

Link Of Appian Way Captured

Greatest Air Assault Of War Made By Americans

U. S. Tanks Rumble Through Formia



American medium tanks and mechanized equipment roll along the main street of Formia after the key Italian town was captured by our forces. Gaeta and Liri, the next objectives, were taken a few hours later. The Anzio beachhead, twenty-five miles farther on, became the objective of the later drive. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto, (International Soundphoto)

5,000 Planes Strike Nazis On Continent

Thinly-Stretched German Air Power Split Wide Open

London, May 21—(AP)—A predominantly American force of around 5,000 planes bombed Berlin, Vienna and Paris today, in what will be the greatest Allied aerial assault of the war, official announcement and German radio report said.

Up to 2,000 United States heavy bombers and fighters, based from bases in Great Britain, Berlin and Germany in earlier raids.

Another great armada of Mediterranean bombers and fighters, based from Italy and Belgium, hit the area of Vienna, called the target and airplane manufacturing center of southeast Europe, the Berlin radio said.

Wave after wave of United States medium bombers, based in the British Isles, struck the German cities with bombs, incendiary bombs, and high explosive bombs, that rained down on England, twenty miles across the English channel. South coast British defenses and the outpouring of aerial strength was seen in reports and the greatest many hour raid.

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YANKS CLEAR HISTORIC APPIAN WAY OF WAR DEBRIS



SCENE OF MANY CHAPTERS of the world's history, the Appian Way, south of Rome, is cleared of bomb damage by U. S. engineers following an advance of Allied troops in the vicinity of Liri. American forces fighting up the east of Italy have captured the Nazi-held town of Terracina, 24 miles from the Anzio beachhead. It is the coastal anchor of the Nazi's third southern defense wall. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Americans Drive Ahead Powerfully

Campaign in Italy Smashing Forward Along Whole Front

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 21—(AP)—United States troops, bursting from the Anzio beachhead, have seized a mile-long link of the Appian way to Rome. The great Allied pin-point move from the east has breached the Hitler line in the Liri valley and in the center, headquarters announced today.

Other American troops, moving from the south beachhead Monte Albano, have captured Terracina, and only 10 miles from Liri on the road to Rome. The capture of a wide pocket of the German line, the whole of the Appian way, has been reported by the commander of Terracina.

American tank-led forces drove ahead powerfully today, a front dispatch said, after breaking through to win a 1,000-yard stretch of the Appian way within a half mile of Cassina, and shipping and railway routes to Rome four miles below Velletri.

Then British and American comrades, together, forced the Melfa river further west and rumbled into defenses stretching the Nazi line.

The dominating main front of Italian operations, with American troops near the Hitler fortifications near Cassina, a part of the formidable line across the Liri valley, while the French won Piro, a pivot point in the mountains at the center of the front. The line of prisoners for the entire offensive rose to 7,500.

The Germans' situation on the main front was potentially grave, especially in the Liri valley. Their main supply or retreat route is highway six, or by way of Cassina, leading from the valley 65 miles to Rome. The Americans driving out from the beachhead are only eleven miles from this key road.

Whatever enemy forces are holding Terracina and the nearby coastal areas of the southern end of the Pomptine marshes, they have only one feasible retreat route, a lateral road through Praefrati toward Valmontone, and the Americans, who took Monte Albano, were last reported only three miles from this road.

Allies Take Larger Area Of Jap Base

London, May 21—(AP)—Allied forces have penetrated deeper into the Japanese island of Iwo Jima, capturing a large area of the western side of the island, the Japanese announced today. The announcement added that the Allied had captured an important junction of railroads (headquarters) from the island, which was used in a surprise attack last week.

Japanese troops, from the front had placed more than one-third of the city proper in Allied hands, but included that operations were being slowed by the monsoon rains.

Close to Iwo Jima, blocking any Japanese escape route, Myittha was reported to have repulsed enemy attacks near the Zingun ferry across the Irawaddy.

To the west, the airborne Gindits, now also under Stillwell's command, continued their pressure south of the Japanese base of Mogaung, where they killed more than 100 Japanese during the past 48 hours.

