hasselt and other objectives in France and northwest Germany.

German broadcasts said today's bomber formation attacks developed into heavy air battles over north and northwestern Germany.

Although it cost Hitler 150 of his frontline fighters, trying to keep the eighth air force off his synthetic factories in Germany yesterday, RAF crews said the Germans put up more night fighters last night than they had seen in some time.

Fourteen of the possibly 750 British bombers dispatched last night failed to return—about the same loss suffered by forces of similar strength Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Louvain, about 18 miles east of Brussels, was hit heavily by British bombers Thursday night in the campaign to paralyze German military communications. Hasselt, about 20 miles east of Louvain, was visited yesterday by Thunderbolts and fighters, among other aircraft.

The Berlin radio claimed the Americans lost 86 aircraft, including 52 big bombers, in yesterday's attack. A U. S. strategic air force spokesman stated officially that 42 heavy bombers and ten fighters were lost and claimed the destruction of 150 enemy aircraft.



DEATH-DEALERS AWAIT INVASION SILENT NOW but destined for important roles when the invasion of Nazi Europe starts, these quick-firing 40 mm. Bofors guns are lined up at an ordnance depot in England. This weapon, used on land and sea, has already proven its worth to the Allies. (International)

### Some Gains Are Almost Three Miles

#### Rapido River Is Crossed, as Tanks Support Soldiers

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 13.—(AP)—American and French troops assaulting the Gustav line in Italy have captured three towns and numerous hilltop strongholds, it was announced today, while eighth army forces below Cassino are forming a bridgehead across the Rapido river.

Headquarters officially announced gain of a mile to a mile and a half, while front dispatches reported advances of two to three miles at some points in the offensive on a 25-mile front from Cassino to the sea.

Fewer German counterattacks follows greater use of armor.

Americans of the fifth army attacking in the Castellote area—12 miles south of Cassino—seized Ventosa, a mile to the west, hill positions nearby and the town of Cerrodi, a mile farther south, winning that village third village near Castellote San Sebastiano, also was captured.

Further south, French of the fifth army captured 2,500-foot Monte Fatis, a ridge of the Germans' first line defenses, about midway between Castellote and San Ambrogio.

Below Cassino, the eighth army had crossed the river and was forming a bridgehead against the enemy, heavy fighting continued.

Verdun, in the Gargian sector, was taken in severe fighting, and the Americans drove the Germans from strong points on Damiano hill, and hill 316, west and southwest of Castellote.

The capture of Ventosa disclosed that the Americans had punched ahead at least one and a half miles from the jumping-off of the offensive in that area.

Other American troops advanced one mile and with the support of tanks routed the Nazis from the town of Cerrodi, a mile south of Damiano hill.

### U. S. Air Bases Apt To Be Made Useful For All

Washington, May 13.—(AP)—Diplomatic officials here expect that the great American-built air base at Bermuda eventually will be made available for international civil aviation, despite the fact that such use now is prohibited by the 99-year-lease under which Britain made the area available to this country.

Similar internationalization also may be applied to other strategically located units in the chain of right 99-year leases. The whole question probably will be settled as part of the aviation conferences, scheduled to be held here later this year.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Sunday.

### Fighting In Italy Rises In Violence

#### German Ships In Channel Attacked By British Vessel

London, May 13.—(AP)—A strong force of German E-boats concentrated in the English channel about 25 miles southeast of the Isle of Wight was scattered by the French destroyer La Combattante early today after an engagement in which one E-boat was sunk and another damaged, the Admiralty announced.

The remainder of the enemy force escaped at high speed under cover of smoke, the announcement said, "adding that the destroyer, which suffered neither damage nor casualties, picked up a number of survivors."

Light naval forces in offensive sweep off the French coast early yesterday attacked a small German convoy and set fire to two enemy vessels and damaged two others, the Admiralty announced today.

An Admiralty communique said all the British vessels returned safely, although there were a small number of casualties and superficial damage.

### Major Drive In Burma By Gen. Stilwell

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, May 13.—(AP)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese forces have opened what appears to be a major drive on the north Burma Japanese bases of Kamaing, Mogaung and Myitkya, attacking along a two-mile front with tank, dive bomber and artillery support, it was announced today.

The new offensive was launched more than a mile south of Mogaung, on the south bank of the Kwebin river, and west of the Mogaung river. Several Japanese anti-tank guns were knocked out in the early phases of the offensive.

An official announcement said that Stilwell's advanced columns, holding Maitpan, east of the Mogaung river, and only ten miles above the Japanese base of Kamaing, had repulsed an enemy attack on their positions after inflicting considerable casualties, including two Japanese commanders.

### MacArthur Carries War Nearer To Philippines

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, May 13.—(AP)—Moving the air war nearer to the Philippines, General MacArthur listed the Palau area today for the first time in his communique.

Palau, which stands like a gateway to the Philippines, is a little over 500 miles west of it, in the big Japanese naval base which underwent its first attack of the war March 29 and 30 by carrier planes of a huge task force.

## Dies Probe To End With His Going

### House Committee On Un-Americanism Not to Continue

Washington, May 13.—(AP)—Martin Dies' announcement of his decision to give up his seat in Congress, was interpreted generally today on Capitol Hill as the swan song of his House committee on un-American activities.

The Texas Democrat's announcement that a threat always would precede his making a strenuous campaign to hold the House place he has occupied for 12 years, and which his father once held, left only one of the seven or eight Dies committee members in the running for reelection.