While the airborne forces were piling up pressure from the south, the Chinese 22nd and 32nd divisions continued their pressure along the Mogaung valley from the north.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Thurs. Day, with scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers.

Biddle Challenges Congress To Clear President's Powers

White House Is Angered By Senator

Reference to Navy Units Given Russia Attacked by Early

Washington, May 21—(AP)—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today that yesterday's Senate speech by Senator Biddle, concerning a reported transfer of United States naval units to Russia was tantamount to getting information out which would otherwise be barred by the censorship code.

Asked at his press conference whether he had seen the Bridges speech, Early said:

"Yes, I saw it in the paper."

"Any reaction?" he was asked.

"No," he replied, "that is one way certain people seem to have of getting information out that is very probably of military value that some other nations would like to have, but can't get it from the executive branch of the government."

"They can get it through their friends on the hill, who in turn will pass it out as privileged matter, hence making it publishable under the code."

Promotion For Patton Is Held Up

Washington, May 21—The Senate Military Affairs Committee today held up approval of a permanent rank promotion for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in recommending favorable action in the cases of thirteen other general officers.

Patton's slapping of a soldier in a Sicilian hospital had been subjected to a committee investigation.

Attorney General Upholds Seizures Of Ward's Plants

Washington, May 21—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle told Congress today that if it believes President Roosevelt exceeded his authority in seizing the Montgomery Ward & Company's Chicago property, it should clarify the laws so the President "may be guided accordingly."

In a statement read before a special House committee investigating the Ward seizure, Biddle acknowledged that there is room for disagreement on the legal aspects of the case. But he said he still believed Mr. Roosevelt had authority to take over the plant, both under the war labor disputes act and because such authority exists in wartime, even in the absence of a specific statute.

Biddle said he rejected the suggestion that when a crisis arises, the executive power be held in abeyance until the emergency ceases.

Tracing the history of what he called the company's "treacherous attitude" in 23 cases before the War Labor Board, Biddle said the A. W. B. "believes there was danger of strike not only in other plants of the company, but also in other companies."

He presented the committee, headed by Representative Ransohoff, Georgia Democrat, with three affidavits from labor leaders, which he said showed that the situation was dangerous.

Biddle said he justified taking the war labor disputes act for seizing the properties on the ground that Section III of the act authorizing the

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proposed permanent advancement from the rank of colonel of cavalry to major general, for Chairman Chandler, Kentucky Democrat, of the nominations subcommittee, and he personally opposed approval because of the slapping incident.

Approved by the committee were permanent promotions to the rank of major general for Lt. Gen. Richard B. Smedley, chief of the Army Service Forces; Lt. Gen. Joseph McNarney, deputy chief of staff under George C. Marshall; Lt. Gen. Jonathan N. Wainwright, now a prisoner of the Japanese; and Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding American troops in China.

Jap Positions Knocked Out In New Guinea

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, May 21—(AP)—Guns of destroyers in Maffin bay and jungle artillery have knocked out Japanese mortar positions, including reinforced United States Sixth Army forces, to increase their pressure to two enemy airdrop bases on the north Dutch New Guinea coast, a spokesman said today.

One week after the occupation of the Waikona area, 110 miles beyond Hollandia, was launched, the Japanese reported that hard fighting in Maffin bay had been forced to give ground along the Tio river, which empties into Maffin bay. The bay region has one airfield and a second is nearer Salam.

In the Guelmud bay area to the northwest, headquarters reported a 1,000-ton landing of supply dumps Monday during a Laborer raid on the Balle Island in the Soeboen group, an detachment of an ammunition dump at Manokwari on the mainland.

To the southeast, in British New Guinea, Japanese troops bypassed at Wewak were stopped by British and Lightnings and villages along an escape route were destroyed.

Sharp Gains For Cotton

New York, May 21—(AP)—Cotton futures gained ten to 15 cents a bale higher. Noon values were 30 to 35 cents a bale higher, July 20.74, October 20.02, December 19.77.

Month	Open	Close
July	20.63	20.74
October	19.93	19.96
December	19.68	19.70
March	19.45	19.48
May	19.23	19.26

Churchill Sees Balkan Victory

Russian Ultimatum Is Delivered To Bulgaria

Ankara, Turkey, May 21—(AP)—Russia will break off relations with Bulgaria unless the Bulgars change their policy by midnight May 25, advisers received here by telegram said today.

These reports said the Bulgars received the Soviet ultimatum in a secret note Monday.

The ultimatum, which said Bulgaria has been under heavy pressure from Germany, asking for more military support from the Balkan nations, and from Russia, which is attempting to burst her from the Axis alignment.

Although there have been signs that the Bulgarian government was shaking, little hope was held that the nation could or would create a small anti-German military movement, are strategists here noted.

"Great and important events are approaching," the non-commissioned, a chief officer of Bulgaria said today in a special broadcast over the radio to members of the resistance organization, and to the Bulgarian people.

Without clearly indicating the nature of what it termed an "urgent struggle," the message called on the people to enter "the front line" of the struggle and declared that "the internal front must be solid and the nation continually ready to the great problem of state organization."

Texas Split Raises Democrat Problem

(By The Associated Press.)
Texas Democrats pose a tough problem today for the national convention in their split into two fighting factions, one choosing an untried state of delegates and another picking a delegation pledged to support a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

It will be the national gathering at Chicago in July to decide which group shall be seated, and, on the basis of yesterday's letter proceedings of Austin, that decision will come only after many more hot words.

Here's what the Texas meeting in separate chambers at the State Capitol, set in their first split into two camps, in fifty-two years, the pro-Roosevelt faction led by the late Gov. James B. Connally, withdrew and named their own to "work and fight" for President Roosevelt's re-election.

Those in the original convention voted to send an untried delegation, declining in advance that Texas electors should not vote for the party nominee unless the national convention approves efforts to "nullify State laws for segregation" between white and Negro school children, and takes a stand against the Supreme Court ruling that Negroes may vote in Texas Democratic primaries.

By contrast, things went quietly in the Texas Republican convention at Houston, which voted to send its 33 delegates to the national convention unopposed. Anti-administration speeches by Governor John W. Baker, of Ohio, and others were loudly welcomed.

Says Allies Will Win Without Help Of Turkish Forces

London, May 21—(AP)—A confident Winston Churchill looked today toward the Balkans as a theatre of coming victory and told Commons "The Allies will decide whether Germany must undergo territorial changes, and the Atlantic Charter 'in no way binds us about the future' of that country."

"We intend to set up a world order equipped with all necessary attributes of power in order to prevent the breaking out of wars or long planning of them by restless and insatiable nations."

"We have great hope that Rome may be preserved."

In his speech of 85 minutes, opening a foreign policy debate, the prime minister said the Allies had "contingent" offers to bring Turkey in with them, but "it looks probable the Allies will be able to win the war in the Balkans and throughout southeast Europe without Turkey being involved at all, although, the aid of Turkey would be of great help and acceleration in that process."

Churchill spoke freely of Spain, estimating the "three hundred" and "plus" of the Franco government, "which, if it were to be accepted, would be a disaster to the world."

"I am sure that the Allies will be able to win the war in the Balkans and throughout southeast Europe without Turkey being involved at all, although, the aid of Turkey would be of great help and acceleration in that process."

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At another point he said his own plans were "open" in a sense a Communist. "There is no doubt in my mind, particularly about the Balkans, that we will be able to win the war in the Balkans and throughout southeast Europe without Turkey being involved at all, although, the aid of Turkey would be of great help and acceleration in that process."

Stocks Show Broad Gains

New York, May 21—(AP)—Advancing in response to a broadening of a broad front today by the highest average levels witnessed since late March. Among the key stocks in advanced positions were U. S. Steel, Chrysler, Goodyear, U. S. Rubber, Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line and Western Union A.

Rail loans were ahead in the bond market. Commercials were steady.