Regardless of which political party controls the next House of Representatives, the fate of the Dies committee apparently was sealed by the decision of its chairman.

Created in 1938 and continued 2 1/2 times since then, with total appropriations of approximately \$625,000, the committee probably will come to exist when the present session of Congress ends. Not once have as many as 100 votes been cast against its continuation, but Dies himself limited strongly recently that its work was nearing an end and Chairman Cochran, Missouri Democrat, of the committee, secured notice he believed it and other special committees should be curbed in the future.

## Gandhi Becoming Weaker, With Mind Already Affected

At Gandhi's Rest Home in Laha, India, May 13.—(AP)—Intimates of Mahandas Gandhi said today his physical condition has deteriorated sharply and his mental powers apparently have been affected, causing him frequently to fall into a state resembling a coma.

A medical bulletin issued Saturday morning at Bombay said Gandhi had a restful day and a good night, with the result that his exhaustion is less. A blood examination was made yesterday. The anemia showed no improvement.

## Priest Who Saw Stalin Is Demoted

### House Committee On Un-Americanism Not to Continue

Springfield, Mass., May 13.—(AP)—All priestly privileges for Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski were taken away from him today by his immediate superior, Bishop Thomas O'Leary, shortly after the Polish-American clergyman returned from a visit to Marshal Stalin in Moscow.

Rev. George Shea, chairman of the Springfield diocese, who made the announcement, said Bishop O'Leary had imposed canonical penalties on Father Orlemanski, which would prohibit him from celebrating mass or performing any divine office for an indefinite period. He will not be permitted to administer any of the sacraments of the church, Father Shea added, nor will he be allowed to remain in his parish or make any public appearances.

Father Orlemanski can accept the ruling by going into retirement or he can appeal to the Holy See. The appeal would be forwarded to Rome through Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, apostolic delegate in Washington. In Rome it would be presented to the congregation of the council headed by Cardinal Maritelli.

Father Shea declined to disclose the specific reason for the suspension, other than to say it was for violation of the canons of the church.

## Week-End Statement By Candidates Looked For On Liquor Referendum

Daily Dispatch Bureau By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, May 13.—Betting odds around the square Friday afternoon were about three to two that Ralph McDonald would come out for a statewide vote on liquor sales during the weekend and that Gregg Cherry would also favor a referendum but would insist that it not be held until the two hundred thousand voters now in the armed forces could have an opportunity to vote. The discussion was precipitated by the question propounded to the candidates (and given to the newspapers) by the candidates could receive it by L. A. Martin, executive secretary of the Allied Church League. Senator Martin requested an immediate answer.

SHOWDOWN.—The candidates have so far avoided any formal commitment on this matter, though it has been talked a good deal in the background. There are sufficient reasons why each should try to get by a definite showdown. The thing has dynamite in it per se, for any candidate; perhaps more for the current runners than for some others. Neither Cherry nor McDonald can qualify as absolute technocrats; both have

## Strike Halts War Factory In Detroit

### Aircraft and PT Engine Output Is Suspended There

Detroit, Mich., May 13.—(AP)—One big war factory—Packard, makers of Rolls-Royce aircraft engines and PT boat engines—stood idle today as the strike of 3,300 Detroit war plant foremen began to have more serious consequences.

The Packard Motor Car Company plant was closed by the management last night, virtually at the very hour the War Labor Board declined to go on record with assurance to strikers that they would be protected from management reprisals if they returned to work.

The Foreman's Association of America had demanded such assurance before resuming work, and Board Chairman William Davis insisted himself to a promise that the board would inquire to determine the management's attitude.

Davis said today that the board would accept to conditions from the union to the ending of the strike, which earlier had ordered the strike to cease before it would attempt to negotiate.

George Christopher, Packard president and general manager, said the company was forced to cease production because the Army air forces had refused to accept Packard products "in the absence of inspection supervision to guarantee quality."

A perfect voting record in that every recorded vote of every legislature in which either served they both voted against every bill authorizing liquor sales. McDonald had opportunity to vote only a few times in 1935; Cherry has voted "no" on liquor sales bills in every legislature since 1933. (The issue wasn't raised in 1931.) McDonald thought wise to put in his platform a plank for temperance and sobriety; two of the leading members of his State advisory committee gave to the press interviews about his sobriety, and there have been other veiled and whispered references to incidents years ago when Cherry admittedly had imbibed too liberally.

CURRENT.—The present day alignment of support for candidates further complicates the issue and makes it difficult for observers to guess what course the candidates will pursue. Webb Williams, of Elizabeth City, author of the Prohibition bill in 1935, which first opened the ABC stores in North Carolina, and who was for several years a member of the State ABC Board, has

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## Congress In Support Of Draft Plans

### Washington, May 13.—(AP)—New selective service regulations liberalizing deferments for men above 25 were hailed today by House military committee members as a step in the right direction, provided they are not changed or amended.

"Selective service has at last done what the military committee has been trying to get it to do for a year," said Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat. He referred, he said, to "the taking of registrants by age groups."

Had such a policy been adopted sooner, the Kentucky Democrat added, "much of the confusion of the past several months could have been avoided."

Representative Thompson, of Texas, ranking committee Democrat, said in the regular tons a clarification of the status of registrants who he said, heretofore did not know where they stood in the draft. They should, Thompson said, "stop some of the confusion and contradictory statements between Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission."